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Establishment of the Reform Support Programme

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 1
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In accordance with Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('the Treaty'), Member States are required to conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council formulates. The coordination of the economic policies of the Member States is therefore a matter of common concern.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) 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, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU, where relevant.*

Amendment

(3) ***Regrettably***, at Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States ***should*** develop their own national multiannual investment strategies ***independent*** of those reform priorities.

Or. en

Amendment 4
Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 5 **Mireille D'Ornano**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The economic and financial crisis has shown that developing sound and resilient economies and financial systems built on strong economic and social structures ***helps*** Member States to respond more efficiently to shocks and recover more swiftly from them. The implementation of structural reforms is among the Union's policy priorities because such reforms seek to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the

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Or. fr

Amendment 6
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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(4) The economic and financial crisis has shown ***conclusively that the launch of the euro when so many structural flaws were inbuilt was a recipe for certain disaster, the subsequent rapid near-bankruptcy of several previously solidly solvent Member States proof positive of the many calamitous weaknesses in the new currency.***

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Stefan Eck

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) Structural reforms can contribute to achieving a high degree of resilience of domestic economies and sustainable convergence among Member States, which is crucial for successful and smooth participation in the Economic and Monetary Union. That high degree of sustainable convergence is particularly important for Member States, whose currency is not the euro, in their process of preparation to join the euro area.

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Sustainable convergence between the economies of the Economic and Monetary Union, however, still has a long way to go, as divergences are, in actual fact, tending to widen.

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(5) Structural reforms ***have come too late for most eurozone countries, their economies laid to waste by the absence of those structures in the euro currency as launched, their national debt increased to hitherto unheard-of and now unsustainable levels in those Member States, the public services in such as Ireland, Greece etc. reduced to a mere shadow of what existed before the year 2000.***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Stefan Eck

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The degree of implementation of structural reforms in the Member States is still not sufficient across the Union. Experience with the implementation of the economic policy coordination mechanism under the European Semester shows that, in general, the implementation of structural reforms has been slow and uneven and that national reform efforts should be reinforced and incentivised.

Amendment

(6) The degree of implementation of structural reforms in the Member States is still not sufficient across the Union. Experience with the implementation of the economic policy coordination mechanism under the European Semester shows that, in general, the implementation of structural reforms has been slow and uneven and that national reform efforts should be reinforced and incentivised ***keeping in mind the limits of the European unsustainable development model and the negative impact of a decade of austerity, and reorientating macroeconomic policies to reduce inequality and poverty and guarantee a higher level of overall wellbeing.***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Luke Ming Flanagan

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Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(6) The degree of implementation of structural reforms in the Member States ***as ordained by the Trinity of the Commission, the Council and in support of both of those, the ECB, despite the suffering imposed on the people across the euro area by the many austerity measures,*** is still not sufficient across the Union ***in the eyes of those Union Institutions, and never will be, given that the hugely-inflated national debt of those Member States can never be brought back to sustainable levels under those same***

Amendment 12
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Regulation (EU) 2017/825 of the European Parliament and the Council¹⁹ established the Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) for the period 2017 to 2020, with a budget of EUR 142 800 000. The SRSP was established to strengthen the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Technical support under that programme is provided by the Commission, upon request from a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Initial experience with the SRSP has shown a demand for technical support in the order of four times (in 2017) and five times (in 2018) its annual available budget.

¹⁹ Regulation (EU) 2017/825 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013 (OJ L 129, 19.5.2017, p. 1)

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(7) Regulation (EU) 2017/825 of the European Parliament and the Council¹⁹ established the Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) for the period 2017 to 2020, with a budget of EUR 142 800 000. The SRSP was established to strengthen the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds, ***but is in fact simply paper to cover the cracks***. Technical support under that programme is provided by the Commission, upon request from a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Initial experience with the SRSP has shown a demand for technical support in the order of four times (in 2017) and five times (in 2018) its annual available budget.

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Amendment 13
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Other Union instruments and programmes also provide *a significant contribution to improving conditions underpinning certain investments in Member States, which can be conducive to or be part of such reforms. In particular, the Union Funds covered by Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX of the European Parliament and of the Council [CPR] link investment to enabling conditions (formerly known as ex-ante conditionalities), foresee a macroeconomic governance mechanism and may finance costs of structural reforms linked to investments in policy areas relevant for cohesion policy. However, currently, no instrument foresees direct financial support that provides incentives for the Member States to implement reforms in all policy areas, in response to challenges identified in the European Semester. Moreover, there is currently no instrument providing specific and targeted financial and technical support to Member States whose currency is not the euro in their efforts to implement reforms that are relevant for joining the euro area.*

Amendment

(8) Other Union instruments and programmes also provide *more paper to cover even more cracks.*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) The Commission's Communication of 6 December 2017²⁰, part of a package of initiatives to deepen the Economic and Monetary Union, proposed to create a reform delivery tool and a convergence facility as new budgetary instruments. ***The objective of such instruments was to strengthen resilience of domestic economies and unleash positive spillover effects across Member States by providing incentives for the implementation of structural reforms that contribute to those objectives and are essential for the stability of the Economic and Monetary Union.***

²⁰ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council and the European Central Bank, new budgetary instruments for a stable euro area within the Union framework, COM(2017) 822 final

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(9) The Commission's Communication of 6 December 2017²⁰, part of a package of initiatives to deepen the Economic and Monetary Union proposed to create a reform delivery tool and a convergence facility as new budgetary instruments. ***In fact it is simply making a bad situation worse.***

²⁰ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council and the European Central Bank, new budgetary instruments for a stable euro area within the Union framework, COM(2017) 822 final

Or. en

Amendment 15
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Against that background, it is necessary to strengthen the current framework for the provision of support to Member States by offering direct financial support, alongside technical support. To that end, a new Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') should be established ***to provide effective incentives to step up the implementation of structural reforms in the Member States.***

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(10) Against that background, it is necessary to strengthen the current framework for the provision of support to Member States by offering ***massive sovereign debt write-off to every eurozone Member State (including Germany) afflicted by the flaws in the currency,*** and direct financial support, alongside technical support. To that end, a new Reform Support Programme ('the Programme')

The Programme should be comprehensive *and should also benefit from the experience gained by the Commission and the Member States from the use of the other instruments and programmes. The Programme should also continue the actions and the mode of operation of the SRSP, since they have been proven very useful, and have been appreciated by Member States, for strengthening the administrative capacity of national authorities in various policy domains. The Programme should also include targeted support for reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame.*

should be established. The Programme should be comprehensive.

Or. en

Amendment 16
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The Programme's overall objective is the enhancement of cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth, and employment. For that purpose, it should provide financial incentives for addressing challenges of a structural nature, and should help to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Member States insofar as their institutions and economic and social sectors are concerned.

Amendment

(13) The Programme's overall objective is the enhancement of *social and economic* cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, *sustainable* growth, and *gainful* employment *which respects all Union labour standards*. For that purpose, it should provide financial incentives for addressing challenges of a structural nature, and should help to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Member States insofar as their institutions and economic and social sectors are concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 17
Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. it

Amendment 18
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) 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 Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions **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 Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Amendment

(18) 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 Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions, the achievement of an overall target of **30%** of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives **and the phasing out of environmentally harmful subsidies**. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Amendment 19
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. ***To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.***

Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support.

Amendment 20
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the ***transition to a circular economy with net-zero emissions and to the other*** objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.

Amendment 21
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the population of Member States. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR 11 000 000 000) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

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(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. ***These structural reforms shall not include privatisation of existing vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications etc.*** That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the population of Member States. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR 11 000 000 000) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22) It is necessary to establish a process for the submission of proposals for reform commitments by the Member States, and the content thereof. With a view to ensuring the expediency of procedures, a Member State should submit the proposal for reform commitments together with its national reform programme, but in the form of a separate annex, which may also be submitted at a different point in time. ***While participation in the Programme is voluntary, Member States experiencing excessive imbalances should be particularly encouraged to come forward with reform proposals under the reform delivery tool, which address the problems that led to such excessive imbalances.***

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Or. en

Amendment 23
Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

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full exercise of their budgetary sovereignty.

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount

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to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 27
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. ***In addition, the Council for Economic Policy Committee of the Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide an***

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(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice.

opinion on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments only once within the period of implementation, where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.

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Or. fr

Amendment 29
Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

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commitments by the Member State.
Suspension and cancellation of the financial contribution should be possible when the reform commitments have not been implemented in a satisfactory manner by the Member State. To ensure a sustainable impact of the reforms after they are implemented, a reasonable period defining the durability of the reforms after the payment of the financial contribution should be established. A period of five years should be considered to be a reasonable minimum to be applied. Appropriate contradictory procedures should be established to ensure that the decision by the Commission in relation to suspension, cancellation and recovery of amounts paid respects the right of Member States to provide observations.

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Or. fr

Amendment 30
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) The technical support instrument under the Programme should continue to support, the implementation of reforms undertaken at the initiative of the Member States, reforms in the context of economic governance processes or actions related to the implementation of Union law, and reforms in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. It should also provide technical support for the preparation and implementation of reforms to be undertaken under the other Programme instruments.

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Or. en

Amendment 31
Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) For the purposes of accountability, transparency and to ensure visibility of the Union action, subject to certain conditions that protect sensitive information, the cooperation and support plans should be provided to the European Parliament and the Council and communication activities should be carried out by the Commission as appropriate.

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(36) For the purposes of accountability, transparency and to ensure visibility of the Union action, subject to certain conditions that protect sensitive information, the cooperation and support plans should be provided to the European Parliament and the Council and communication activities should be carried out by the Commission as appropriate. ***A dedicated communication platform should be established for the purpose of providing information on technical support activities and facilitating mutual knowledge of good practices.***

Or. it

Amendment 32
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) The convergence facility should aim at providing both financial support and technical support to Member States (in addition to that already available under the two other instruments of the Programme), whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, with a view to helping them prepare for membership in the euro area. To that effect, "demonstrable steps" should

Amendment

(38) The convergence facility should aim at providing both financial support and technical support to Member States (in addition to that already available under the two other instruments of the Programme), whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, with a view to helping them prepare for membership in the euro area. To that effect, "demonstrable steps" should

consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union). ***However, any such expansion of the eurozone area should be put on hold until such time as all the necessary reforms and structures to support a currency are finally in place, including but not confined to a eurozone common Deposit Guarantee scheme. Additionally, and on the flip side, legislative measures should now be put in train to facilitate any Member State which wishes to leave the eurozone area, with similar financial measures in place to assist those Member States who take that decision - a divergence facility.***

Or. en

Amendment 33 **Nicola Caputo**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 44**

Text proposed by the Commission

(44) An independent mid-term evaluation, looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, the efficiency of the use of its resources and its added value should be carried out. An independent ex-post evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact of the Programme.

Amendment

(44) An independent mid-term evaluation, looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, the efficiency of the use of its resources and its added value should be carried out. An independent ex-post evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact of the Programme ***and its effects on***

sustainability.

Or. it

Amendment 34
Luke Ming Flanagan

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

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms, including measures that help Member States, whose currency is not the euro, to prepare for participation in the euro area;

Amendment

1. ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms, ***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc., and*** including measures that help Member States, whose currency is not the euro, to prepare for participation in the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Luke Ming Flanagan

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

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State for the purpose of the implementation of structural reforms identified in the context of the European Semester process in accordance with Article 2-a of Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97²⁸, and for the purpose of implementation of reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

Amendment

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State for the purpose of the implementation of structural reforms identified in the context of the European Semester process in accordance with Article 2-a of Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97²⁸ (***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications***

infrastructure etc.), and for the purpose of implementation of reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

²⁸ Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies (OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 1)

²⁸ Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies (OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 1)

Or. en

Amendment 36
Luke Ming Flanagan

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth *and* employment; and

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, ***including by means of major national debt write-offs***, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, ***sustainable*** growth, ***and gainful*** employment ***which respects all existing Union labour rights***; and

Or. en

Amendment 37
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth and employment; and

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth and employment, ***the transition to net-zero emissions and a circular economy***; and

Or. en

Amendment 38
Nicola Caputo

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth and employment; and

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth, ***social inclusion*** and employment; and

Or. it

Amendment 39
Stefan Eck

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) to contribute to a more ambitious social, environmentally sustainable and democratic Europe post 2020 with a

vision rooted in the SDGs and the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Or. en

Amendment 40

Stefan Eck

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to contribute to strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

Amendment

(b) to contribute to strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States *and a meaningful participation of Civil Society* in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors, *in line with the European Semester's Employment Guidelines.*

Or. en

Amendment 41

Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission.

Amendment

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission, *providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc.*

Amendment 42
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) support the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and more effective and efficient human resources management.

Amendment

(ii) support the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation (***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc.***), including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and more effective and efficient human resources management.

Amendment 43
Stefan Eck

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to ***health, environment,*** cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment 44
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration and e-government, including, *where appropriate*, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering;

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration and e-government, ***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc., but*** including through the simplification of rules (*where appropriate*), effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Stefan Eck

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration and e-government, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering;

Amendment

(b) institutional reform, ***public interest***, and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration and e-government, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering ***and by offering extended, quality engagement to civil society;***

Or. en

Amendment 46
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, **privatisation processes**, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Amendment

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Amendment

(e) policies for implementing climate action, **the circular economy**, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Or. it

Amendment 48
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Amendment

(e) policies for implementing climate action, **clean** mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Or. en

Amendment 49
Peter Liese, Ivo Belet, Francesc Gambús, Renate Sommer

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. 25 % of this budget will be transferred to the Structural Funds to support carbon-dependent regions affected by the transition of jobs due to the necessary structural transition to a low-carbon economy. These regions shall have access to additional support for the PO2 objectives in order to facilitate a just transition. The aim is to support such regions, in particular those which are not already qualified for support under the Modernisation Fund under Directive 2003/87/EC, by promoting the redeployment, re-skilling and up-skilling of workers, education, job-seeking initiatives as well as development of new jobs, for example through start-ups, in close dialogue and coordination with the social partners.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Pursuant to the objectives set out in point (a) of Article 4 and point (a) of Article 5(2), structural reforms eligible for financing under the Programme shall be those reforms aimed at addressing challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination.

Amendment

Pursuant to the objectives set out in point (a) of Article 4 and point (a) of Article 5(2), structural reforms eligible for financing under the Programme shall be those reforms aimed at addressing challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, ***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc.***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the reform delivery tool shall submit a proposal for reform commitments to the Commission. That proposal shall set out a detailed set of measures for the implementation of structural reforms ***in response to challenges identified in the European Semester process*** and shall contain milestones, targets and a timetable for the implementation of the reforms over a maximum period of three years.

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the reform delivery tool shall submit a proposal for reform commitments to the Commission. That proposal shall set out a detailed set of measures for the implementation of structural reforms ***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc.,*** and shall contain milestones, targets and a timetable for the implementation of the reforms over a maximum period of three

years.

Or. en

Amendment 52
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the nature and importance of the structural reform proposed in the context of the challenges identified in European Semester; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 53
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 7 – point a – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, namely: **deleted**

- in the country-specific recommendations and in other relevant European Semester documents officially adopted by the Commission; or*
- where applicable, in the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure laid down by Regulation (EU) 1176/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council³⁰ ;*

³⁰ Regulation (EU) No 1176/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 November 2011 on the prevention

and correction of macroeconomic imbalances (OJ L 306, 23.11.2011, p.25)

Or. en

Amendment 54
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The decision shall lay down the period for implementation of the reform commitments, which shall be no later than three years after the adoption of the decision. It shall also establish: the *detailed arrangements and timetable for implementation of the reform commitments and reporting thereon by the Member State concerned within the European Semester process; the relevant indicators relating to the fulfilment of the milestones and targets; and the modality for providing access by the Commission to the underlying relevant data.*

Amendment

The decision shall lay down the period for implementation of the reform commitments, which shall be no later than three years after the adoption of the decision. It shall also establish: the relevant indicators relating to the fulfilment of the milestones and targets; and the modality for providing access by the Commission to the underlying relevant data.

Or. en

Amendment 55
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 14

Reporting by the Member State in the European Semester

Without prejudice to the second subparagraph of Article 12(3), the

Amendment

deleted

Member State concerned shall report regularly within the European Semester process on the progress made in the achievement of the reform commitments. To that effect, Member States are invited to use the content of the national reform programmes as a tool for reporting on progress towards reform completion. The detailed arrangements and timetable for reporting, including the modality for providing access by the Commission to the underlying relevant data, shall be laid down in the decision referred to in Article 12(1).

Or. en

Amendment 56
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, and further to a dialogue with the Member State, *including in the context of the European Semester*, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State.

Amendment

Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, and further to a dialogue with the Member State, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member State national debt write-offs related to the euro launch and the subsequent and predictably consequent banking crisis, particularly the bank bailout costs, can be negotiated at Council and Commission level with and through the European Central Bank;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The convergence facility for euro-area membership is available to any eligible Member State as referred to in Article 2(6). Support shall consist of the following two components:

1. The convergence facility for euro-area membership is available to any eligible Member State as referred to in Article 2(6), ***but shall be suspended until such time as all necessary reform and structures for the currency are finally put in place.*** Support shall consist of the following two components:

Or. en

Amendment 59
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Structural reforms eligible for financing under the convergence facility shall be reforms that help eligible Members States

Structural reforms eligible for financing under the convergence facility shall be reforms that help eligible Members States

in their preparation to join the euro area. Those reforms shall be aimed at addressing challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination.

in their preparation to join the euro area, ***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc.*** Those reforms shall be aimed at addressing challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination.

Or. en

Amendment 60
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. An eligible Member State shall submit a proposal for reform commitments under the financial support component of this convergence facility, in accordance with Article 11.

Amendment

1. An eligible Member State shall submit a proposal for reform commitments under the financial support component of this convergence facility, in accordance with Article 11, ***providing such reforms do not include the privatisation of vital public services such as water, energy, health, communications infrastructure etc.***

Or. en

Amendment 61
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

For the purpose of the reporting on the financial support activities referred to in subparagraph 1, the Commission may use the content of the relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission

Amendment

deleted

under the European Semester, as appropriate.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Stefan Eck

Proposal for a regulation
Annex III – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

The ex-post evaluation referred to Article 36 shall be undertaken by the Commission also with the purpose of establishing the links between the (financial and technical) support from the Programme and the implementation of structural reforms in the Member State concerned with a view to enhancing competitiveness, productivity, growth, *jobs and* cohesion.

Amendment

The ex-post evaluation referred to Article 36 shall be undertaken by the Commission also with the purpose of establishing the links between the (financial and technical) support from the Programme and the implementation of structural reforms in the Member State concerned with a view to enhancing *environmental and economic sustainability*, competitiveness, productivity, growth, *sustainable development, social rights, jobs, social inclusion and inclusiveness (considered as the ability to participate in innovation and economically viable activities), poverty reduction, regional and social* cohesion.

Or. en