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OPINION

of the Committee on Legal Affairs

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+)
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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Legal Affairs 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

(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.

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Amendment 2

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Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reform priorities. Those strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU, where relevant.

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Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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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 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(3 a) The added value of the EU Cohesion policy lies particularly in the place-based territorial dimension approach, the multilevel governance, the multiannual planning and shared and measurable objectives, the integrated development approach and the convergence towards European standards in administrative capabilities.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) On 20 June 2017, the Council endorsed the Union response to the 'UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' - a sustainable European future. The Council underlined the importance of achieving sustainable development across the three dimensions (economic, social and environmental), in a balanced and integrated way. It is vital that sustainable development is mainstreamed into all Union internal and external policy areas, and that the Union is ambitious in the policies it uses to address global challenges. The Council welcomed the Commission Communication on "Next steps for a sustainable European future" of 22 November 2016 as a first step in mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals and applying sustainable development as an essential guiding principle for all Union policies, including through its financing instruments.

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Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The Union is confronted with structural challenges arising from economic globalisation, the management of migration flows and ***the increased security threat***, clean energy transition,

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technological change **and** an increasingly ageing workforce and growing skills and labour shortages in some sectors and regions, experienced especially by SMEs. Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union should be prepared for the current and future challenges by investing in **relevant** skills, making **growth** more inclusive and by improving employment and social policies, including in view of labour mobility.

transition, technological change, **demographic challenges, unequal access to education and social protection, unbalanced distribution of care responsibilities**, an increasingly ageing workforce, **lack of employment opportunities** and growing skills and labour shortages in some sectors and regions, experienced especially by SMEs. **At the same time, the Union should respond to the social challenges posed by persistently high rates of poverty and social exclusion, and unemployment which is over twice the overall rate among young people, as well as problems concerning the integration of third-country nationals.** Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union should be prepared for the current and future challenges by **engaging in the just transition**, investing in **quality and inclusive education and training, lifelong learning and skills**, making **labour markets** more inclusive and by improving **education and training policies and employment and social policies**, including in **respect** of labour mobility **and by fighting against gender gaps and women's discrimination.**

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(5a) To anticipate challenges and take concrete steps towards a socially and environmentally sustainable economy, just transition roadmaps, developed in cooperation with local and regional governments and stakeholders, should be included in the operational programmes, outlining regional and local strategies towards a climate-friendly and resource efficient future, with the aim of social inclusion, quality job creation,

sustainability and investment geared towards supporting future-oriented local development.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(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.

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) In order to streamline and simplify the funding landscape and create additional opportunities for synergies through integrated funding approaches, the actions which were supported by the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived ('FEAD'), the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and

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the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health should be integrated into one ESF+. The ESF+ should therefore include three strands: the ESF+ strand under shared management, the Employment and Social Innovation strand, and the Health strand. This should contribute to reducing the administrative burden linked to the management of different funds, in particular for Member States, whilst maintaining simpler rules for simpler operations such as the distribution of food and/or basic material assistance.

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Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In view of this wider scope of the ESF+ it is appropriate to foresee that the aims to enhance the effectiveness of labour markets and promote access to quality employment, to improve the access to and the quality of education and training as well as to promote social inclusion and health and to reduce poverty are not only implemented under shared management, but also under direct and indirect management under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands for actions required at Union level.

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(10) In view of this wider scope of the ESF+ it is appropriate to foresee that the aims to enhance the effectiveness of **open and inclusive** labour markets and promote access to quality employment, to improve the access to and the quality of education and training as well as to promote social inclusion and health and to reduce poverty are not only implemented under shared management, but also under direct and indirect management under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands for actions required at Union level.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) ***The integration of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of***

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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.

aims to enhance the effectiveness of inclusive and gender-equal labour markets and promote access to quality employment, to improve the access to and the quality of education, training and care, as well as to promote social inclusion and health and to eradicate poverty are not only implemented under shared management, but also under direct and indirect management under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands for actions required at Union level.

Amendment 12

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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(13) The ESF+ should aim to promote **high-quality** employment through **education, training, employment policies and** active interventions enabling (re)integration into the labour market, notably for youth, **persons with disabilities and people with chronic diseases**, the long-term unemployed and the **economically** inactive, as well as **those facing multiple forms of discrimination** through promoting self-employment, **entrepreneurship** and the social economy. The ESF+ should aim to improve the functioning of labour markets by supporting the modernisation **and flexibility towards various target groups** of labour market institutions such as the Public Employment Services in order to improve their capacity to provide intensified targeted **and individual** counselling and guidance during the job search and the transition to employment and to **support** workers' mobility. The ESF+ should **aim at tackling precarious employment in order to ensure that all types of work contracts offer decent working conditions with proper social**

security coverage in line with Article 9 TFEU, the European Charter of Fundamental Rights, the European Social Charter and the ILO Decent Work Agenda. The ESF+ should promote participation of women and sustainable employment that guarantees equal opportunities with special attention to single mothers in the labour market through measures aiming to ensure, amongst others, the respect of the principle of equal pay for work of equal value, improved work/life balance and access to affordable childcare and other care services or support to foster gender equality. 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. The ESF+ should also support measures aimed to facilitate the transition of young people between education and employment.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(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

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(14) *As a main European instrument relating to employment and skills, the ESF+ should be able to contribute to social, economic and territorial cohesion throughout Europe. In order to do so, it should provide support to improving the quality, effectiveness, accessibility 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*

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.

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Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) Support through the ESF+ should be used to promote equal access for all, in particular for disadvantaged groups, to quality, non-segregated and inclusive education and training, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, thereby fostering permeability between education and training sectors, preventing early school leaving, improving health literacy, reinforcing links with non-formal and informal learning and facilitating learning mobility for all. Synergies with the Erasmus programme, notably to facilitate the participation of disadvantaged learners in learning mobility, should be supported within this context.

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(15) Support through the ESF+ should be used to promote equal access for all, in particular for disadvantaged groups, to quality, non-segregated and inclusive education and training, from early childhood education and care, *paying special attention to children coming from a disadvantaged social background*, through general and vocational education and training and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, thereby fostering permeability between education and training sectors, preventing early school leaving, improving health literacy, reinforcing links with non-formal and informal learning and facilitating learning mobility for all, *keeping in mind the ultimate goal, namely to fight youth unemployment*. Synergies with the Erasmus programme, notably to facilitate the participation of disadvantaged learners in learning mobility, should be supported within this context.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

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Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(15a) The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that gender equality and the integration of the gender perspective is a binding principle in all phases of programming, from shaping the priorities of the operational programmes to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and that key actions for gender mainstreaming receive support.

Amendment 16

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 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.

(18) The ESF+ should support Member States' efforts **at all levels of government including at regional and local level** 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 **and housing deprivation, including homelessness, while putting special emphasis on combatting the feminisation of poverty**. This implies mobilising a range of policies targeting the most disadvantaged people regardless of their age, including children, marginalised communities such as the Roma, **people with disability, illness and/or chronic conditions, the working poor, the homeless, third-country nationals, including refugees, asylum seekers, undocumented migrants and stateless persons, and all other people facing multiple social challenges and multiple forms of discrimination**. The ESF+ should promote the active inclusion of people far from the labour market with a view to ensuring their socio-economic **inclusion**

and full participation in society. The ESF+ should be also used to enhance *social rights through* timely and equal access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services such as *counselling*, healthcare, *childcare and early childhood education* and long-term care, in particular family and community-based care services, *and access to decent energy-efficient affordable housing, including social housing.* The ESF+ should contribute to the modernisation of social protection systems *and social services* with a view in particular to promoting their accessibility *and coverage.*

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) Given the differences in levels of development within Europe as a whole, ESF+ assistance should always be flexible enough to allow for specific regional and territorial characteristics.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19) The ESF+ should contribute to the reduction of poverty by supporting national schemes aiming to alleviate food and material deprivation and promote social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion and the most deprived. *With a view that at Union level at least 4% of the resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management supports the most deprived,* Member States should allocate at least **2%** of their national resources of the

(19) The ESF+ should contribute to the reduction of poverty by supporting national schemes aiming to alleviate food and material deprivation and promote social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion and the most deprived. Member States should allocate at least **4%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to address the forms of extreme poverty with the greatest social exclusion impact, such as

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Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19 a) In order to eradicate poverty and ensure greater social inclusion, the ESF+ should promote the active participation of specialised social organisations representing and working with people living in poverty in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the programmes dedicated to this.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) In light of the persistent need to enhance efforts to address the management of the migration flows in the Union as a whole and in order to ensure a coherent, strong and consistent support to the solidarity and responsibility-sharing efforts, the ESF+ should provide support to promote the socio-economic integration of third country nationals complementary to the actions financed under the Asylum and

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allocate adequate resources to local authorities for migrant integration at local level.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) The ESF+ should support policy and system reforms in the fields of employment, social inclusion, healthcare and long-term care, and education and training. In order to strengthen alignment with the European Semester, Member States should allocate an appropriate amount of their resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to implement relevant country-specific recommendations relating to structural challenges which it is appropriate to address through multiannual investments falling within the scope of the ESF+. The Commission and the Member States should ensure coherence, coordination and complementarity between the shared-management and Health strands of ESF+ and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument. In particular, the Commission and the Member State should ensure, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to safeguard the consistency, coherence, complementarity and synergy among sources of funding, including technical assistance thereof.

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partnership principle.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) To ensure that the social dimension of Europe as set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights is duly put forward and that a minimum amount of resources is targeting those most in need Member States should allocate at least **25%** of their national ESF+ resources *of the ESF+ strand* under shared management to fostering social inclusion.

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(22) To ensure that the social dimension of Europe as set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights is duly put forward and that a minimum amount of resources is targeting those most in need Member States should allocate at least **30%** of their national ESF+ resources under shared management to fostering social inclusion *and combating extreme poverty.*

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22a) In light of the persistently high levels of child poverty and social exclusion in the EU (26.4% in 2017), and the European Pillar of Social Rights which states that children have the right to protection from poverty, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds have the rights to specific measures to enhance equal opportunities, Member States should allocate at least 10% of ESF+ resources under shared management to European Child Guarantee scheme for the eradication of child poverty and social exclusion. Investing early in children yields significant returns for children and society as a whole. Supporting children to develop skills and capabilities enables them to develop their full potential, become active members of society and increase their chances on the labour

market as young people.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(22b) All Member States have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child. The promotion of children's rights is an explicit objective of Union policies, and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union requires that the best interests of the child be a primary consideration in all Union action. The ESF+ should support actions promoting effective interventions that contribute to the realisation of children's rights.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

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(23) In the light of persistently high levels of youth unemployment and inactivity in a number of Member States and regions, in particular affecting young people who are neither in employment, nor in education or training, it is necessary that those Member States continue to invest sufficient resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management towards actions to promote youth employment ***including*** through the implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes. Building on the actions supported by the Youth Employment Initiative in the 2014-2020 programming period targeting individual persons, Member States should further

(23) In the light of persistently high levels of youth unemployment and inactivity in a number of Member States and regions, in particular affecting young people who are neither in employment, nor in education or training, ***or who come from marginalised communities***, it is necessary that those Member States continue to invest sufficient resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management towards actions to promote youth employment ***in particular*** through the implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes. Building on the actions supported by the Youth Employment Initiative in the 2014-2020 programming period targeting individual

promote employment and education reintegration pathways and outreach measures for young people by prioritising, where relevant, long-term unemployed, inactive *and disadvantaged* young people including through youth work. Member States should also invest in measures aimed at facilitating school-to-work transition as well as reforming and adapting employment services with a view to providing tailor-made support to young people. Member States concerned should therefore allocate at least **10%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to support youth employability.

persons, Member States should further promote employment and education *and/or training* reintegration pathways and outreach measures for young people by prioritising, where relevant, long-term unemployed, inactive, *disadvantaged and marginalised* young people including through youth work. Member States should also invest in measures aimed at facilitating school-to-work transition as well as reforming and adapting employment services with a view to providing tailor-made support to young people. Member States concerned should therefore allocate at least **15%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to support youth employability.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) Given the extension of the scope of the ESF +, it has to be ensured that these extra tasks are coupled with an increased budget in order to fulfil the goals of the programme. More funding is needed to combat unemployment, in particular youth unemployment, poverty and for the support of professional development and training, especially in the digital workplace, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

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implementation of actions supported by the ESF+ depends on good governance and partnership between all actors at the relevant territorial levels and the socio-economic actors, in particular the social partners and civil society. It is therefore essential that Member States **encourage the** participation of social partners and civil society in the **implementation** of the ESF+ under shared management.

implementation of actions supported by the ESF+ depends on good governance and partnership between all actors at the relevant territorial levels and the socio-economic actors, in particular **regional and local authorities**, the social partners and civil society **with special emphasis on NGOs delivering employment, care, education and social services and working in the field of anti-discrimination and/or defending human rights**. It is therefore essential that Member States **ensure the meaningful** participation of **regional and local authorities**, social partners and civil society in the **strategic governance** of the ESF+ under shared management **from shaping priorities for operational programmes to implementing, monitoring and evaluating the results and impact**. **Furthermore, for the sake of safeguarding non-discrimination and equal opportunities, it is vital that equality bodies and national human rights institutions are also involved in each stage.**

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(27a) 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 fighting youth unemployment, improving social inclusion of marginalised groups, health promotion, and disease prevention.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(28a) The use of regional indicators should be considered in order to allow subregional disparities to be better taken into account.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(31) Social experimentation is a small-scale project testing which allows gathering evidence on the feasibility of social innovations. It should be possible for feasible *ideas* to be pursued on a wider scale or *in* other contexts with financial support from the ESF+, *as well as from* other sources.

(31) Social experimentation is a small-scale project testing which allows gathering evidence on the feasibility of social innovations. It should be possible ***and encouraged for ideas to be tested at local level and*** for feasible *ones* to be pursued on a wider scale or ***transferred to*** other contexts ***in different regions or Member States*** with financial support from the ESF+ ***or in combination with*** other sources.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32) ESF+ lays down provisions intended to achieve freedom of movement for workers on a non-discriminatory basis ***by ensuring the close cooperation of the central*** employment services of Member States ***with one another and with*** the Commission. The European network of employment services should promote a better functioning of the labour markets by facilitating the cross-border mobility of workers and a greater transparency of

(32) ESF+ lays down provisions intended to achieve freedom of movement for workers ***with high-quality social conditions and*** on a non-discriminatory basis. ***The public*** employment services of Member States, ***the social partners and*** the Commission ***should work closely together.*** The European network of employment services, ***with the involvement of the social partners and relevant civil-society organisations,*** should promote a better

information on the labour markets. The ESF+ scope also includes developing and supporting targeted mobility schemes with a view to filling vacancies where labour market shortcomings have been identified.

functioning of the labour markets by facilitating the *non-precarious* cross-border mobility of workers and a greater transparency, of information on the labour markets *with disaggregated data, as well as greater skills recognition*. The ESF+ scope also includes developing and supporting targeted mobility schemes with a view to filling vacancies where labour market shortcomings have been identified. *Furthermore, the scope of the ESF+ covers cross-border partnerships between regional public employment services and social partners and their activities to promote voluntary and fair mobility, as well as transparency and integration of cross-border labour markets through information, advice and placement. In many border regions they play an important role in the development of a genuine European labour market.*

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) Lack of access to finance for microenterprises, social economy and social enterprises is one of the main obstacles to business creation, especially among people furthest from the labour market. The ESF+ Regulation lays down provisions in order to create a market ecosystem to increase the supply of and access to finance for social enterprises as well as to meet demand from those who need it most, and in particular the unemployed, women *and vulnerable people* who wish to start up or develop a microenterprise. This objective will also be addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the social investment and skills policy window of the InvestEU Fund.

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Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Recital 34 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(34a) Transnational cooperation has significant added value and should therefore be supported by all Member States with the exception of duly justified cases taking account of the principle of proportionality. It is also necessary to reinforce the Commission's role in facilitating exchanges of experience and coordinating implementation of relevant initiatives.

Amendment 34

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) Keeping people healthy and active longer and empowering them to take an active role in managing their health will have ***long-term*** positive effects on health, health inequalities, quality of life, ***active participation in society***, 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.

¹⁷ COM (2016) 739 final

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Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(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 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.

Amendment

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Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

(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.

Amendment

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building.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the mid-term evaluation.

Amendment

(46) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change **and the just transition** in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the mid-term evaluation.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 51

Text proposed by the Commission

(51) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets and promoting access to quality employment, improving the access to and the quality of education and training, promoting social inclusion and health and reducing poverty as well as the actions under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the

Amendment

(51) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely enhancing the effectiveness **and fairness** of labour markets and promoting access to quality employment, improving the access to and the quality of education and training, promoting social inclusion and health and reducing poverty as well as the actions under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the

Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective.

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Amendment 39

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) 'accompanying measures' means activities provided in addition to the distribution of food and/or basic material assistance with the aim of addressing social exclusion such as referring to and providing social services or advice on managing a household budget;

Amendment

(1) 'accompanying measures' means activities provided in addition to the distribution of food and/or basic material assistance with the aim of addressing ***poverty and*** social exclusion such as referring to and providing social services or advice on managing a household budget;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) 'basic material assistance' means goods which fulfil the basic needs of a person for a life with dignity, such as clothing, hygiene goods and school material;

Amendment

(3) 'basic material assistance' means goods which fulfil the basic needs of a person for a life with dignity, such as clothing, hygiene goods, ***including female hygienic and care products,*** and school material;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) 'just transition roadmap' means a strategy outlining regional actions towards a climate-friendly and resource-efficient economy;

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) 'most deprived persons' means natural persons, whether individuals, families, households or groups composed of such persons, whose need for assistance has been established according to the objective criteria set by the national competent authorities in consultation with relevant stakeholders, while avoiding conflicts of interest and which are approved by those national competent authorities and which may include elements that allow the targeting of the most deprived persons in certain geographical areas;

Amendment

(13) 'most deprived persons' means natural persons, whether individuals, families, households or groups composed of such persons, whose need for assistance has been established according **to their living situation (such as homelessness) or** to the objective criteria set by the national competent authorities in consultation with relevant stakeholders, while avoiding conflicts of interest and which are approved by those national competent authorities and which may include elements that allow the targeting of the most deprived persons in certain geographical areas;

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 15 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) 'social enterprise' means an undertaking, regardless of its legal form, or a natural person **which**

Amendment

(15) 'social enterprise' means an undertaking, regardless of its legal form, or a natural person **that**

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 15 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) in accordance with its Articles of Association, Statutes or with any other legal document that may result in liability under the rules of the Member State where

Amendment

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it is located, has as its primary social objective the achievement of measurable, positive social impacts rather than generating profit for other purposes, and which provides services or goods that generate a social return, and/or employs methods of production of goods or services that embodies social objectives;

it is located, has as its primary social objective the achievement of measurable, positive social *or environmental* impacts rather than generating profit for other purposes, and which provides *social* services or goods that generate a social return, and/or employs methods of production of goods or services that embodies social objectives;

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) 'social innovations' mean activities that are social both as to their ends and their means and in particular those which relate to the development and implementation of new ideas (concerning products, services *and* models) that *simultaneously* meet social needs and create new social relationships or collaborations, thereby benefiting society and boosting its capacity to act;

Amendment

(16) 'social innovations' mean activities that are social both as to their ends and their means and in particular those which relate to the development and implementation of new ideas (concerning products, services, models *or practices or a combination of these*) that meet social needs and create new social relationships or collaborations, thereby *empowering and* benefiting society and boosting its capacity to act;

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) 'social experimentations' mean policy interventions that offer an innovative response to social needs, implemented on a small scale and in conditions that enable their impact to be measured, prior to being implemented in other contexts or on a larger scale, if the results prove *convincing*;

Amendment

(17) 'social experimentations' mean policy interventions that offer an innovative response to social needs, implemented on a small scale and in conditions that enable their impact to be measured, prior to being implemented in other *geographical or sectoral* contexts or on a larger scale, if the results prove *advantages over current practices*;

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19a) "social inclusion" means the process of improving the terms on which individuals and groups take part in society – improving the ability, opportunity, and dignity of those disadvantaged on the basis of their identity.

Amendment 48

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+ *shall* support Member States to achieve high *levels of* employment, *job creation, quality and inclusive education, equal opportunities for all levels, social progress and social cohesion*, fair social protection, *eradication of poverty* a skilled and resilient workforce, *improve employment opportunities, strengthen social cohesion, improve social fairness, increase competitiveness across Europe*, 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, *and with the rights set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, helping to strengthen the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU.*

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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.

Amendment

The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ensure **gender equality**, equal opportunities, access to the labour market, fair working conditions, **non-discrimination**, social protection **for all, access to basic services, including affordable energy efficient housing**, inclusion, **in particular of third-country nationals and marginalised communities**, and a high level of human health protection.

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ESF+ shall support the following specific objectives in the policy areas of employment, education, social inclusion and health and thereby also contributing to the policy objective for “A more social Europe - Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights” set out in Article [4] of the [future CPR]:

Amendment

1. The ESF+ shall support the following specific objectives in the policy areas of employment, education, **mobility**, social inclusion, **eradication of poverty** and health and thereby also contributing to the policy objective for “A more social Europe - Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights” set out in Article [4] of the [future CPR]:

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth **and** long-term unemployed, and **of** inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

Amendment

(i) improving access to **adequate and fair** employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth, **women, persons with disabilities, the** long-term unemployed, and inactive people **and** promoting **employment**, self-employment and the social economy, **thereby ensuring fair working conditions**;

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) modernising labour market institutions and services to assess and anticipate skills needs and ensure timely and tailor-made assistance and support to labour market matching, transitions and mobility;

Amendment

(ii) modernising labour market institutions and services to assess and anticipate skills needs and ensure timely and tailor-made assistance and support to **fair** labour market matching, transitions and mobility;

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point ii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iia) transition to a climate-friendly, resource-efficient and sustainable economy along the regions' just transition roadmaps;

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) promoting women's labour market participation, a better work/life balance including access to **childcare**, a healthy and well-adapted working environment addressing health risks, adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change, and active and healthy ageing;

Amendment

(iii) promoting **gender equality in all areas, including** women's labour market participation **respecting the principle of equal pay for equal work and for work of equal value, and offering a fair, living wage**, a better work/life balance, including **equal** access to **inclusive and non-segregated quality early childhood education, and care and to other community-based care services for persons with disabilities and older people**, a healthy and well-adapted working **and**

living environment addressing health risks, *smooth* adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change, and active and healthy ageing;

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems, to support acquisition of key competences including digital skills;

Amendment

(iv) improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems, to support acquisition of key *abilities and* competences including digital skills; *promote e-inclusion and facilitate the transition from education to work;*

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

(v) promoting equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education and training, in particular for disadvantaged groups, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training, and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, including facilitating learning mobility for all;

Amendment

(v) promoting equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education and training, *ensuring it is non segregated and adequately addresses early school leaving, among others through second chance opportunities*, in particular for disadvantaged groups, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training, and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, including facilitating learning mobility for all *and accessibility for persons with disabilities;*

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point vi

Text proposed by the Commission

(vi) promoting lifelong learning, notably flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities **for all** taking into account digital skills, better anticipating change and new skills requirements based on labour market needs, facilitating career transitions and promoting professional mobility;

Amendment

(vi) promoting lifelong learning, notably flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities **in formal, non-formal and informal settings**, taking into account digital skills, better anticipating change and new skills requirements based on labour market needs, facilitating career transitions and promoting professional mobility **and participation in society**;

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

(vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving **employability**;

Amendment

(vii) fostering active inclusion **and full participation in society** with a view to promoting equal opportunities, **non-discrimination, democracy** and active participation, and improving **labour opportunities and social inclusion**;

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point viii

Text proposed by the Commission

(viii) promoting socio-economic integration of third country nationals and of marginalised communities such as the Roma;

Amendment

(viii) promoting **long-term** socio-economic integration of third country nationals and of marginalised communities such as the Roma;

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point ix

Text proposed by the Commission

(ix) enhancing the equal and timely

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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;

access to quality, sustainable and affordable services; modernising **public employment services and** social protection systems, including promoting access to social protection; improving accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services;

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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.

Amendment

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 creation of new **high-quality** jobs in sectors related to the environment, climate and energy, and the **circular and** bioeconomy.

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The total financial envelope for the ESF+ for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **101 174 000 000 in current** prices.

Amendment

1. The total financial envelope for the ESF+ for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **118 861 000 000 in constant** prices.

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Equality **between men and women** and equal opportunities, and non-

Amendment

Gender Equality and equal opportunities, and non-discrimination

discrimination

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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.

Amendment

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Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Member States and the Commission shall support specific targeted actions aimed at, in particular, increasing the long-term participation of women in working life, respecting the principle of equal pay for equal work and work of equal value and being paid at least a living wage, and at improving their professional development, combating the feminisation of poverty, reducing gender segregation and gender stereotypes in education and training, the labour market

and beyond, and promoting a work-life balance for all, including more balanced sharing of care responsibilities between all genders.

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. The Member States shall integrate the gender perspective into all phases of programming, from shaping the priorities of the operational programmes to the delivery, monitoring and evaluation and enhance their commitment to gender budgeting by establishing specific targets with their corresponding budget allocations. Gender budgeting shall be recognised as an important instrument of equal opportunities policy in order to make gender gaps in equal participation transparent, thereby strengthening gender equality in the ESF+.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1c. The Member States and the Commission shall promote equal opportunities for all, without discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, sex characteristics, gender expression and gender identity or sexual orientation through mainstreaming the principle of non-discrimination, as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. Through the ESF+, the Member States and the Commission shall also support specific actions that aim to

combat all forms of discrimination as well as to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities and for those facing multiple discrimination, thereby enhancing social inclusion and reducing inequalities.

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Member States and the Commission shall also support specific targeted actions to promote the principles referred to in *paragraph 1* within any of the objectives of the ESF+, including the transition from *residential/institutional* care to family and community-based care.

Amendment

2. The Member States and the Commission shall also support specific targeted actions *and the development of national strategies and action plans* to promote the principles referred to in *paragraphs 1 to 1(c)* within any of the objectives of the ESF+, including *improving accessibility for all and* the transition from *institutional* care to family and community-based care.

Amendment 69

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

Text proposed by the Commission

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.

Amendment

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+resources under shared management on interventions that address the *social* challenges identified *on national, regional and local level*, in accordance with Article *151 TFEU, the revised European Social Charter (ETS No. 163) and the* principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall foster synergies and ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between the ESF+ and other Union funds, programmes and instruments such as Erasmus, the Asylum and Migration Fund and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument, both in the planning phase and during implementation. Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort and ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

Amendment

Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall foster synergies and ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between the ESF+ and other Union funds, programmes and instruments such as ***the ERDF, InvestEU, the Rights and Values Instrument***, Erasmus, the Asylum and Migration Fund and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument, both in the planning phase and during implementation. Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort and ensure close cooperation between those ***managing authorities*** responsible for implementation to deliver ***integrated approaches***, coherent and streamlined support actions.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources under shared management to address challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and in the European Semester falling within the scope of the ESF+ as set out in Article 4.

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall allocate at least **25%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objectives for the social inclusion policy area set out in points (vii) to **(xi)** of Article 4(1), including the promotion of the socio-economic **integration** of third country nationals.

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall allocate at least **2%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing material deprivation set out in point (xi) of Article 4(1).

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States **having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 on the basis of Eurostat data**, shall allocate at least **10%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2021 to 2025 to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training and second chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes.

Amendment

3. Member States shall allocate at least **30%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objectives for the social inclusion policy area set out in points (vii) to **(x)** of Article 4(1), including the promotion of the socio-economic **inclusion** of third country nationals.

Amendment

Member States shall allocate at least **4%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing **social inclusion of the most deprived and** material deprivation set out in point (xi) of Article 4(1).

Amendment

Member States shall allocate at least **5%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2021 to 2025 to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training and second chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes. **Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 on the basis of Eurostat data, or whenever their NEET**

rate is above 15%, or whenever their youth unemployment rate is above 15%, shall allocate at least 15% of their ESF+ resources under shared management in the programming period to the above mentioned actions and structural reform measures.

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

When programming the ESF+ resources under shared management for 2026 and 2027 at mid-term in accordance with Article [14] of [the future CPR], Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2024 on the basis of Eurostat data, shall allocate at least **10%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2026 to 2027 to these actions.

Amendment

When programming the ESF+resources under shared management for 2026 and 2027 at mid-term in accordance with Article [14] of [the future CPR], Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2024 on the basis of Eurostat data, **or whenever their NEET rate is above 15 %**, shall allocate at least **15%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2026 to 2027 to these actions.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall allocate at least 10% of their ESF+ resources under shared management to implement the European Child Guarantee in order to ensure children’s equal access to free healthcare, free education, free childcare, decent housing and adequate nutrition.

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Outermost regions meeting the conditions set out in the first and second subparagraphs shall allocate at least **15%** of the ESF+ resources under shared management in their programmes to the targeted actions set out in the first subparagraph. This allocation shall be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum percentage at national level set out in the first and second subparagraphs.

Amendment

Outermost regions meeting the conditions set out in the first and second subparagraphs shall allocate at least **20%** of the ESF+ resources under shared management in their programmes to the targeted actions set out in the first subparagraph. This allocation shall be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum percentage at national level set out in the first and second subparagraphs. ***This allocation shall not replace funding necessary for infrastructure and development for outermost regions.***

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 7a

Respect for fundamental rights

The Member States and the Commission shall ensure respect for fundamental rights and compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the implementation of the funds. Any cost incurrent for action that is not in line with the European Charter of Fundamental Rights shall not be eligible in accordance with Article 58(2) of the Common Provisions Regulation xx/xx and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014.

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – title

Partnership

Partnership **and multi-level governance**

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Each Member State shall ensure **adequate** participation of social partners and civil society organisations **in** the delivery **of employment, education and social inclusion** policies supported by the ESF+ strand under shared management.

1. Each Member State shall ensure, **in accordance with Article 6 of the Common Provisions Regulation xx/xx and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014, meaningful** participation of **local and regional authorities**, social partners and civil society organisations **and service users in the strategic governance of the ESF+ in all phases of programming, from shaping the priorities of the operational programmes to the delivery, monitoring and evaluation of all** policies supported by the ESF+ strand under shared management. **This should include a dedicated approach to social partners' capacity building in line with the 2016 quadri-partite statement on a new start for social dialogue.**

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Member States shall allocate **an appropriate amount** of ESF+ resources under shared management in each programme for the capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations.

2. Member States shall allocate **at least 2% of the** of ESF+ resources under shared management in each programme for the capacity building of **local and regional authorities**, social partners and civil society organisations **at national and European level.**

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The resources referred to in Article 7(4) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme.

Amendment

The resources referred to in Article 7(4) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme. ***The co-financing rate for this priority or programme is set at 85%.***

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 11

Support to relevant country-specific recommendations

The actions addressing the challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester as referred to in Article 7(2) shall be programmed under one or more dedicated priorities.

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 84

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall support actions of social innovation and social experimentations, ***or*** strengthen bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, ***the private sector***, and civil society such as the Local Action Groups designing and implementing community-led local development strategies.

Amendment

1. Member States shall support actions of social innovation and social experimentations, ***and/or*** strengthen bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, ***social partners, social enterprises***, and civil society such as the Local Action Groups designing and implementing community-led local development

strategies as well as thematic actions focused on addressing the needs of specific groups, including the most deprived persons.

Amendment 85

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. In order to build up the innovation capacity of relevant stakeholders (such as national, regional or local authorities, civil society and social economy organisations, social partners, cooperatives and local action groups) the dedicated priorities will provide resources for funding social innovation resource and competence platforms with the mission to effectively assist in the design, preparation, implementation, evaluation, adaptation or replication of innovative actions.

Amendment 86

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Direct staff costs shall be eligible for a contribution from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management provided that their level is not higher than 100% of the usual remuneration for the profession concerned in the Member State as demonstrated by Eurostat data.

deleted

Amendment 87

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 38 to amend the indicators in Annex I where considered necessary to ensure effective assessment of progress in the implementation of programmes.

Amendment

6. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 38 to amend the indicators in Annex I where considered necessary to ensure effective assessment of progress in the implementation of programmes ***which shall include a gender impact assessment to monitor the implementation of the ESF+ programmes with regard to gender equality.***

Amendment 88

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The food and/or basic material assistance ***may*** be provided directly to the most deprived persons or indirectly through electronic vouchers or cards, provided that they can only be redeemed against food and/or basic material assistance as set out in Article 2(3).

Amendment

The food and/or basic material assistance ***shall*** be provided directly to the most deprived persons or indirectly through electronic vouchers or cards, provided that they can only be redeemed against food and/or basic material assistance as set out in Article 2(3) ***and are not replacing any existing social benefit or affecting the eligibility to receive social benefits in the future.***

Amendment 89

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that aid provided in the framework of the ESF+ support for addressing material deprivation respects the dignity and prevents stigmatisation of the most deprived persons.

Amendment

3. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that aid provided in the framework of the ESF+ support for addressing material deprivation respects the dignity, ***fosters the independence and personal development*** and prevents stigmatisation of the most deprived persons.

Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The delivery of food and/or material assistance *may* be complemented with re-orientation towards competent services and other accompanying *measures* aiming at the social inclusion of the most deprived persons.

Amendment

4. The delivery of food and/or material assistance *shall* be complemented with re-orientation towards competent services and other accompanying *incentives or psychological motivation* aiming at the social inclusion of the most deprived persons.

Amendment 91

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. By 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2028, Managing Authorities shall report to the Commission the results of a structured survey of the end recipients carried out during the previous year. This survey shall be based on the model which shall be established by the Commission by means of an implementing act.

Amendment

3. By 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2028, Managing Authorities shall report to the Commission the results of a structured survey of the end recipients carried out during the previous year, *focusing especially on their living conditions and the nature of their material deprivation*. This survey shall be based on the model which shall be established by the Commission by means of an implementing act.

Amendment 92

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) to provide specific support services to employers and job-seekers with a view to the development of integrated European labour markets, ranging from pre-

Amendment

(d) to *develop and* provide specific support services to *workers*, employers and job-seekers with a view to the development of integrated European labour markets,

recruitment preparation to post-placement assistance to fill vacancies in certain sectors, professions, countries, border regions or for particular groups (e.g. vulnerable *people*);

ranging from pre-recruitment preparation to post-placement assistance to fill vacancies in certain sectors, professions, countries, border regions or for particular groups (e.g. *cross-border workers and persons in vulnerable situations*);

Amendment 93

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) to support cross-border partnerships between public employment services, civil society and social partners to promote a cross-border labour market and cross-border mobility with socially just conditions;

Amendment 94

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

e) to support the development of the market eco-system related to the provision of microfinance for micro-enterprises in start-up and development phases, in particular those that *employ* vulnerable people;

e) to support the development of the market eco-system related to the provision of microfinance for micro-enterprises in start-up and development phases, in particular those that *provide* vulnerable people *with high-quality working conditions and access to social insurance, in order to help identify and validate examples of good policy practices, such as effective procurement approaches for micro and small-medium organisations;*

Amendment 95

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ea) to support cross-border partnerships between public employment services and social partners to promote a cross-border labour market and to promote cross-border mobility under high-quality social conditions in border areas;

Amendment 96

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) to support networking at Union level and dialogue with and among relevant stakeholders in the fields referred to in Article 4 and contribute to build up the institutional capacity of these stakeholders, including the public employment services (PES), social security institutions, microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises and social economy;

Amendment

(f) to support networking at Union level and dialogue with and among relevant stakeholders in the fields referred to in Article 4 and contribute to build up the institutional capacity of these stakeholders, including the public employment services (PES), social security institutions, microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises and social economy **and non-governmental organisations**;

Amendment 97

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 2 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) cross-border partnerships and support services in cross-border regions;

Amendment

(i) cross-border partnerships and support services **providing information, advice and placement for workers, including apprentices, interns and trainees and commuters, as well as jobseekers and employers** in cross-border regions;

Amendment 98

Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 25a

Governance

- 1. The Commission shall consult stakeholders within the Union, in particular social partners and civil society organisations, on the employment and social innovation work programmes, their priorities and strategic orientation and their implementation.**
- 2. The Commission shall establish the necessary links with the Employment Committee, the Social Protection Committee, the Advisory Committee on Health and Safety at Work, the group of Directors-General for Industrial Relations and the Advisory Committee on Free Movement of Workers to ensure that they are regularly and appropriately informed about progress made in the implementation of the programme. The Commission shall also inform other committees dealing with strategies, instruments and actions relevant to the programme.**
- 3. The results of the actions implemented under the employment and social innovation strand shall be communicated at regular intervals and in an appropriate form and transmitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, as well as the social partners and the public in order to maximise the impact, sustainability and added value of these results at Union level.**

Amendment 99

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii a) Support the development of skills and tools for effective risk communication

Amendment 100

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 ***and the development of networking***

Amendment 101

Proposal for a regulation

Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii a) Support reorientation of health services towards the centrality of the person, the domiciliation and proximity of health care (e.g. proximity services, initiative medicine, integration between hospital and territorial network, intermediate care, integrated palliative care, humanization of care)

Amendment 102

Proposal for a regulation

Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii b) Prevent inequalities (e.g. by the promotion of access to services for disadvantaged / vulnerable groups, fight against social exclusion, gender medicine, methodologies and tools for equity, inclusion of new arrived foreigners, equal

opportunities, support to sexual health and active aging)

Amendment 103

Proposal for a regulation

Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iii c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii c) Support citizen empowerment and community participation in the Health strand (e.g. by promoting health literacy civic participation and collaboration between public and third sector organizations, job inclusion for vulnerable people, contrast to gender violence, contrasting poverty as a social factor / health risk)

Amendment 104

Proposal for a regulation

Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) Develop and implement approaches responding to future health system challenges.

(iv) Develop and implement approaches responding to future health system challenges, *such as relevant models with multidisciplinary approach.*

Amendment 105

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 *the exchange*, transfer, adaptation and roll-out of best practices with established Union level added value between Member States;

Amendment 106

Proposal for a regulation

Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point c – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) of national contact points providing guidance, information and assistance related the implementation of the programme;

Amendment

(iv) of **regional, supra-regional and** national contact points providing guidance, information and assistance related the implementation of the programme;

Amendment 107

Proposal for a regulation

Article 40 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Each Member State shall appoint one government representative, one representative of the workers' organisations, one representative of the employers' organisations and one alternate for each member for a maximum period of seven years. In the absence of a member, the alternate shall be automatically entitled to take part in the proceedings.

Amendment

2. Each Member State shall appoint one government representative, one representative of the workers' organisations, one representative of the employers' organisations, **one representative of civil society according to article 6, paragraph 1, section 1 c, of the common provisions on structural funds** and one alternate for each member for a maximum period of seven years. In the absence of a member, the alternate shall be automatically entitled to take part in the proceedings.

Amendment 108

Proposal for a regulation

Article 40 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The ESF+ Committee shall include one representative from each of the organisations representing workers' organisations and employers' organisations at Union level.

Amendment

3. The ESF+ Committee shall include one representative from each of the organisations representing workers' organisations and employers' organisations **and social civil society organisations** at Union level.

Amendment 109

Proposal for a regulation Article 40 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. *The ESF+ Committee may invite representatives of the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund as well as representatives of the relevant civil society organisations to its meetings.*

Amendment 110

Proposal for a regulation Article 40 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The opinions of the ESF+ Committee shall be adopted by an absolute majority of the votes validly cast, and shall be communicated to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, for information. The Commission shall inform the ESF+ Committee of the manner in which it has taken account of its opinions.

The opinions of the ESF+ Committee shall be adopted by an absolute majority of the votes validly cast, and shall be communicated to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, for information. The Commission shall inform the ESF+ Committee ***in writing*** of the manner in which it has taken account of its opinions.

Amendment 111

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

All personal data are to be broken down by gender (female, male, 'non binary'). If certain results are not ***possible***, data for those results do not have to be collected and reported.

All personal data are to be broken down by gender (female, male, 'non binary'). If certain results are not ***relevant***, data for those results do not have to be collected and reported. ***Sensitive personal data can be registered anonymously in case of significantly deprived persons.***

Amendment 112

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – point 1 – point 1b – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

If data for these indicators is not collected from data registers, values on these indicators can be determined based on informed estimates by the beneficiary.

Amendment

If data for these indicators is not collected from data registers, values on these indicators can be determined based on informed estimates by the beneficiary.
Data is provided by the participants on a voluntary basis. The refusal of indication of data does not lead to negative implications for participants or project leads.

Amendment 113

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – point 1 – point 1b – paragraph 1 – indent 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- ***participants from geographical areas with high levels of poverty and social exclusion,***

Amendment 114

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – point 1 – point 1b – paragraph 1 – indent 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- ***participants below 18 years of age.***

Amendment 115

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Annex Ia

Common indicators for ESF+ support to promote social integration of people threatened by poverty or social exclusion.

Every personal data collected should be broken down according to gender (female, male not-binary). In case of irrelevance of results, the data at hand does not need to be surveyed and transmitted. Every data collected is anonymously surveyed. The provision of participant data is on a voluntary basis. Refusal of provision of data, does not lead to negative implications for participants or project leads.

Common output-indicators:

- Deprived persons (for example unemployed, long term unemployed, people with disabilities, homeless people, single parents, third country nationals, minority groups, etc.)***
- Children until the age of 18***
- People below the age of 30***
- People above the age of 54***

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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EFDD	Joëlle Bergeron
ENF	Gilles Lebreton

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention