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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgetary Control

for the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Committee on Civil Liberties,
Justice and Home Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the Justice programme
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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgetary Control calls on the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committees responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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(hereafter 'the predecessor Programme').

¹⁰ Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62)

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Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 4

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Recital 5

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whenever possible.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) For the gradual establishment of an area of freedom, security and justice, the Union is to adopt measures relating to judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters based on the principle of mutual recognition of judgments and judicial decisions, which is a cornerstone of judicial cooperation within the Union since the Tampere European Council of 15 and 16 October 1999. Mutual recognition requires a high level of mutual trust among Member States. Measures to approximate the laws of the Member States in several areas have been adopted to facilitate mutual recognition and foster mutual trust. A well-functioning area of justice, where obstacles in cross-border judicial proceedings and access to justice in cross-border situations are eliminated, is also key to ensure economic growth.

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Respect for the rule of law is essential for a high level of mutual trust in the area of justice and home affairs, in particular for effective judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters which is based on mutual recognition. The rule of law is one of the common values enshrined in Article TEU 2, and the principle of effective judicial protection provided for in

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Pursuant to Articles 81(2)(h) and 82(1)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, the Union shall support the training of the judiciary and judicial staff as a tool to improve judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters based on the principle of mutual recognition of judgments and of judicial decisions. Training of justice professionals is an important tool to develop a common understanding of how best to uphold the rule of law. It contributes to the building of the European area of justice by creating a common judicial culture among justice professionals of the Member States. It is essential to ensure the correct and coherent application of law in the Union and mutual trust between justice professionals in cross-border proceedings. The training activities supported by the Programme should be based on sound training needs' assessments, use state of the art training methodology, include cross-border events gathering justice professionals of different Member States, comprise active learning and networking elements and be sustainable.

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Judicial training can involve different actors, such as Member States' legal, judicial and administrative authorities, academic institutions, national bodies responsible for judicial training, European-level training organisations or networks, or networks of court coordinators of Union law. Bodies and entities pursuing a general European interest in the field of training of the judiciary, such as the European Judicial Training Network ('EJTN'), ***the Academy of European Law ('ERA')***, the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary ('ENCJ'), the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union ('ACA-Europe'), the Network of the Presidents of Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union ('RPCSJUE') ***and the European Institute of Public Administration ('EIPA')***, should continue to play their role in promoting training programmes with a genuine European dimension for the judiciary and judicial staff, and could therefore be granted adequate financial support in accordance with the procedures and the criteria set out in the annual work programmes adopted by the Commission pursuant to this Regulation.

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Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Pursuant to Article 3(3) of the TEU, Article 24 of the Charter and the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Programme should support the protection of the rights of the child, and should mainstream the promotion of the rights of the child in the implementation of all of its actions.

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(12) Pursuant to Article 3(3) of the TEU, Article 24 of the Charter and the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Programme should support the protection of the rights of the child, and should mainstream the promotion of the rights of the child in the implementation of all of its actions. ***For this purpose, particular attention should be paid to actions aimed at the protection of children's rights in the context of criminal and civil justice, including the protection of children accompanying parents in detention and children of imprisoned parents. Appropriate support should also be considered in favour of training activities aimed at the proper implementation of Directive (EU) 2016/800 of the European Parliament and of the Council^{1a}.***

^{1a} Directive (EU) 2016/800 of the European Parliament and of the Council of May 2016 on procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings (EUT OJ L 132, 21.5.2016, p. 1).

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The 2014-2020 Programme has enabled training activities on Union law, in particular on the scope and application of the Charter, targeted at members of the judiciary and other legal practitioners. In its conclusions of 12 October 2017 on the application of the Charter in 2016, the Council recalled the importance of awareness-raising on the application of the Charter, including among policymakers,

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legal practitioners and the rights holders themselves, at national as well as at Union level. ***Therefore, to mainstream fundamental rights in a consistent way, it is necessary to extend financial support to awareness –raising activities for other public authorities than judicial authorities and legal practitioners.***

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Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Pursuant to Article 67 TFEU, the Union should constitute an area of freedom, security and justice with respect for fundamental rights, to which access to justice is instrumental. In order to facilitate effective access to justice, and with a view to foster the mutual trust which is indispensable for the good functioning of the area of freedom, security and justice, it is necessary to extend financial support to activities of other authorities than judicial authorities and legal practitioners, ***as well as of*** civil society organisations, which contribute to these objectives.

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Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) The Commission should ensure overall consistency, complementarity and synergies with the work of Union bodies, offices and agencies, such as EUROJUST, EU-LISA and the European Public Prosecutor Office, and should take stock of the work of other national and international actors in the areas covered by the Programme.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) It is necessary to ensure the European added value of all actions and activities carried out within the

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Programme, their complementarity to Member States' activities, and their consistency with other Union activities. In order to ensure efficient allocation of funds from the general budget of the Union, consistency, complementarity and synergies should be sought between funding programmes supporting policy areas with close links to each other, in particular within the Justice, Rights and Values Fund – and thus with the Rights and Values Programme- and between the Programme and the Single Market Programme, Border management and Security, in particular the Asylum and Migration ('AMIF') and the Internal Security Funds, Strategic Infrastructure in particular the Digital Europe Programme, the Erasmus+ Programme, the Framework Programme for research and innovation, the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance, and the LIFE Regulation¹³ .

financial management in the implementation of all actions and activities carried out within the ***Justice*** Programme, their complementarity to Member States' activities, and their consistency with other Union activities. In order to ensure efficient ***and performance based*** allocation of funds from the general budget of the Union, consistency, complementarity and synergies should be sought between funding programmes supporting policy areas with close links to each other, in particular within the Justice, Rights and Values Fund – and thus with the Rights and Values Programme- and between the Programme and the Single Market Programme, Border management and Security, in particular the Asylum and Migration ('AMIF') and the Internal Security Funds, Strategic Infrastructure in particular the Digital Europe Programme, the Erasmus+ Programme, the Framework Programme for research and innovation, the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance, and the LIFE Regulation¹³. ***The implementation of the Justice Programme should, whenever necessary, complement or be co-ordinated with the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in Member States.***

¹³ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 Text with EEA relevance

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Amendment 15

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

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¹⁵ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999, (OJ L248, 18.9.2013, p. 1.

¹⁶ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95, p. 1).

¹⁷ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L292, 15.11.96,, p. 2).

¹⁸ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L283, 31.10.2017,, p. 1).

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the EEA agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by a decision under that agreement. Third countries may also participate on the basis of other legal instruments. A specific provision should be introduced in this Regulation to grant the necessary rights for and access to the authorizing officer responsible, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as well as the European Court of Auditors to comprehensively exert their respective competences.

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Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) Pursuant to paragraph 22 and 23 of the Inter-institutional agreement for Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016, there is a need to evaluate this Programme on the basis of information collected through specific monitoring requirements, while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, in particular on Member States. These requirements, ***where appropriate***,

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Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) to facilitate effective access to justice for all and effective redress, including by electronic means, by promoting efficient civil and criminal procedures and by promoting and supporting the rights of victims of crime as well as the procedural rights of suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings.

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Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. An action that has received a contribution under the Programme may also receive a contribution from any other Union programme, including Funds under shared management, provided that the contributions do not cover the same costs. [The cumulative financing shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis].

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1. An action that has received a contribution under the Programme may also receive a contribution from any other Union programme, including Funds under shared management, provided that the contributions *are effectively managed in order to avoid any double funding and do not cover the same costs and the objectives of the financed actions are complementary*. [The cumulative financing shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis].

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The work programme shall be adopted by the Commission by means of ***an implementing act. That implementing act*** shall be adopted in accordance with ***the advisory procedure referred to in Article 17.***

Amendment

2. The work programme shall be adopted by the Commission by means of ***a delegated act. That delegated act*** shall be adopted in accordance with Article ***14.***

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in ***a*** timely manner. To that end, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funds and Member States.

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Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than ***four*** years after the start of the programme implementation.

Amendment

2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than ***three*** years after the start of the programme implementation.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. At the end of the implementation of the Programme, but no later than **four** years after the end of the period specified in Article 1, a final evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out by the Commission.

Amendment

3. At the end of the implementation of the Programme, but no later than **three** years after the end of the period specified in Article 1, a final evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out by the Commission.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results) by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Amendment

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results) by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information **on the European added value of the Programme** to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Justice programme	
References	COM(2018)0384 – C8-0235/2018 – 2018/0208(COD)	
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Result of final vote	+: 19	–: 1
	0: 0	
Members present for the final vote	Nedzhmi Ali, Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Balčytis, Dennis de Jong, Martina Dlabajová, Luke Ming Flanagan, Ingeborg Gräßle, Arndt Kohn, Gilles Pargneaux, Georgi Pirinski, Petri Sarvamaa, Bart Staes, Indrek Tarand, Derek Vaughan, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller	
Substitutes present for the final vote	Caterina Chinnici, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Julia Pitera, Richard Sulík	

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

19	+
ALDE	Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová
GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan, Dennis de Jong
PPE	Ingeborg Gräßle, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Julia Pitera, Petri Sarvamaa, Tomáš Zdechovský, Joachim Zeller
S&D	Inés Ayala Sender, Zigmantas Balčytis, Caterina Chinnici, Arndt Kohn, Gilles Pargneaux, Georgi Pirinski, Derek Vaughan
VERTS/ALE	Bart Staes, Indrek Tarand

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ECR	Richard Sulík

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention