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for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)
(COM(2018)0382 – C8-0232/2018 – 2018/0206(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

On 30 May 2018, the Commission presented a proposal for a Regulation on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) which pools the scope and resources of the following funds and programmes: the European Social Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative; the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived; the Employment and Social Innovation Programme; and the Health Programme. The former Health Programme therefore forms part of the ESF+ as its Health strand.

While the Rapporteur salutes the reinforcement of the Union's social dimension through a flexible mechanism and the need to further simplify fund programming in order to reduce unnecessary bureaucracy and aim efficiency in the interest of our citizens, he believes that this should not be done at the detriment of EU's ability to better deliver on citizens' expectations to protect and improve their health. Consequently the Rapporteur expresses multiple concerns about the ESF+ proposal as it stands.

Firstly, in present-worrying times of Brexit and alarmingly growing Euroscepticism, the Rapporteur finds the withdrawal of health as a separate and central programme undoubtedly to be in the detriment of Member States' citizens, who already overwhelmingly support the notion of the EU intervening further in health, according to recent surveys of the Eurobarometer. Furthermore the Rapporteur would have preferred to take out of the ESF+ the Health strand, and that the Health Programme is re-established as a separate programme during the next MFF.

The previous programmes of the Union action in the field of public health (2003-2008) and in the field of health (2008-2013 and 2014-2020) have been positively assessed as resulting in a number of important developments and improvements. Since their inception, these programmes have been providing massive EU-added value policies with limited resources. They have boosted the cooperation between Member States in joint actions and knowledge sharing, and shaped the EU's strategy in order to ensure much needed improvements in health and healthcare across the Member States. The rapporteur highlights that, only, at the mid-term evaluation of the Third Health Programme, considerable achievements have been made so far, as: establishment of 24 European Reference Networks, support for increased capacity-building to respond to outbreaks, support to respond to the health needs of migrants and refugees, exchanges of good practice in sensitive areas as cancer screening, alcohol reduction, HIV/AIDS and TB prevention, but also enhanced support for EU health legislation on medicinal products and medical devices, the eHealth Network activities and Health Technology Assessment.

The Rapporteur therefore believes that a separate, robust and ambitious Health Programme would have the capacity to face the forthcoming worrying realities and health threats, such as antimicrobial resistance, cross-border threats, chronic diseases, but also address the challenges of an ageing population or disease prevention, promote a healthy life style, or prepare our health systems for emerging technologies.

Secondly, the Rapporteur finds the significant decrease in funding for the Health strand unacceptable. While the financial envelope available to the Health Programme 2014 - 2020 is EUR 458 million in current prices, the Commission has decreased it to EUR 413 million in

current prices. The budget available for Union action in the field of health during the next MFF should be increased at least to the same level as in the current MFF.

Finally, in respect of the content of the proposal, the Rapporteur feels that certain clarifications are necessary. For example, it should be stressed that access to quality, sustainable and affordable care services should be patient-centred, that the Union's action in the field of health should, among its objectives, include fostering disease prevention and early diagnosis, and health promotion throughout the lifetime. Last but not least, the Rapporteur proposes adding to the operational objectives: well-designed public health interventions for reducing the burden and impact of infection; invest in early diagnosis and screening; and support the creation of a Steering Board for Health for implementing the actions under the Health strand.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(1) On 17 November 2017, the European Pillar of Social Rights was jointly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission as a response to social challenges in Europe. The twenty key principles of the pillar are structured around three categories: equal opportunities and access to the labour market; fair working conditions; social protection and inclusion. The twenty principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights should guide the actions under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). In order to contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights the ESF+ should support investments in people and systems in the policy areas of employment, education and social inclusion, thereby supporting economic, territorial and social cohesion in accordance with Article 174 TFEU.	(1) On 17 November 2017, the European Pillar of Social Rights was jointly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission as a response to social challenges in Europe. The twenty key principles of the pillar are structured around three categories: equal opportunities and access to the labour market; fair working conditions; social protection and inclusion. The twenty principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights should guide the actions under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). In order to contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights the ESF+ should support investments in people and systems in the policy areas of employment, ***public services,*** education***, health,*** and social inclusion, thereby supporting economic, territorial and social cohesion in accordance with Article 174 TFEU.

Amendment 2

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Recital 3

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(3) The Council of […] adopted revised guidelines for the employment	(3) The Council of […] adopted revised guidelines for the employment

policies of the Member States to align the text with the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, with a view to improving Europe's competitiveness and making it a better place to invest, create jobs and foster social cohesion. In order to ensure the full alignment of the ESF+ with the objectives of these guidelines, particularly as regards employment, education, training and the fight against social exclusion, poverty and discrimination, the ESF+ should support Member States, taking account of the relevant Integrated Guidelines and relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and, where appropriate, at national level, the national reform programmes underpinned by national strategies. The ESF+ should also contribute to relevant aspects of the implementation of key Union initiatives and activities, in particular the "Skills Agenda for Europe" and the European Education Area, relevant Council Recommendations and other initiatives such as the Youth Guarantee, Upskilling Pathways and on Integration of the long-term unemployed.

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Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

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(8) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. For grants, this should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as envisaged in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation. To implement measures linked to the socio-economic ***integration*** of third country nationals, and in accordance with Article 88 of the Common Provisions Regulation, the Commission may reimburse Member States using simplified cost options including the use of lump sums.	(8) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. For grants, this should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as envisaged in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation. To implement measures linked to the socio-economic ***inclusion*** of third country nationals, and in accordance with Article 88 of the Common Provisions Regulation, the Commission may reimburse Member States using simplified cost options including the use of lump sums.

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

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(11) The integration of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health with the ESF+ will also create synergies	(11) The integration of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health with the ESF+ will also create synergies

between the developments and testing of initiatives and policies to improve the effectiveness, resilience and sustainability of health systems developed by the Health strand of the ESF+ Programme and their implementation in the Member States by the tools provided by the other strands of the ESF+ Regulation.

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The ESF+ should aim to promote employment through active interventions enabling (re)integration into the labour market, notably for youth, the long-term unemployed and the inactive, as well as through promoting self–employment and the social economy. The ESF+ should aim to improve the functioning of labour markets by supporting the modernisation of labour market institutions such as the Public Employment Services in order to improve their capacity to provide intensified targeted counselling and guidance during the job search and the transition to employment and to enhance workers' mobility. The ESF+ should promote women's participation in the labour market through measures aiming to ensure, amongst others, improved work/life balance and access to childcare. The ESF + should also aim to provide a healthy and well-adapted working environment in order to respond to health risks related to changing forms of work and the needs of the ageing workforce.

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(14) The ESF+ should provide support to improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as regards digital skills which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The ESF+ should help progression within education and training and transition to work, support lifelong learning and employability, and contribute to competitiveness and societal and economic innovation by supporting scalable and sustainable initiatives in these fields. This could be achieved for example through work-based learning and apprenticeships, lifelong guidance, skills anticipation in cooperation with industry, up-to-date training materials, forecasting and graduate tracking, training of educators, validation of learning outcomes and recognition of qualifications.	(14) The ESF + should provide support to improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as regards digital skills which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The ESF+ should help progression within education and training and transition to work, support lifelong learning and employability, and contribute to competitiveness and societal and economic innovation by supporting scalable and sustainable initiatives in these fields. This could be achieved for example through work-based learning and apprenticeships, lifelong guidance, skills anticipation in cooperation with industry, up-to-date training materials, forecasting and graduate tracking, training of educators, ***regular and ongoing*** validation of learning outcomes and recognition of qualifications.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(17) Synergies with the Horizon Europe programme should ensure that the ESF+ can mainstream and scale up innovative curricula supported by Horizon Europe in order to equip people with the skills and competences needed for the jobs of the future.	(17) Synergies with the Horizon Europe programme should ensure that the ESF+ can mainstream and scale up innovative curricula supported by Horizon Europe in order to equip people with the skills and competences needed for ***their personal and professional development and for*** the jobs of the future. ***The Commission should ensure synergies between the Health***

strand and the Horizon Europe programme in order to boost the results achieved in the area of health protection and disease prevention.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(17a) The synergies created thanks to European territorial cooperation at regional and cross-border levels have also resulted in cooperation projects to improve employment, inclusion of the most vulnerable sections of the population, demographic challenges, health and education, not only in the Union but also with countries in the pre-accession phase and in neighbouring countries, where European cooperation is an added value. The ESF+ should consider improving funding for projects of this type and ensure the transfer of knowledge between them and the legislative process to improve the European regulatory framework and promote the sharing of good practices between the territories of the Union.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(18) The ESF+ should support Member States' efforts to tackle poverty with a view to breaking the cycle of disadvantage across generations and promote social inclusion by ensuring equal opportunities for all, tackling discrimination and addressing health inequalities. This implies	(18) The ESF+ should support Member States' efforts to tackle poverty with a view to breaking the cycle of disadvantage across generations and promote social inclusion by ensuring equal opportunities for all, ***reducing barriers,*** tackling discrimination and addressing health

mobilising a range of policies targeting the most disadvantaged people regardless of their age, including children, marginalised communities such as the Roma, and the working poor. The ESF+ should promote the active inclusion of people far from the labour market with a view to ensuring their socio-economic integration. The ESF+ should be also used to enhance timely and equal access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services such as healthcare and long-term care, in particular family and community-based care services. The ESF+ should contribute to the modernisation of social protection systems with a view in particular to promoting their accessibility.	inequalities. This implies ***also, but is not limited to,*** mobilising a range of policies targeting the most disadvantaged people regardless of their age, including children, marginalised communities such as the Roma, and the working poor. The ESF+ should promote the active inclusion of people far from the labour market with a view to ensuring their socio-economic integration. The ESF+ should be also used to enhance timely and equal access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services such as ***person-centred*** healthcare***, related care*** and long-term care, in particular family and community-based care ***services. This includes health promotion and disease prevention services as part of primary healthcare*** services. The ESF+ should contribute to the modernisation of social protection systems with a view in particular to promoting their accessibility.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 35 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(35a) The Commission should increase participation of Member States and underrepresented organisations by lowering as much as possible the barriers to participation, including the administrative burden of applying for and receiving funding.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 35 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(35b) One of the main Union objectives is to strengthen health systems by

supporting the digital transformation of health and patient care and developing a sustainable health information system as well as supporting national reforms to make health systems more effective, accessible and resilient.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(36) Keeping people healthy and active ***longer*** and empowering them to take an active role in managing their health will have positive effects on health, health inequalities, quality of life, productivity, competitiveness and inclusiveness, while reducing pressures on national budgets. The Commission has been committed to help Member States to reach their sustainable development goals (SDG), in particular SDG 3 "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages***"***.[17]	(36) ***Continued effort is required in order to meet the requirements set out in Article 168 TFEU.*** Keeping ***all*** people healthy and active ***in a non-discriminatory way*** and empowering them to take an active role in managing their health will have positive effects on health, health inequalities, quality of life, productivity, competitiveness and inclusiveness, while reducing pressures on national budgets. ***Support for, and recognition of, innovation, including social innovation, which has an impact on health, helps in order to take up the challenge of sustainability in the health sector in the context of addressing the challenges of demographic change. Moreover, action to reduce inequalities in health is important for the purposes of achieving 'inclusive growth'.*** The Commission has been committed to help Member States to reach their sustainable development goals (SDG), in particular SDG 3 "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.[17]
[17] COM (2016) 739 final	[17] COM (2016) 739 final

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 36 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(36a) According to the definition of the World Health Organisation (WHO), "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity". In order to improve the health of the population in the Union, it is essential not to focus only on physical health and social well-being. According to the WHO, mental health problems account for almost 40 % of years lived with disability. Mental health problems are also wide-ranging, long-lasting and a source of discrimination, and contribute significantly to inequality in health. Moreover, the economic crisis affects factors determining mental health, as protective factors are weakened and risk factors increased.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(37) Evidence and the common values and principles in European Union Health Systems as set out in the Council Conclusions of 2 June 2006 should support the decision-making processes for planning and managing innovative, efficient and resilient health systems, promoting tools for ensuring universal access to quality healthcare, and the voluntary wider scale implementation of best practices.	(37) Evidence and the common values and principles in European Union Health Systems as set out in the Council Conclusions of 2 June 2006 should support the decision-making processes for planning and managing innovative, efficient and resilient health systems, promoting tools for ensuring universal access to quality ***person-centred*** healthcare ***and related care***, and the voluntary wider scale implementation of best practices. ***This includes health promotion and disease prevention services as part of primary healthcare services.***

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(37a) The previous programmes of Union action in the field of public health (2003-2008) and in the field of health (2008-2013 and 2014-2020), established respectively by Decisions No 1786/2002/EC[1a] and 1350/2007/EC[1b] and Regulation (EU) No 282/2014[1c] of the European Parliament and of the Council ("the previous health programmes"), have been positively assessed as resulting in a number of important developments and improvements. The Health strand of the ESF+ should build on the achievements of the previous health programmes.

[1a] Decision No 1786/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2002 adopting a programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008) (OJ L 271, 9.10.2002, p. 1).

[1b] Decision No 1350/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13) (OJ L 301, 20.11.2007, p. 3).

[1c] Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the establishment of a third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1350/2007/EC (OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 1).

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(37b) The Health strand of the ESF+ should be a means of promoting actions in areas where there is Union added value that can be demonstrated on the basis of the following: exchanging good practices between Member States and between Regions; supporting networks for knowledge sharing or mutual learning; supporting qualification of health professionals; addressing cross-border threats to reduce their risks and mitigate their consequences; addressing certain issues relating to the internal market where the Union has substantial legitimacy to ensure high-quality solutions across Member States; unlocking the potential of innovation in health; actions that could lead to a system for benchmarking to allow informed decision-making at Union level; improving efficiency by avoiding a waste of resources due to duplication, and optimising the use of financial resources.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(38) The Health strand of the ESF+ should contribute to disease prevention throughout the lifetime of the ***Union's citizens*** and to health promotion by addressing health risk factors such as tobacco use and passive smoking, harmful use of alcohol, consumption of illicit drugs and reduction of drugs-related health damage, unhealthy dietary habits and physical inactivity and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles in order to complement Member States action in line with the relevant strategies. The Health strand of the ESF+ should mainstream	(38) The Health strand of the ESF+ should contribute to disease prevention***, early diagnosis*** throughout the lifetime of the ***people living in the Union*** and to health promotion by addressing health risk factors such as tobacco use***, smoking*** and passive smoking, harmful use of alcohol, ***environmental health risk factors,*** consumption of illicit drugs and reduction of drugs-related health damage, ***obesity and*** unhealthy dietary habits***, also related to poverty*** and physical inactivity and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles***, greater public awareness of risk***

effective prevention models, innovative technologies and new business models and solutions to contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems of the Member States and facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for ***European citizens***.

factors, well-designed public health interventions for reducing the burden and impact of infections and preventable infectious diseases, including through vaccinations, in the overall health throughout life in order to complement Member States action in line with the relevant strategies. ***In this context, special attention should be given to health education as it helps individuals and communities improve their health, increase their knowledge and influence their attitudes. Current health challenges can only be effectively addressed through collaboration at Union level and continued Union action in the field of health.*** The Health strand of the ESF+ should ***support implementation of the relevant Union legislation***, mainstream effective prevention ***and awareness raising*** models ***reaching out to all***, innovative technologies and new business models and solutions to contribute to innovative, ***accessible***, efficient and sustainable health systems of the Member States and facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for ***people living in the Union in both urban and rural areas***. ***With a view to fully tapping into the potential of cross-sectorial cooperation and to improving synergies and coherence with other policy fields to achieve the general objectives of the ESF+, sport and physical activity should be used as a tool in ESF+ actions aimed, in particular, at health promotion, and disease prevention.***

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(38a) In order to implement the actions under the Health strand, the Commission should support the creation of a Steering

Board for Health. In addition, the Commission should propose ways and methodology for aligning the health-related activities with the European Semester process, now empowered to recommend health systems (and other social determinants of health in fact) reforms towards greater accessibility and sustainability of healthcare and social protection provisions in Member States.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(39) Non-communicable diseases are responsible for over 80 % of premature mortality in the Union and an effective prevention entails multiple cross border dimensions. In parallel, the European Parliament and the Council underlined the need to minimise the public health consequences of serious cross-border threats to health such as communicable diseases and other biological, chemical, environmental and unknown threats, by supporting preparedness and response capacity building.	(39) Non-communicable diseases are responsible for over 80 % of premature mortality in the Union and an effective prevention entails multiple ***cross-sectoral actions and*** cross border dimensions. In parallel, the European Parliament and the Council underlined the need to minimise the public health consequences of serious cross-border threats to health such as ***sudden and cumulative environmental emissions and pollution,*** communicable diseases and other biological, chemical, environmental and unknown threats, by supporting preparedness and response capacity building.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 39 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(39a) Continuous investments in innovative community-based approaches to tackle cross-border diseases such as the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis are vital as the social dimension of the diseases is a major

factor affecting the ability to tackle them as epidemics in the Union and neighbouring countries. A more ambitious political leadership and adequate technical and financial means to provide a sustainable regional response to the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and hepatitis in Europe will be instrumental to reach the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals on these diseases.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(40) Reducing the burden of resistant infections and healthcare associated infections and securing the availability of effective antimicrobials is essential for the efficiency of health systems and for the health of citizens.	(40) Reducing the burden of resistant infections and healthcare associated infections and securing the availability of effective antimicrobials***, whilst nonetheless reducing their use in order to help tackle antimicrobial resistance,*** is essential for the efficiency of health systems and for the health of citizens.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(42) Given the specific nature of some of the objectives covered by the Health strand of the ESF+ and by the type of the actions under that strand, the respective competent authorities of the Member States are best placed to implement the related activities. Those authorities, designated by the Member States themselves, should therefore be considered to be identified beneficiaries for the purpose of Article [195]of [the new Financial Regulation] and the grants be awarded to such authorities	(42) Given the specific nature of some of the objectives covered by the Health strand of the ESF+ and by the type of the actions under that strand, the respective competent authorities of the Member States are best placed to implement the related activities ***with the active support of civil society***. Those authorities, designated by the Member States themselves***, and additionally, civil society organisations, as appropriate***, should therefore be considered to be identified beneficiaries for

without prior publication of calls for proposals.	the purpose of Article [195]of [the new Financial Regulation] and the grants be awarded to such authorities without prior publication of calls for proposals.

Justification

The report should ask that civil society is meaningfully involved supporting the Member States' competent authorities. Their involvement is vital to achieve the goals of the proposal.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(42a) In order to increase the performance of programme monitoring inefficiencies and inadequacies, the Commission should implement and use programmatic and action specific monitoring indicators to ensure that programme objectives are achieved.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(42b) The ESF+ programme should address existing obstacles to civil society participation, for example through simplifying the application procedures, easing the financial criteria by waiving the co-financing percentage in some cases, but also through building the capacity of patients, their organisations and other stakeholders through training and education. The programme shall also aim to enable the functioning of civil society networks and organisations at European level that contribute to the achievement of its objectives, including

Union level organisations.

Justification

"The role of civil society is key to achieving societal well-being. They bring a unique added value by empowering people which absence results in poor health.". (Greer, S., Wismar, M., Pastorino, G. and Kosinska, M. (2017) Civil society and health).

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(42c) The implementation of the Health strand of the ESF+ should be such that the responsibilities of the Member States, for the definition of their health policy and for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care, are respected. Whilst respecting Treaty obligations and the role of Member States as the primary interlocutor in the Union decision-making process, competent authorities at sub-national level should be engaged in order to ensure an effective and lasting impact of Union health policy through their integration with social policies on the ground.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(44) EU health legislation has an immediate impact on the lives of citizen, on the efficiency and resilience of the health systems and the good functioning of the internal market. The regulatory framework for medical products and technologies (medicinal products, medical devices and substances of human origin),	(44) EU health legislation has an immediate impact on the lives of citizen, on the efficiency and resilience of the health systems and the good functioning of the internal market. The regulatory framework for medical products and technologies (medicinal products, medical devices and substances of human origin),

as well as on tobacco legislation, patients' rights on cross-border health and serious cross-border threats to health is essential to health protection in the EU. ***Regulation, as well its implementation and enforcement, must keep pace with innovation and research advances and with societal changes in this area, while delivering*** on health ***objectives. It is therefore necessary to continuously develop the evidence base required for implementing legislation of such a scientific nature***.	as well as on tobacco legislation, patients' rights on cross-border health and serious cross-border threats to health is essential to health protection in the EU. ***In addition, many other Union legal acts have significant impacts*** on health ***such as those relating to food and food labelling, air pollution, endocrine disruptors and pesticides. In some cases, the cumulative impacts of environmental risk factors are not clearly understood, potentially leading to unacceptable risks to citizens' health***.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(44a) Regulation with health implications, as well as its implementation and enforcement, should keep pace with innovation and research advances and with societal change in this area, whilst remaining underpinned by the precautionary principle, as enshrined in the Treaties. It is therefore necessary to continuously develop the evidence base required for implementing legislation of such scientific nature and, in order to ensure the possibility of independent scrutiny thereby re-gaining public trust in Union processes and because, by its very nature the sharing of this evidence is in the public interest, the highest level of transparency should be guaranteed.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(44b) Facing health challenges cannot be done by the health sector alone, as

health is determined by multiple factors outside of it. Hence, as stated in the Maastricht and Amsterdam Treaties, Health in All Policies is important for the Union's ability to face future challenges. However, making other sectors aware of the health impacts of their decisions and to integrate health into their policies is one of the biggest challenges the European health sector currently encounters. Important advances in health have been registered so far through policies in sectors such as education, traffic, nutrition, agriculture, labour, or planning. As an example, heart health has registered significant improvements through changes in policies and regulations regarding the quality of food, increased physical activity and decreased smoking.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(52) In order to amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of amending and supplementing the annexes on the indictors. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including ***at expert level***, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts	(52) In order to amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of amending and supplementing the annexes on the indictors. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including ***of relevant experts and professional regulatory authorities***, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council

systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.	receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The ESF+ aims to support Member States to achieve high employment levels, fair social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017.	The ESF+ aims to support Member States to achieve high employment levels, fair social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017. ***The ESF+ also aims to help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals and commitments made under the Paris Agreement.***

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ensure equal opportunities, access to the labour market, fair working conditions, social protection ***and*** inclusion***,*** and a high level of human health protection.	The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ensure equal opportunities, access to the labour market, fair working conditions, social protection***, poverty eradication, social*** inclusion and a high level of human health protection.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point ix

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(ix) enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable services; modernising social protection systems, including promoting access to social protection; improving accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services;	(ix) enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable ***person-centred healthcare and related care*** services ***(including health promotion and disease prevention)***; modernising social protection systems, including promoting access to social protection; improving accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services;

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point ix a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ixa) fostering disease prevention and early diagnosis, and health promotion throughout the lifetime;

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point x

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(x) promoting social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including the most deprived and children;	(x) promoting social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including the most deprived and children***, including by taking into account the use of innovative measures, such as social inclusion through sport and physical activity***;

Amendment 36

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

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. a smarter Europe through the development of skills for smart specialisation, skills for key enabling technologies, industrial transition, sectorial cooperation on skills and entrepreneurship, the training of researchers, networking activities and partnerships between higher education institutions, vocational and educational training (VET) institutions, research and technological centres ***and*** enterprises and clusters, support to micro, small and medium sized enterprises and the social economy;	1. a smarter Europe through the development of skills for smart specialisation, skills for key enabling technologies, industrial transition, sectorial cooperation on skills and entrepreneurship, the training of researchers, networking activities and partnerships between higher education institutions, vocational and educational training (VET) institutions, research and technological centres***, medical and healthcare centres,*** enterprises and clusters, support to micro, small and medium sized enterprises and the social economy;

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. a greener, low carbon Europe through the improvement of education and training systems necessary for the adaptation of skills and qualifications, the upskilling of all, including the labour force, the creation of new jobs in sectors related to the environment, climate and energy, and the bioeconomy.	2. a greener, low carbon Europe through the improvement of education and training systems necessary for the adaptation of skills and qualifications, ***awareness raising among the population about sustainable development and lifestyles,*** the upskilling of all, including the labour force, the creation of new ***high-quality*** jobs in sectors related to the environment, climate and energy, and the ***circular economy and*** bioeconomy.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. Under the Health strand, the ESF+ shall ***support*** health ***promotion*** and disease prevention, contribute to effectiveness,	3. Under the Health strand, the ESF+ shall ***contribute to a high level of human*** health ***protection*** and disease

accessibility and resilience of health systems, make healthcare safer, reduce health inequalities, protect citizens from cross-border health threats, and support EU ***health*** legislation.	prevention, ***including through the promotion of physical activity and promotion of health education***, contribute to effectiveness, accessibility and resilience of health systems, make healthcare safer, reduce health inequalities, ***increase life expectancy at birth***, protect citizens from cross-border health threats, ***and strengthen*** and support EU ***health-related*** legislation***, including in the area of environmental health, and fostering Health in All Policies***. ***The Union's health policy should be guided by Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to ensure that the Union and Member States reach the targets of SDG 3 "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages".***

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The total financial envelope for the ESF+ for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR ***101 174 000 000*** in current prices.	1. The total financial envelope for the ESF+ for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR ***120 457 000 000*** in current prices.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. The financial envelope for the Employment and Social Innovation strand and the Health strand for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR ***1 174 000 000*** in current prices.	3. The financial envelope for the Employment and Social Innovation strand and the Health strand for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR ***1 234 000 000*** in current prices.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) EUR ***413 000 000*** for the implementation of the Health strand.	(b) EUR ***473 000 000 (0,36 % of the MFF 2021-2027)*** for the implementation of the Health strand.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. All programmes implemented under the ESF+ strand under shared management, as well as the operations supported by the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands shall ensure equality between men and women throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. They shall also promote equal opportunities for all, without discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	1. All programmes implemented under the ESF+ strand under shared management, as well as the operations supported by the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands shall ensure equality between men and women throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. They shall also promote equal opportunities for all, ***including access to the labour market for persons with disabilities,*** without discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability ***or health condition***, age or sexual orientation throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Justification

There is clear evidence both from research and patient organisations that patients face various forms of discrimination in the European Union, because of their health status and/or other grounds. Patients are not always protected by non-discrimination legislation within the European Union, depending on the grounds on which they are discriminated against and on the Member States where the act of discrimination occurs. It is important that any new legislative text explicitly tackles this form of discrimination.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, ***and*** take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.	Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, ***that*** take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights ***and that are fully in line with the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals***.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Programmes benefitting from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management shall use common output and result indicators, as set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation to monitor progress in implementation. The programmes may also use programme-specific indicators.	1. Programmes benefitting from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management shall use common output and result indicators, as set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation to monitor progress in implementation. The programmes may also use programme-specific indicators ***and action-specific indicators***.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point –a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(-a) Support a Union public health

strategy aimed at:

(i) supporting Member States in their efforts to protect and enhance public health

(ii) advancing the Union's mission in health in accordance with Article 168 TFEU, which stipulates that a high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) Strengthen crisis-preparedness, management and response in the Union to ***protect citizens against*** cross-border health threats**.**	(a) Strengthen crisis-preparedness, management and response in the Union to ***address*** cross-border health threats

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point a – point iv a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iva) Well-designed public health interventions for reducing the burden and impact of infection and preventable infectious diseases

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point a – point iv b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ivb) Support the development of skills and tools for effective risk communication

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) Invest in health promotion and disease prevention.	(i) Invest in health promotion and disease prevention***, including through health literacy and education programmes, and through the promotion of physical activity***

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ia) Invest in early diagnosis and screening

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(ii) Support the digital transformation of health and care	(ii) Support the digital transformation of health and care ***that address the needs and concerns of patients and citizens, in particular by establishing links to programmes that support media literacy and digital skills***

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point ii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iia) Promote digital public services in areas such as health

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point ii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iib) Strengthen the security and quality of health information

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(ii) Support the development of a sustainable Union health information system	(ii) Support the development of a sustainable***, transparent and accessible*** Union health information system***, whilst ensuring protection of private data***.

(In the COM proposal the numbering of the points in Article 26, point b is not correct, there are two points numbered as (ii))

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(iii) Support Member States with knowledge transfer useful for the national reform processes for more effective, accessible ***and*** resilient health systems and better health promotion and disease prevention addressing, in particular, the challenges identified in the European	(iii) Support Member States with knowledge transfer ***and implementation support*** useful for the national reform processes for more effective, accessible***,*** resilient***, non-discriminatory, inclusive and equitable*** health systems ***tackling social inequalities,*** and better health

Semester.	promotion and disease prevention addressing, in particular, the challenges identified in the European Semester***. This also includes supporting high quality national registries that shall also deliver comparable data.***

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iv a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iva) Support the transition towards person-centred care, proximity health and social services, and community-based integrated care, in particular promoting organizational models based on interprofessional teamwork and multi-stakeholders networking

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iv b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ivb) Ensure the engagement of all relevant stakeholders in the above actions, at Union and/or national level as appropriate

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iv c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ivc) Develop and implement tools and strategies to prevent and tackle health inequalities and to promote social inclusion, citizen empowerment and community participation

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) support the implementation of the legislation on medicinal products and medical devices	(i) Support the implementation of the legislation on medicinal products***, access to such products throughout the Union*** and medical devices

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point c – point vi

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(vi) Support ***to the Commission' scientific committees on "Consumer Safety" and on "***Health***, Environmental and Emerging Risks"***	(vi) Support ***the development of Health in All Policies and establish processes by which*** health ***implications can be considered and taken into account in all policies***

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ca) Support the monitoring of, implementation of, and strengthen, other Union legislation and policies with health implications so as to help ensure a high level of protection of human health, including but not limited to those relating to:
	(i) air pollution
	(ii) endocrine disruptors and other chemicals with harmful properties
	(iii) pesticide residues in food, water and air

(iv) food and food labelling, including on transfatty acids, alcohol labelling, additives and food contact materials

Justification

The addition of the need to strengthen and implement other Union legislation with health implications is a natural consequence of Article 168 TFEU which stipulates that 'a high level of human health shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities'

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point d – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(ii) Support the development of cooperation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in preparation of new harmonised rules	(ii) Support the development of cooperation on ***and capacity-building in*** Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in preparation of new harmonised rules

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point d – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iiia) Support the implementation of programmes and best practices on sexual and reproductive health education and campaigns for young people

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point d – point iii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iiib) Support European level civil society organisations working on health and health related issues

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point d – point iii c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iiic) Support the creation of a Steering Board for Health for implementing the actions under the Health strand

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Only actions pursuing the objectives referred to in Articles 3 and 26 are eligible for funding.	1. Only actions ***related to health*** pursuing the objectives referred to in Articles 3***, 4*** and 26 are eligible for funding.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ia) activities designed to monitor the cumulative health impacts of environmental risk factors, including those arising from contaminants in food, water, air and other sources;

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ib) activities monitoring the health

	impacts of Union legislation, such as pharmacovigilance and similar;

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point a – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	The results of analytical activities, once finalised, shall be made publicly available.

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) cross-border collaboration and partnerships, including in cross-border regions;	(i) cross-border collaboration and partnerships, including in cross-border regions ***and including in relation to air pollution and other cross-border environmental contamination***;

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) through transfer, adaptation and roll-out of best practices with established Union level added value between Member States;	(i) through ***exchange,*** transfer, adaptation and roll-out of best practices with established Union level added value between Member States;

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

(ii) of EU-level networks related to the fields referred to in Article 26;	(ii) of EU-level networks related to the fields referred to in Article 26***, in a continuous and sustainable way, ensuring the presence of an active civil society at European level***;

Justification

Umbrella NGOs with pan-European networks of grassroots members are important contributors to the European project, strengthening the links between the EU and civil society, and among different European civil society groups. These European NGOs represent a unique European value which should be recognised. The EU budget shall help to grow civil society around Europe and contribute to a thriving civil society in the EU.

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point c – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(iv) of national contact points providing guidance, information and assistance related the implementation of the programme;	(iv) of ***regional, subnational and*** national contact points providing guidance, information and assistance related the implementation of the programme;

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Commission shall consult the health authorities of the Member States in the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases or in other relevant Commission expert group or similar entities on the work plans established for the Health strand and its priorities and strategic orientations and its implementation, and also on the health policy perspective of other policies and support mechanisms, thus increasing their overall coordination and added value.	The Commission shall consult the health authorities of the Member States in the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases or in other relevant Commission expert group or similar entities ***such as professional bodies in the health sector,*** on the ***annual*** work plans established for the Health strand and its priorities and strategic orientations and its implementation, and also on the health policy perspective of other policies and support mechanisms, thus increasing their

overall coordination and added value. ***Strong political leadership and adequate governance structure dedicated to health will ensure that health protection and promotion is guaranteed across all Commission portfolios, according to Article 168(1) of TFEU.***

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 29a
	Steering Board for Health
	1. The Commission shall establish a Steering Board for Health ('the Steering Board') for implementing the actions under the Health strand.
	2. The Steering Board shall focus on creating synergies between the Health strand and other Programmes where a health dimension is integrated, through coordination and cooperation, promoting patients and society engagement, and providing scientific advice and recommendations. Those actions shall provide value oriented health actions, sustainability, better health solutions, foster access and reduce health inequalities.
	3. The Steering Board shall provide a comprehensive strategy and steering in developing the work plans under the Health strand.
	4. The Steering Board shall be an independent stakeholder group, composed of actors from relevant sectors in the field of public health, wellbeing and social protection, with participation of representatives of Regions and local health authorities, patient representatives and citizens.

5. The Steering Board shall be composed of 15 to 20 high level individuals drawn from across disciplines and activities referred to in paragraph 4. The members of the Steering Board shall be appointed by the Commission, following an open call for nominations or for expression of interests or both.

6. The Steering Board shall have a chair who shall be appointed by the Commission from among its members.

7. The Steering Board shall:

i. provide input to annual work plans for the Health strand, following a proposal from the Commission;

ii. elaborate a blueprint for steering coordination and cooperation between the Health strand and other Programmes where health dimension is integrated.

The blueprint shall facilitate ensuring visibility and coordination of all the existing financial mechanisms relevant to health, and shall help steering coordination and cooperation.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 29b
	International cooperation
	The Commission shall develop cooperation with relevant international organisations such as the United Nations and its specialised agencies, in particular the World Health Organisation (WHO), as well as with the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to implement the Health strand, in order to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of actions at Union and international

level.

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation
Article 33 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Indicators to monitor implementation and progress of the strands towards the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Article 4 and the operational objectives set out in Articles 23 and 26 shall be set.	1. ***Indicators, including programmatic and action specific*** indicators**,** to monitor implementation and progress of the strands towards the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Article 4 and the operational objectives set out in Articles 23 and 26 shall be set.

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation
Annex III – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. Number of ***health technology joint clinical assessments***	2. Number of ***beneficiaries (professionals, citizens, patients) affected by the results of the programme***

Justification

Considering the peculiarities and the wide range of projects of the health strand, we suggest to include other indicators such as the number of beneficiaries (professionals, citizens, patients) affected by the results of the programme.

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation
Annex III – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. Number of ***best practices transferred***	3. Number of ***health technology joint clinical assessments***

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation
Annex III – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. ***Degree of use of the results of the programme in national health policy as measured by a "before and after" questionnaire***	4. ***Number of best practices transferred***

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation
Annex III – point 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	4a. Degree of use of the results of the programme in regional and national health policies or tools as measured by validated methods

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FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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