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OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on Regional Development

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument

(COM(2018)0375 – C8-0230/2018 – 2018/0196(COD))

Rapporteur for opinion: Maria Gabriela Zoană

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Rapporteur appreciates the effort put forth by the Commission in its drafting of the proposal for a regulation on common provisions, especially considering that it meets the need for continuity in the disbursement of funds, flexibility and simplification in its implementation.

This regulation is a basis for the synergy between the Structural Funds, whose main objective is to furnishing support to less developed regions to strengthen the economic and social cohesion in the European Union.

The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development is a sustainable and efficient investment vehicle for the growth and development of rural areas, businesses and resources in the agricultural and forestry sector as well as in the rural economy. It can support a wide range of development goals, aimed to benefit an extended segment of recipients, with the potential to reuse funds for other investments.

The Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the Structural Funds is part of the new Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, and establishes common provisions for shared management thus providing a common set of basic rules for seven funds with the blaring exception of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

In the rapporteur's view, it is necessary to maintain the EAFRD in the Common Provisions Regulation of the future legislative framework. This opinion mainly amends this aspect of the Commission's proposal.

The proposed amendments aim to re-establish the linkage between funds, without creating additional administrative burden and duplication of the rules, while ensuring a coherent level of structural funds.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on Regional Development, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Title

Text proposed by the Commission

Proposal for a
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
laying down common provisions on the
European Regional Development Fund, the
European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion
Fund, *and* the European Maritime and
Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those
and for the Asylum and Migration Fund,
the Internal Security Fund and the Border
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for Rural Development*, the European
Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial
rules for those and for the Asylum and
Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund
and the Border Management and Visa
Instrument

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(1a) Structural reforms can accelerate
the process of increasing social and
economic convergence among the
Member States. The effects of such
convergence and strengthening of
resilience could lead to greater prosperity.*

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(1b) The new Reform Support
Programme, for which an overall budget
of EUR 25 billion is proposed, is not
projected to start before January 2021. In*

the meantime, it is important to lead the way with a similar tool to support structural reforms.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) In order to further develop a coordinated and harmonised implementation of Union Funds implemented under shared management namely the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund Plus ('ESF+'), the Cohesion Fund, measures financed under shared management in the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund ('EMFF'), the Asylum and Migration Fund ('AMIF'), Internal Security Fund ('ISF') and Integrated Border Management Fund ('BMVI'), financial rules based on Article 322 of the TFEU should be established for all these Funds ('the Funds'), clearly specifying the scope of application of the relevant provisions. In addition, common provisions based on Article 177 of the TFEU should be established to cover policy specific rules for the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF.

Amendment

(2) In order to further develop a coordinated and harmonised implementation of Union Funds implemented under shared management namely the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund Plus ('ESF+'), the Cohesion Fund, ***the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development ('EARDF')***, measures financed under shared management in the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund ('EMFF'), the Asylum and Migration Fund ('AMIF'), Internal Security Fund ('ISF') and Integrated Border Management Fund ('BMVI'), financial rules based on Article 322 of the TFEU should be established for all these Funds ('the Funds'), clearly specifying the scope of application of the relevant provisions. In addition, common provisions based on Article 177 of the TFEU should be established to cover policy specific rules for the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2 a new

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2 a) In view of the new model for implementing the Common Agricultural Policy and in order to ensure convergence

of the rules and a much simpler procedure for final beneficiaries of the European Agricultural Funds that are 90% made up of farmers, most of the common rules in this Regulation will apply to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. Nonetheless, certain rules in this Regulation that should apply to the territorial development, visibility and communication rules and financial instruments continue to apply to aid funded by the EAFRD as referred in sectorial specific regulations.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The outermost regions and the northern sparsely populated regions should benefit from specific measures and from additional funding pursuant to Article 349 of the TFEU and Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession.

Amendment

(4) The outermost regions, *which are at a particular disadvantage due to their geographical location and are subject to frequent natural disasters*, and the northern sparsely populated regions should benefit from specific measures and from additional funding pursuant to Article 349 of the TFEU and Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The Partnership Agreement, prepared by each Member State, should be a strategic document guiding the negotiations between the Commission and the Member State concerned on the design of programmes. In order to reduce the administrative burden, it should not be necessary to amend Partnership

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Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) Mechanisms to ensure a link between Union funding policies and the economic governance of the Union should be further refined, allowing the Commission to make a proposal to the Council to suspend all or part of the commitments for one or more of the programmes of the Member State concerned where that Member State fails to take effective action in the context of the economic governance process. In order to ensure uniform implementation and in view of the importance of the financial effects of measures being imposed, implementing powers should be conferred on the Council which should act on the basis of a Commission proposal. To facilitate the adoption of decisions which are required to ensure effective action in the context of the economic governance process, reversed qualified majority voting should be used.

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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facilitate CLLD. It should take into account local needs and potential, as well as relevant socio-cultural characteristics, and should provide for structural changes, build community capacity and stimulate innovation. The close cooperation and integrated use of the Funds to deliver local development strategies should be strengthened. Local action groups, representing the interests of the community, should be, as an essential principle responsible for the design and implementation of CLLD strategies. In order to facilitate coordinated support from different Funds to CLLD strategies and to facilitate their implementation, the use of a 'Lead Fund' approach should be facilitated.

facilitate CLLD (*referred to as 'LEADER' under the EAFRD*). It should take into account local needs and potential, as well as relevant socio-cultural characteristics, and should provide for structural changes, build **human capital and knowledge** community capacity and stimulate innovation. The close cooperation and integrated use of the Funds to deliver local development strategies should be strengthened. Local action groups, representing the interests of the community, should be, as an essential principle responsible for the design and implementation of CLLD strategies. ***Local action groups have achieved remarkable results to date, and should therefore receive more comprehensive financial support.*** In order to facilitate coordinated support from different Funds, ***including those not covered by this Regulation,*** to CLLD strategies and to facilitate their implementation, the use of a 'Lead Fund' approach should be facilitated.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) To ensure availability of comprehensive up-to-date information on programme implementation, more ***frequent*** electronic reporting on quantitative data should be required.

Amendment

(29) To ensure availability of comprehensive up-to-date information on programme implementation, more ***regular*** electronic reporting on quantitative data should be required.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

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next programming period, the Commission should carry out a mid-term assessment of the Funds. At the end of the programming period, the Commission should carry out *retrospective* evaluations of the Funds, which should focus on the impact of the Funds.

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Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) In order to optimise the uptake of co-financed environmental investments, synergies should be ensured with the LIFE programme for Environmental and Climate Action, in particular through LIFE strategic integrated projects and strategic nature projects.

Amendment

(36) In order to optimise the uptake of co-financed environmental investments, synergies should be ensured with the LIFE programme for Environmental and Climate Action, in particular through LIFE strategic integrated projects and strategic nature projects, *as well as complementariness with other European Union funds and instruments.*

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 36 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(36a) The success of strategic integrated projects is dependent on close cooperation between national, regional and local authorities and the non-state actors concerned. The principles of transparency and disclosure of decisions concerning the development, implementation, assessment and monitoring of projects should therefore be applied.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) In order to optimise the added value from investments funded wholly or in part through the budget of the Union, synergies should be sought in particular between the Funds and directly managed instruments, including the Reform Delivery Tool. Those synergies should be achieved through key mechanisms, namely the recognition of flat rates for eligible costs from Horizon Europe for a similar operation and the possibility of combining funding from different Union instruments in the same operation as long as double financing is avoided. This Regulation should therefore set out rules for complementary financing from the Funds.

Amendment

(40) In order to optimise the added value from investments funded wholly or in part through the budget of the Union, synergies should be sought in particular between the Funds, ***including agricultural funds***, and directly managed instruments, including the Reform Delivery Tool. Those synergies should be achieved through key mechanisms, namely the recognition of flat rates for eligible costs from Horizon Europe for a similar operation and the possibility of combining funding from different Union instruments in the same operation as long as double financing is avoided. This Regulation should therefore set out rules for complementary financing from the Funds.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 66

Text proposed by the Commission

(66) Within the context of the unique and specific circumstances on the island of Ireland, and with a view to supporting North-South cooperation under the Good Friday Agreement, a new 'PEACE PLUS' cross-border programme should continue and build on the work of previous programmes, Peace and INTERREG, between the border counties of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Taking into account its practical importance, this programme should be supported with a specific allocation to continue support for peace and reconciliation actions, and that an appropriate share of the Irish allocation under the European Territorial Cooperation goal (Interreg) should also be allocated to the programme.

Amendment

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resources to address connectivity and related issues which may arise post Brexit;

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposé par la Commission

(b) common provisions applicable to the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF.

Amendment

(b) common provisions applicable to the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund, the EMFF *and to the EAFRD, only the provisions referred in point 5a of this Article.*

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. Title III, Chapter II and Articles 41 and 43 shall apply to aid measures financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development ('the EAFRD'), and Articles 2, paragraph 15-17 and 22-25 as well as articles 52 to 56 shall apply to financial instruments provided for in Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] ('CAP Strategic Plans Regulation') and supported under the EAFRD.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the NUTS 2 regions, newly created

between 2016 and 2018;

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Each Member State shall organise a partnership with the competent regional and local authorities. That partnership shall include at least the following partners:

Amendment

1. Each Member State shall organise a partnership with the competent regional and local authorities ***in operation at that time***. That partnership shall include at least the following partners:

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) regional and local authorities or associations there of;

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the Commission disagrees with the assessment of the Member State, it shall inform the Member State accordingly and give it the opportunity to present its observations within one month.

Amendment

Where the Commission disagrees with the assessment of the Member State, it shall inform the Member State accordingly and give it the opportunity to present its observations within one month. ***The deadline may be extended if the Member State presents an appropriate justification to the Commission.***

Amendment 22

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the socio-economic situation of the Member State *or* region concerned;

Amendment

(b) the socio-economic situation of the Member State ***and*** region concerned;

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) the NUTS 2 regions, established between 2016 and 2018;

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Selected operations shall comply with the territorial strategy.

Selected operations ***that contribute towards achievement of the specific objectives for which funding is received*** shall comply with the territorial strategy.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ERDF, the ESF+ and the EMFF ***may*** support community-led local development.

1. ***The EAFRD shall support community-led local development. In that case it shall be referred to as LEADER. The ERDF, the ESF+ and the EMFF in synergy with the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development shall support community-led local development and each one shall allocate an earmarked***

amount of their funds to it.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Member State shall ensure that community-led local development is:
- (a) focused on subregional areas;
 - (b) led by local action groups composed of representatives of public and private local socio-economic interests, in which no single interest group controls the decision-making;
 - (c) carried out through integrated strategies in accordance with Article 26;
 - (d) supportive of networking, innovative features in the local context and, where appropriate, cooperation with other territorial actors.

Amendment

2. The Member State shall ensure that community-led local development is:
- (a) focused on subregional areas ***and rural areas***;
 - (b) led by local action groups composed of representatives of public and private local socio-economic interests, in which no single interest group ***nor the public authorities as defined in accordance with national rules*** controls the decision-making;
 - (c) carried out through integrated ***and multi-sectorial area-based local development*** strategies in accordance with Article 26;
 - (d) supportive of networking, innovative features in the local context and, where appropriate, cooperation with other territorial actors.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The local action group may be a beneficiary and may implement operations in accordance with the strategy.

Amendment

5. The local action group may be a beneficiary and may implement operations in accordance with the strategy, ***provided that there is separation of functions inside the local action group.***

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) animation of the community-led local development strategy in order to facilitate exchange between stakeholders, to provide them with information and to support potential beneficiaries in their preparation of applications;

Justification

This series of amendments are intended to keep new legislation in line with the previous, as these activities currently benefit from support under Article 35 of the previous Common Provisions regulation. See also amendments on Article 25

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. In order to avoid situations where payments are suspended, the Commission shall ensure that Member States and regions which face compliance concerns owing to a lack of administrative capacity receive adequate technical assistance to improve their administrative capacity.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 66 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Member State may entrust the accounting function referred to in Article 70 to the managing authority or to another body.

2. The Member State may entrust the accounting function referred to in Article 70 to the managing authority, ***to the certifying authority*** or to another body.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Article 67 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall draw up and adopt rules of procedure for providing such support in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State concerned.

Justification

Art. 67 paragraph (5) needs clarification.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) 2021: **0.5** %;

(a) 2021: **1,5** %;

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) 2022: **0.5** %;

(b) 2022: **1,5** %;

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) 2023: **0.5** %;

(c) 2023: **1,5** %;

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) 2024: **0.5** %;

(d) 2024: **1,5** %;

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) 2025: **0.5** %;

(e) 2025: **1,5** %;

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) 2026: **0.5** %

(f) 2026: **1,5** %

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Article 102 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The ERDF, the ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund shall support the Investment for jobs and growth goal in all regions corresponding to level 2 of the common classification of territorial units for statistics ('NUTS level 2 regions') established by Regulation (EC) *No 1059/2003* as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) *No 868/2014*.

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Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Article 102 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The classification of regions under one of the three categories of regions shall be determined on the basis of how the GDP per capita of each region, measured in purchasing power standards ('PPS') and calculated on the basis of Union figures for *the period 2014-2016, relates to* the average GDP of the EU-27 for the same reference period.

Amendment

The classification of regions under one of the three categories of regions shall be determined on the basis of how the GDP per capita of each region, measured in purchasing power standards ('PPS') and calculated on the basis of Union figures for *2014-2016 and 2016-2018, as well as* the average GDP of the EU-27 for the same reference period.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Article 104 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

As of 1 January **2024**, resources transferred to the CEF which have not been committed to a transport infrastructure project shall be made available to all Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund to finance transport infrastructure projects in accordance with Regulation (EU) [the new CEF Regulation].

Amendment

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Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 110 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013 or any other act applicable to the 2014–2020 programming period shall continue to apply to programmes and operations supported by the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF under that period.

Amendment

Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013 or any other act applicable to the 2014–2020 programming period shall continue to apply to programmes and operations supported by the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund, *the EAFRD* and the EMFF under that period.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument
References	COM(2018)0375 – C8-0230/2018 – 2018/0196(COD)
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	REGI 11.6.2018
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Rapporteur Date appointed	Maria Gabriela Zoaňă 25.6.2018
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Result of final vote	+: 25 –: 3 0: 4
Members present for the final vote	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Daniel Buda, Jacques Colombier, Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Albert Deß, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Norbert Erdős, Luke Ming Flanagan, Martin Häusling, Anja Hazekamp, Jan Huitema, Jarosław Kalinowski, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Philippe Loiseau, Mairead McGuinness, Nuno Melo, Ulrike Müller, James Nicholson, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, Bronis Ropè, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Maria Gabriela Zoaňă, Marco Zullo
Substitutes present for the final vote	Maria Heubuch, Karin Kadenbach, Sofia Ribeiro, Annie Schreijer-Pierik
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Birgit Collin-Langen, Renate Sommer

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Ulrike Müller
ECR	Jørn Dohrmann, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, James Nicholson
EFDD	Marco Zullo
GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan, Anja Hazekamp
PPE	Daniel Buda, Birgit Collin-Langen, Michel Dantin, Herbert Dorfmann, Norbert Erdős, Jarosław Kalinowski, Mairead McGuinness, Nuno Melo, Marijana Petir, Sofia Ribeiro, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Renate Sommer
S&D	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Paolo De Castro, Karin Kadenbach, Maria Noichl, Maria Gabriela Zoană

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ENF	Jacques Colombier, Philippe Loiseau
GUE/NGL	Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

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PPE	Albert Deß
VERTS/ALE	Maria Heubuch, Martin Häusling, Bronis Ropè

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention