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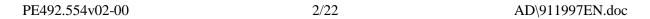
for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management

(COM(2011)0753 - C7-0445/2011 - 2011/0368(COD))

Rapporteur: Dominique Riquet

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

Indicative financial envelope

In its Communication of June 2011 on the next Multiannual Financial Framework¹, the Commission proposed a home affairs budget of EUR 10 911 million for the period 2014-2020 (around 1% of the EU budget).

This figure covers not only spending on financial programmes (including this one) but also funding for large-scale IT systems and the decentralised agencies active in the home affairs area:

Home affairs budget 2014-2020 ²	EUR million (current prices)
Asylum and Migration Fund	3 869
including Resettlement Programme and European Migration Network	2 003
Internal Security Fund	4 648
including new large-scale IT systems	4 040
Existing large-scale IT systems and IT Agency	822
Subtotal	9 339
Agencies ³	1 572
Total	10 911

As in other policies, the Commission proposes simplifying the structure of the financial programmes under heading 3 A by reducing the number of Funds to two: an 'Asylum and Migration Fund' and the current 'Internal Security Fund'.

The Internal Security Fund will have an indicative budget EUR 4 648 million (current prices) to support the implementation of the Internal Security Strategy and a coherent approach to law enforcement cooperation, including the management of the EU's external borders.

Breakdown between national programmes and Union actions

Within this global envelope, the resources indicatively available for the implementation of this specific regulation amount to EUR 1 128 million:

EUR million

COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

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Source: Communication 'Building an open and secure Europe: the home affairs budget for 2014-2020' - COM(2011)0753.

European Police Office (EUROPOL), European Police College (CEPOL), European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (FRONTEX), European Asylum Support Office (EASO), European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).

Internal Security Fund ¹	4 648
(including new IT systems)	
- Police cooperation instrument	1 128
- Border instrument	3 520

Indicatively, 50% of this amount (EUR 564 million) should be used for national programmes of Member States while the other 50% (EUR 564 million) should be centrally managed to fund Union actions, emergency actions and technical assistance.

The different components of the programme

The Fund will cover activities currently supported by the Specific Programmes ISEC (Prevention of and the fight against crime) and CIPS (Prevention, preparedness and consequence management of terrorism and other security-related risks), as well as those supported by the External Borders Fund.

In relation to **internal security**, the Fund will provide financial support for police cooperation, crime prevention and the fight against serious cross-border crime and organised crime, as well as for crisis management and the protection of EU critical infrastructure. The Fund will help by strengthening practical law enforcement cooperation through, for example, financial support for joint operations of law enforcement authorities, the pooling of resources, the exchange of information and best practices or training for police officers.

Funding will also be provided for the development of common tools, including interoperable IT systems and secure communication channels between Member States.

In order to combat the growing threat of **cybercrime**, financial support will be provided for the setting up of a centre through which Member States and EU institutions will be able to build operational and analytical capacity for investigations and cooperation with international partners.

The Fund also has an **external dimension** to support actions in, and in relation to, third countries. This funding is designed and implemented in coherence with EU external action, but is not intended to support actions which are development oriented, and will complement the financial assistance provided through external aid instruments.

Shared management with the Member States

For the resources implemented under shared management, the Commission proposes a distribution of funding between Member States calculated on the basis of objective criteria and Member States' needs, which will be allocated to the latter at the start of the next Multiannual Financial Framework. This will ensure continuity of funding and give Member States the predictability they need to plan their national programmes adequately.



¹ The Fund is created in the form of two separate acts: this regulation on police co-operation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management, and the regulation on border management and common visa policy.

In order to assess progress, the Member States will have to report annually on the results achieved under their programmes and financial management. The policy dialogue will be resumed in the event of a Member State requesting changes to its multiannual programme.

The management and control systems to be set up by the participating States will be simplified. In line with the revised Financial Regulation, they will aim to strengthen accountability by assigning responsibility for financial management to one authority, to reduce the number of layers of control and to contribute to providing assurance on the accounts, the proper functioning of the system, the legality and regularity of transactions and respect of the principle of sound financial management

Rapporteur's opinion

The rapporteur proposes a few amendments in order to bear in mind a number of budgetary principles when implementing this regulation. Implementation should be transparent, efficient and clear, with the onus on a results-based approach focussed on actions with strong European added value.

Whilst the Commission proposal introduces an element of shared management into the implementation of this regulation, the rapporteur emphasises that centralised management should be the rule in order to improve the efficiency and supervision of spending. He points out that Article 317 TFEU stipulates that it is the Financial Regulation that lays down the control and audit obligations of the Member States in the implementation of the budget and the responsibilities resulting from shared management.

Since, moreover, negotiations on the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2014-2020 have not been completed, it should be pointed out that the financial envelope indicated in this regulation cannot be determined until overall agreement has been reached. This agreement should reflect the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and the Union's new powers.

As for the scope of this regulation, the rapporteur considers that more attention should be paid to trafficking in protected species, which is becoming a major problem.

Finally, to complete the objectives of this regulation it is necessary to consider Member State crime rates in the allocation of resources - rates which still vary widely at present - and to make more of the possibilities for cooperation with Europol.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its reports:

Draft legislative resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Points out that the financial envelope specified in the legislative proposal constitutes only an indication to the legislative authority and cannot be fixed until agreement is reached on the proposal for a regulation laying down the Multiannual Financial Framework for the years 2014-2020;

Amendment 2

Draft legislative resolution Paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. Recalls its resolution of 8 June 2011 on "Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe"; reiterates that sufficient additional resources are needed in the next MFF in order to enable the Union to fulfil its existing policy priorities and the new tasks provided for in the Treaty of Lisbon, as well as to respond to unforeseen events; calls on the Council, if it does not share this approach, to clearly identify which of its political priorities or projects could be dropped altogether, despite their proven European added value; points out that even with an increase in the level of resources for the next MFF of at least 5 % compared to the 2013 level only a limited contribution can be made to the achievement of the Union's agreed objectives and commitments and the principle of Union solidarity;

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¹ Texts adopted P7_TA(2011)0266.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) To achieve this objective, enhanced actions at Union level should be taken to protect people and goods from increasingly transnational threats and to support the work carried out by Member States' competent authorities. Terrorism and organised crime, drug trafficking, corruption, cyber crime, trafficking in human beings and arms, inter alia, continue to challenge the internal security of the Union.

Amendment

(2) To achieve this objective, enhanced actions at Union level should be taken to protect people and goods from increasingly transnational threats and to support the work carried out by Member States' competent authorities. Terrorism and organised crime, drug trafficking, corruption, cyber crime, trafficking in human beings and arms *and trafficking in protected species*, inter alia, continue to challenge the internal security of the Union.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In its resolution of 8 June 2011 on Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe¹, the European Parliament stressed the need for an integrated approach towards pressing immigration, asylum questions as well as towards the management of the external borders of the Union, with sufficient funding and support tools to handle emergency situations made available in a spirit of respect for human rights and solidarity amongst all Member States, respecting national responsibilities and a

clear definition of tasks. It further notes that, in this regard, the increased challenges of FRONTEX, the European Asylum Support Office and the Funds on Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows need to be duly taken into consideration.

¹ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0266

Justification

Paragraph 107 of the resolution of 8 June 2011 "Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe"

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) In its resolution of 8 June 2011¹, the European Parliament, further emphasised the need of developing better synergies between different funds and programs and points to the fact that the simplification of management of funds and allowing cross-financing enable the allocation of more funds to common objectives, welcomed the Commission's intention to reduce the total number of budgetary instruments in home affairs in a two-pillar structure and where possible under shared management and expressed its belief that this approach should contribute significantly to an increased simplification, rationalisation, consolidation and transparency of the current funds and programmes. It stressed however the need to ensure that the different objectives of home affairs policies will not be mixed up.

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¹ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0266.

Justification

Paragraph 109 of the resolution of 8 June 2011 "Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe"

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) To promote the implementation of the Internal Security Strategy and to ensure that it becomes an operational reality, Member States should be provided with adequate Union financial support by setting up an Internal Security Fund.

Amendment

(5) To promote the implementation of the Internal Security Strategy and to ensure that it becomes an operational reality, Member States should be provided with adequate Union financial support by setting up *and managing* an Internal Security Fund.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Financial assistance in these areas should in particular support actions promoting cross-border joint operations, access to and exchange of information, exchange of best practices, facilitated and secure communication and coordination, training and exchange of staff, analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, comprehensive threat and risk assessments, awareness raising activities, testing and validation of new technology, forensic science research and the acquisition of technical interoperable equipment.

Amendment

(10) Financial assistance in these areas should in particular support actions promoting cross-border joint operations, access to and exchange of information, exchange of best practices, facilitated and secure communication and coordination, training and exchange of staff, analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, comprehensive threat and risk assessments, cooperation between Member States and relevant EU bodies, awareness raising activities, testing and validation of new technology, forensic science research and the acquisition of technical interoperable equipment.

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Measures in and in relation to third countries supported through this Instrument should be taken in synergy and coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through Union external assistance instruments, both geographic and thematic. In particular, in implementing such actions full coherence should be sought with the principles and general objectives of the Union external action and foreign policy related to the country or region in question. They should not be intended to support actions directly development-oriented and they should complement, when appropriate, the financial assistance provided through external aid instruments. Coherence will also be sought with the Union humanitarian policy, in particular as regards the implementation of emergency measures.

Amendment

(11) Measures in and in relation to third countries which would be supported through this Instrument should be taken in synergy and coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through Union external assistance instruments, both geographic and thematic. In particular, in implementing such actions full coherence should be sought with the principles and general objectives of the Union external action and foreign policy related to the country or region in question. They should not be intended to support actions directly development-oriented and they should complement, when appropriate, the financial assistance provided through external aid instruments. Coherence will also be sought with the Union humanitarian policy, in particular as regards the implementation of emergency measures.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) This Instrument should be implemented in full respect with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Amendment

does not affect the English version

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) To ensure a uniform implementation of the Internal Security Fund, the Union budget allocated to this financial instrument should be implemented by shared management, with the exception of actions of particular interest to the Union (Union actions), emergency assistance and technical assistance, which are implemented in direct and indirect management.

Amendment

(13) To ensure a uniform implementation of the Internal Security Fund and efficient management of actions of particular interest to the Union (Union actions), emergency assistance and technical assistance, the Union budget allocated to this financial instrument should be implemented by direct and indirect management, with the exception of actions requiring administrative flexibility and national programmes, which are implemented in shared management.

Justification

Implementation of the Union budget by shared management should be the exception and not the rule (cf. Article 55 of the Financial Regulation).

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) For the resources implemented under shared management, it is necessary to ensure that the Member States' national programmes are fully aligned with EU level priorities and objectives.

Justification

Lessons learned from the mid-term review and consulting stakeholders suggest that shared management should be more results-oriented and a common regulatory framework should be drawn up.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) The resources allocated to Member States for implementation through their national programmes should be distributed on the basis of clear *and* objective criteria relating to the public goods to be protected by Member States and the degree of their financial capacity to ensure a high level of internal security, such as the size of their population, their territorial size, the number of passengers and cargo processed through international air and seaports, the number of European critical infrastructure and their gross domestic product.

Amendment

(14) The resources allocated to Member States for implementation through their national programmes should be distributed on the basis of clear, objective *and measurable* criteria relating to the public goods to be protected by Member States and the degree of their financial capacity to ensure a high level of internal security, such as the size of their population, their territorial size, the number of passengers and cargo processed through international air and seaports, the number of European critical infrastructure and their gross domestic product.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) Spending of EU and Member States' funds in this area should be better coordinated in order to assure complementarity, a better efficiency and visibility, as well as to achieve better budgetary synergies.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18b) There is a need to maximise the impact of EU funding by mobilising, pooling and leveraging public financial

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resources.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18c) Utmost transparency, accountability and democratic scrutiny should be ensured for mechanisms that involve the EU budget.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18d) Better implementation and quality of spending should constitute guiding principles for achieving the objectives of the programme while ensuring optimal use of the financial resources.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18e) There is a need to ensure sound financial management of the programme and its implementation in the most effective and user-friendly manner possible, while also ensuring legal certainty and the accessibility of the programme to all participants.

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18f) The Commission should annually monitor the implementation of the Instrument with the aid of key indicators for assessing results and impacts. These indicators, including relevant baselines, should provide the minimum basis for assessing the extent to which the objectives of the programmes have been achieved.

Amendment 19

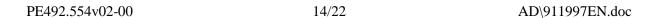
Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) In order to supplement or amend provisions in this Instrument regarding the definition of strategic Union priorities, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission which should carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing-up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and Council.

Amendment

does not affect the English version



Proposal for a regulation Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27a) When the Commission implements the Union budget under shared management, implementation tasks shall be delegated to Member States. The Commission and the Member States shall respect the principles of sound financial management, transparency and non-discrimination and ensure the visibility of Union action when they manage Union funds. To this end, the Commission and the Member States shall fulfil their respective control and audit obligations, and assume the resulting responsibilities laid down in this Regulation. Complementary provisions shall be laid down in sector-specific rules.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) 'organised crime' means a punishable conduct committed by a structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

Amendment

(d) 'organised crime' means a punishable conduct committed by a structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit, *in contravention of the law*.

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a - first subparagraph

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating cross-border, serious and organised crime including terrorism, and reinforcing coordination and cooperation between law enforcement authorities of Member States and with relevant third-countries.

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating cross-border, serious and organised crime including terrorism, and reinforcing coordination and cooperation between law enforcement authorities of Member States and with relevant *EU bodies and* third-countries.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a – second subparagraph

Text proposed by the Commission

The achievement of this objective shall be measured against indicators such as, inter alia, the number of cross-border-joint operations and the number of best practice documents and events organised.

Amendment

The achievement of this objective shall be measured against indicators such as, inter alia, the number of cross-border-joint operations, *the detection rate for cross-border organised crime* and the number of best practice documents and events organised.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) measures enhancing Member States capacity to cooperate with Europol and to make a better use of Europol's products and services;

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of information and interoperable technologies;

Amendment

(a) actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of information and interoperable technologies, such as the extension of Europol Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA) or the implementation of data loaders for the Europol information system;

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The global resources for the implementation of this Regulation shall be EUR 1,128 million.

Amendment

1. The *indicative* global resources for the implementation of this Regulation shall be EUR 1,128 million.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority *within* the *limits* of the *Financial Framework*.

Amendment

2. The annual appropriations for the Fund shall be authorised by the budgetary authority without prejudice to the provisions of the Regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 and the Interinstitutional Agreement of xxx/201z between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on

cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The budget allocated under the Instrument shall be implemented under shared management in accordance with Article 55(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No XXXX/2012 [New Financial Regulation], with the exception of the Union actions referred to in Article 7, the technical assistance referred to in Article 8(1) and the emergency assistance referred to in Article 9.

Amendment

4. The budget allocated under the Instrument shall be implemented by direct and indirect management (the Union actions referred to in Article 7, the technical assistance referred to in Article 8(1) and the emergency assistance referred to in Article 9) or under shared management in accordance with Article 55(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No XXXX/2012 [New Financial Regulation].

Justification

Implementation of the Union budget by shared management should be the exception and not the rule (cf. Article 55 of the Financial Regulation).

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. In accordance with Article 317 TFEU, the ultimate responsibility for implementing the Union budget lies with the Commission.

Justification

According to Article 317 TFEU, the ultimate responsibility for implementing the Union budget rests with the Commission.

Amendment 30

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Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. *The* global resources shall be used indicatively as follows:

Amendment

5. Without prejudice to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority, the global resources shall be used indicatively as follows:

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Under the national programmes to be examined and approved by the Commission pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No XXX/2012 [Horizontal Regulation], Member States shall *focus on* projects addressing the strategic Union priorities listed in the annex to this Regulation.

Amendment

2. Under the national programmes to be examined and approved by the Commission pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No XXX/2012 [Horizontal Regulation], Member States shall *implement* projects addressing the strategic Union priorities listed in the annex to this Regulation.

Justification

The national programmes should be focused on projects that address the strategic priorities of the Union listed in the Annex to the regulation.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) projects enhancing awareness of *Union* policies *and objectives* among stakeholders and the general public, *including* corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union;

Amendment

(g) projects enhancing awareness of *these* policies among stakeholders and the general public;

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Justification

Other budget lines are earmarked for communicating the EU's political objectives.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council, by 31 December 2015, a report on the results achieved and on qualitative and quantitative aspects of implementation of Council Decision 2007/125/JHA for the period 2011 to 2013.

Amendment

5. The Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council, by 31 December 2015, a report on the results achieved and on qualitative and quantitative aspects of implementation of Council Decision 2007/125/JHA for the period 2011 to 2013. In this report, the European Commission shall provide concrete evidence, if available, of the complementarity and synergies achieved between the EU funds and the Members States' budgets and of the triggering effects on Member States of the EU budget in achieving the objectives set in the Council Decision 2007/125/JHA.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15a

Evaluation

By 31 December 2017 at the latest, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council an evaluation report on the achievement of the objectives set out in this Regulation.

Justification

As part of a results-based approach, a mid-term review should be conducted of the operation of this regulation.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Annex – List of Strategic Union Priorities – first indent

Text proposed by the Commission

Measures preventing and fighting crossborder, serious and organised crime, in particular drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings, sexual exploitation of children and projects identifying and dismantling criminal networks, protecting the economy against criminal infiltration and reducing financial incentives by seizing, freezing and confiscating criminal assets.

Amendment

Measures preventing and fighting crossborder, serious and organised crime, in particular drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings, sexual exploitation of children *and trafficking in protected species*, and projects identifying and dismantling criminal networks, protecting the economy against criminal infiltration and reducing financial incentives by seizing, freezing and confiscating criminal assets.

PROCEDURE

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Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Burkhard Balz, Maria Da Graça Carvalho, Edit Herczog, Jürgen Klute, Georgios Stavrakakis, Nils Torvalds	
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Luigi Berlinguer	

