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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on doing away with macroeconomic conditionality criteria in the context of the allocation of resources from the European Structural Funds

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on doing away with macroeconomic conditionality criteria in the context of the allocation of resources from the European Structural Funds

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013¹,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas setting ex ante criteria is a means of making the allocation of structural fund resources to Member States contingent on their macroeconomic results;
- B. whereas the Commission can suspend Structural Fund payments to Member States that do not meet the macroeconomic conditionality criteria;
- C. whereas threatening Member States with financial penalties if they do not meet ex ante criteria is a way of coercing them into implementing the Commission's recommended structural reforms;
- D. whereas the payment appropriations received by the Member States under cohesion policy come out of their national contributions;
- 1. Calls for macroeconomic conditionality criteria to be done away with in the context of the allocation of resources from the EU Structural Funds;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1303&from=EN>