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# **AMENDMENTS**

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### **Draft opinion**

**Marlene Mizzi**

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Specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0374 – C8-0229/2018 – 2018/0199(COD))



## Amendment 22

Jill Evans

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Article 176 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') provides that the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. Under that Article and the second and third paragraphs of Article 174 of the TFEU, the ERDF is to contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and to reducing the backwardness of the least favoured regions, ***among which*** particular attention ***is to be paid to certain categories of*** regions, ***among which cross-border*** regions ***are explicitly listed***.

*Amendment*

(1) Article 176 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') provides that the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. Under that Article and the second and third paragraphs of Article 174 of the TFEU, the ERDF is to contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and to reducing the backwardness of the least favoured regions, ***paying*** particular attention ***to rural areas, areas affected by an industrial transition and*** regions ***suffering from serious and permanent natural or demographic disadvantages, such as the northernmost*** regions ***with a low population density and island, cross-border and mountain*** regions.

Or. es

## Amendment 23

Silvia Costa

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) In order to support the harmonious development of the Union's territory at different levels, the ERDF should support cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation, maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and

*Amendment*

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interregional cooperation under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg), *with a particular focus on culture and creativity as key enablers of social and international development, in line with the action plan of the European Year of Cultural Heritage and taking into account the objectives of the EU Strategy for International Cultural Relations* .

Or. en

## **Amendment 24** **Dominique Bilde**

### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 7**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Based on the experience with cross-border and transnational cooperation during the programming period 2014-2020 in outermost regions, where the combination of both components within a single programme per cooperation area has not brought about sufficient simplification for programme authorities and beneficiaries, a specific outermost regions' component should be established in order to enable outermost regions to cooperate with *their neighbouring countries and territories* in the most effective and simple way.

#### *Amendment*

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Or. fr

#### *Justification*

*We are not in favour of cross-border regional cooperation initiated by the European Union, as this is done at the expense of the Member States, who thus see their unity weakened, as the Scottish and Catalan referenda showed.*

## **Amendment 25**

**Silvia Costa**

## **Proposal for a regulation**

### **Recital 8**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Based on the experience with the interregional cooperation programmes under Interreg and the lack of such cooperation within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal during the programming period 2014-2020, the interregional cooperation component should focus more specifically on boosting the effectiveness of cohesion policy. That component should therefore be limited to two programmes, one to enable all kind of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building for programmes under both goals and to promote European groupings of territorial cooperation ('EGTCs') set up or to be set up pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>24</sup> and one to improve the analysis of development trends. Project-based cooperation throughout the Union should be integrated into the new component on interregional innovation investments and closely linked to the implementation of the Communication from the Commission 'Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth'<sup>25</sup>, in particular to support thematic smart specialisation platforms on fields such as energy, industrial modernisation *or* agrifood. Finally, integrated territorial development focusing on functional urban areas or urban areas should be concentrated within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal and in one accompanying instrument, the 'European Urban Initiative'. The two programmes under the interregional cooperation component should cover the whole Union and should also be open for the participation of third

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Or. en

## **Amendment 26** **Dominique Bilde**

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Or. fr

## **Amendment 27**

### **Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(10) It is necessary to continue supporting or, as appropriate, to establish cooperation in all its dimensions with the Union's neighbouring third countries, as such cooperation is an important regional development policy tool and should benefit the regions of the Member States which border third countries. To that effect, the ERDF and the external financing instruments of the Union, IPA<sup>27</sup>, NDICI<sup>28</sup> and OCTP<sup>29</sup>, should support programmes under cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and interregional cooperation. The support from the ERDF and from the external financing instruments of the Union should be based on reciprocity and proportionality. However, for IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC, the ERDF support should be complemented by at least equivalent amounts under IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC, subject to a maximum amount set out in the respective legal act, that is to say, up to 3 % of the financial envelope under IPA III and up to 4 % of the financial envelope of the Neighbourhood geographic programme under Article 4(2)(a) of the NDICI.**

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<sup>27</sup> Regulation (EU) XXX establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (OJ L xx, p. y).

<sup>28</sup> Regulation (EU) XXX establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (OJ L xx, p. y).

<sup>29</sup> Council Decision (EU) XXX on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union



*including relations between the European Union on the one hand and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other (OJ L xx, p. y).*

Or. fr

**Amendment 28**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(11) IPA III assistance should mainly focus on assisting the IPA beneficiaries to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, reform the judiciary and public administration, respect fundamental rights and promote gender equality, tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination. IPA assistance should continue to support the efforts of the IPA beneficiaries to advance regional, macro-regional and cross-border cooperation as well as territorial development, including through the implementation of Union macro-regional strategies. In addition, IPA assistance should address security, migration and border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, enhancing border control and pursuing common efforts in the fight against irregular migration and migrant smuggling.*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 29**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**

## Recital 12

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(12) With regard to NDICI assistance, the Union should develop a special relationship with neighbouring countries, aiming to establish an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness, founded on the values of the Union and characterised by close and peaceful relations based on cooperation. This Regulation and the NDICI should therefore support the internal and external aspects of relevant macro-regional strategies. Those initiatives are strategically important and offer meaningful political frameworks for deepening relations with and among partner countries, based on the principles of mutual accountability, shared ownership and responsibility.**

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Or. fr

## Amendment 30 Dominique Bilde

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(13) It is important to continue observing the role of the EEAS and the Commission in the preparation of the strategic programming and of Interreg programmes supported by the ERDF and the NDICI as established in Council decision 2010/427/EU<sup>30</sup>.**

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<sup>30</sup> Council decision 2010/427/EU of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service (OJ L 201, 3.8.2010, p. 30).

**Amendment 31**  
**Jill Evans**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) It is necessary to set out the resources allocated to each of the different components of Interreg, including each Member State's share of the global amounts for the cross-border cooperation, the transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, the outermost regions' cooperation and the interregional cooperation, the potential available to Member States concerning flexibility between those components. ***Compared to the programming period 2014-2020, the share for cross-border cooperation should be reduced, while the share for transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation should be increased because of the integration of maritime cooperation, and*** a new outermost regions' cooperation component should be created.

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 32**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) For the most efficient use of the support from the ERDF ***and the external financing instruments of the Union***, a mechanism should be set up to organise the return of such support in cases where

*Amendment*

(16) For the most efficient use of the support from the ERDF, a mechanism should be set up to organise the return of such support in cases where external cooperation programmes cannot be

external cooperation programmes cannot be adopted or have to be discontinued, ***including with third countries which do not receive support from any financing instrument of the Union.*** That mechanism should seek to achieve optimal functioning of the programmes ***and the maximum possible coordination between those instruments.***

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Or. fr

**Amendment 33**  
**Helga Trüpel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 23**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) It is necessary to clarify the rules governing small project funds which have been implemented since Interreg has existed, but have never been covered by specific provisions. As also set out in the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions ‘People-to-people and small-scale projects in cross-border cooperation programmes’<sup>32</sup>, such small project funds play an important role in building up trust between citizens and institutions, offer great European added value and contribute considerably to the overall objective of cross-border cooperation programmes by overcoming border obstacles and integrating border areas and their citizens. In order to simplify the management of the financing of small projects by the final recipients, who are often not used to applying for Union funds, the use of simplified cost options and of lump sums should be made obligatory below a certain threshold.

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<sup>32</sup> Opinion of the European Committee of the Regions ‘People-to-people and small-scale projects in cross-border cooperation programmes’ of 12 July 2017 (OJ C 342, 12.10.2017, p. 38).

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Or. en

## **Amendment 34** **Dominique Bilde**

### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 30**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(30) A clear chain of financial liability in respect of recovery for irregularities should be established from sole or other partners via the lead partner and the managing authority to the Commission. Provision should be made for liability of Member States, ***third countries, partner countries*** or Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), where obtaining recovery from the sole or other or lead partner is not successful, meaning that the Member State reimburses the managing authority. Consequently, under Interreg programmes there is no scope for irrecoverable amounts on the level of beneficiaries. It is, however, necessary to clarify the rules, should a Member State, ***third country, partner country*** or OCT not reimburse the managing authority. The obligations of the lead partner for recovery should also be clarified. In particular, the managing authority should not be allowed to oblige the lead partner to launch a judicial procedure in a different country.

#### *Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 35**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(31) In order to apply a mostly common set of rules both in the participating Member States and ***third countries, partner countries or*** OCTs, this Regulation should also apply to the participation of ***third countries, partner countries or*** OCTs, unless specific rules are set out in a specific Chapter of this Regulation. Interreg programme authorities may be mirrored by comparable authorities in ***third countries, partner countries or*** OCTs. The starting point for the eligibility of expenditure should be linked to the signature of the financing agreement by the relevant ***third country, partner country or*** OCT. Procurement for beneficiaries in the ***third country, partner country or*** OCT should follow the rules for external procurement under Regulation (EU, Euratom) [new FR-Omnibus] of the European Parliament and the Council<sup>34</sup>. The procedures for the conclusion of financing agreements with each of the ***third countries, partner countries or*** OCTs as well as of the agreements between the managing authority and each ***third country, partner country or*** OCT with regard to the support from an external financing instrument of the Union or in the case of transfer of an additional contribution from ***a third country, partner country or*** OCT to the Interreg programme other than national co-financing should be set out.

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<sup>34</sup> [Reference]

*Amendment*

(31) In order to apply a mostly common set of rules both in the participating Member States and OCTs, this Regulation should also apply to the participation of OCTs, unless specific rules are set out in a specific Chapter of this Regulation. Interreg programme authorities may be mirrored by comparable authorities in OCTs. The starting point for the eligibility of expenditure should be linked to the signature of the financing agreement by the relevant OCT. Procurement for beneficiaries in the OCT should follow the rules for external procurement under Regulation (EU, Euratom) [new FR-Omnibus] of the European Parliament and the Council<sup>34</sup>. The procedures for the conclusion of financing agreements with each of the OCTs as well as of the agreements between the managing authority and each OCT with regard to the support from an external financing instrument of the Union or in the case of transfer of an additional contribution from ***an*** OCT to the Interreg programme other than national co-financing should be set out.

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<sup>34</sup> [Reference]

Or. fr

**Amendment 36**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 32**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(32) Although Interreg programmes with the participation of *third countries, partner countries or* OCTs should be implemented under shared management, outermost regions' cooperation may be implemented under indirect management. Specific rules should be set out how to implement those programmes as a whole or partially under indirect management.

*Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 37**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 33**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*(33) Based on the experience during the programming period 2014-2020 with large infrastructure projects within cross-border cooperation programmes under the European Neighbourhood Instrument, the procedures should be simplified. However, the Commission should retain certain rights concerning the selection of such projects.*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 38**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 35**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(35) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the adoption or amendment of Interreg programmes, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. However, external cross-border cooperation programmes should respect, where applicable, Committee procedures established under Regulations (EU) [IPA III] and [NDICI] with regard to the first approval decision of those programmes.**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 37**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(37) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to foster cooperation between Member States and between Member States and *third countries, partner countries or* OCTs cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,**

*Amendment*

**(37) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to foster cooperation between Member States and between Member States and OCTs cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,**

Or. fr



**Amendment 40**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article premier – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. This Regulation lays down rules for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) with a view to fostering cooperation between Member States inside the Union and between Member States and adjacent *third countries, partner countries, other territories or* overseas countries and territories ('OCTs') respectively.

*Amendment*

1. This Regulation lays down rules for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) with a view to fostering cooperation between Member States inside the Union and between Member States and adjacent overseas countries and territories ('OCTs') respectively.

Or. fr

**Amendment 41**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article premier – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. *With regard to support from the 'Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance' ('IPA III'), the 'Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument' ('NDICI') and the funding for all the OCTs for the period 2021 to 2027 established as a Programme by Council Decision (EU) XXX ('OCTP') to Interreg programmes (the three instruments together: 'the external financing instruments of the Union'), this Regulation defines additional specific objectives as well as the integration of those funds into Interreg programmes, the criteria for third countries, partner countries and*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

*OCTs and their regions to be eligible and certain specific implementation rules.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 42**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article premier – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. With regard to support from the ERDF and the external financing instruments of the Union (jointly referred to as ‘the Interreg funds’) to Interreg programmes, this Regulation defines the Interreg-specific objectives as well as the organisation, the criteria for Member States, *third countries*, *partner countries* and OCTs and their regions to be eligible, the financial resources, and the criteria for their allocation.

*Amendment*

4. With regard to support from the ERDF and the external financing instruments of the Union (jointly referred to as ‘the Interreg funds’) to Interreg programmes, this Regulation defines the Interreg-specific objectives as well as the organisation, the criteria for Member States and OCTs and their regions to be eligible, the financial resources, and the criteria for their allocation.

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) *'IPA beneficiary' means a country or territory listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) [IPA III];*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

### *Justification*

*We are not in favour of cross-border regional cooperation initiated by the European Union, as this is done at the expense of the Member States, who see their unity weakened, as the Scottish and Catalan referenda showed. We therefore exclude countries which are not members of the European Union, with the exception of Greenland (which forms part of the Kingdom of Denmark) and countries enclosed within the European Union.*

#### **Amendment 44** **Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(2) 'third country' means a country which is not a Member State of the Union and does not receive support from the Interreg funds;** *deleted*

Or. fr

### *Justification*

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#### **Amendment 45** **Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3) 'partner country' means an IPA beneficiary or a country or territory covered by the 'Neighbourhood geographic area' listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) [NDICI] and the Russian Federation, and which receives** *deleted*

*support from the external financing instruments of the Union;*

Or. fr

*Justification*

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**Amendment 46**  
**Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purpose of this Regulation, where provisions of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] refer to a 'Member State', this shall be construed as meaning 'the Member State hosting the managing authority' and where provisions refer to 'Each Member State' or 'Member States', this shall be construed as meaning 'the Member States and, where applicable, *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs participating in a given Interreg programme'.

*Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 47**  
**Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) internal cross-border cooperation between adjacent land border regions of

*Amendment*

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two or more Member States *or between adjacent land border regions of at least one Member State and one or more third countries listed in Article 4(3)*; or

two or more Member States; or

Or. fr

**Amendment 48**  
**Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) internal cross-border cooperation between adjacent land border regions of two or more Member States or between adjacent land border regions of at least one Member State and one or more third countries listed in Article 4(3); *or*

(a) internal cross-border cooperation between adjacent land border regions of two or more Member States or between adjacent land border regions of at least one Member State and one or more third countries listed in Article 4(3);

Or. fr

**Amendment 49**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b – point i**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(i) *IPA beneficiaries; or*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 50**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b – point ii**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ii) partner countries supported by NDICI; or**

**deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 51**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b – point iii**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(iii) the Russian Federation, for the purpose of enabling its participation in cross-border cooperation also supported by NDICI;**

**deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 52**  
**Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(2) transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation over larger transnational territories or around sea-basins, involving national, regional and local programme partners in Member States, **third countries and partner countries** and in Greenland, with a view to achieving a higher degree of territorial integration ('component 2'; where referring only to transnational cooperation: 'component 2A'; where referring only to maritime cooperation: 'component 2B');

(2) transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation over larger transnational territories or around sea-basins, involving national, regional and local programme partners in Member States and in Greenland, with a view to achieving a higher degree of territorial integration ('component 2'; where referring only to transnational cooperation: 'component 2A'; where referring only to maritime cooperation: 'component 2B');

Or. fr

**Amendment 53**  
**Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) outermost regions' cooperation among themselves and with their neighbouring ***third or partner countries or*** OCTs, or several thereof, to facilitate their regional integration in their neighbourhood ('component 3');

*Amendment*

(3) outermost regions' cooperation among themselves and with their neighbouring OCTs, or several thereof, to facilitate their regional integration in their neighbourhood ('component 3');

Or. fr

**Amendment 54**  
**Dominique Bilde**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. For cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 3 regions of the Union along all internal and external land borders ***with third countries or partner countries.***

*Amendment*

1. For cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 3 regions of the Union along all internal and external land borders.

Or. fr

**Amendment 55**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**4. For external cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported**

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*by IPA III or NDICI shall be NUTS level 3 regions of the respective partner country or, in the absence of NUTS classification, equivalent areas along all land borders between Member States and partner countries eligible under IPA III or NDICI.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 56**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(d) regions of partner countries under IPA III or NDICI;* *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 57**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*3. The regions, third countries or partner countries listed in paragraph 2 shall be NUTS level 2 regions or, in the absence of NUTS classification, equivalent areas.* *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 58**  
**Dominique Bilde**



**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The outermost regions' Interreg programmes may cover ***neighbouring partner countries supported by the NDICI or OCTs supported by the OCTP, or both.***

*Amendment*

2. The outermost regions' Interreg programmes may cover OCTs supported by the OCTP.

Or. fr

**Amendment 59**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 7 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Component 4 Interreg programmes may cover the whole or part of the ***third countries, partner countries, other territories or*** OCTs referred to in Articles 4, 5 and 6, whether or not they are supported by the external financing instruments of the Union.

*Amendment*

2. Component 4 Interreg programmes may cover the whole or part of the OCTs referred to in Articles 4, 5 and 6, whether or not they are supported by the external financing instruments of the Union.

Or. fr

**Amendment 60**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***External cross-border Interreg programmes shall be listed as 'Interreg IPA III CBC programmes' or 'Interreg Neighbourhood CBC programmes' respectively.***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

**Amendment 61**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 8 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3. *Regions of third or partner countries or territories outside the Union which do not receive supported from the ERDF or an external financing instrument of the Union shall also be mentioned in the list referred to in paragraph 1.***

***deleted***

Or. fr

**Amendment 62**  
**Jill Evans**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) **52.7 %** (i.e., a total of EUR **4 440 000 000**) for cross-border cooperation (component 1);

(a) **74.05%** (i.e., a total of EUR **6 242 415 000** ) for cross-border cooperation (component 1);

Or. es

**Amendment 63**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

[...]

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 64**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The Commission shall adopt an implementing act setting out the multi-annual strategy document with regard to external cross-border Interreg programmes supported by the ERDF and the NDICI or IPA III. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 63(2).*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 65**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*With regard to Interreg programmes supported by the ERDF and the NDICI, that implementing act shall set out the elements referred to in Article 12(2) of Regulation (EU) [NDICI].*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 66**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. *The contribution from the ERDF to external cross-border Interreg programmes to be also supported from the financial envelope under IPA III allocated to cross-border cooperation ('IPA III CBC') or from the financial envelope under NDICI allocated to cross-border cooperation for the Neighbourhood geographic area ('NDICI CBC') shall be established by the Commission and the Member States concerned. The ERDF contribution established for each Member State shall not subsequently be reallocated between the Member States concerned.*** *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 67**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Support from the ERDF shall be granted to individual external cross-border Interreg programmes provided that equivalent amounts are provided by IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC under the relevant strategic programming document. That equivalence shall be subject to a maximum amount set out in the IPA III or NDICI legislative act.*** *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 68**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*However, where the review of the relevant strategic programming document under IPA III or NDICI results in the reduction of the matching amount for the remaining years, each Member State concerned shall choose from the following options:*

*deleted*

*(a) to request the mechanism under Article 12(3);*

*(b) to continue the Interreg programme with the remaining support from the ERDF and IPA III CBC or NDICI CBC;  
or*

*(c) to combine options (a) and (b).*

Or. fr

**Amendment 69**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(a) to request the mechanism under Article 12(3);*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 70**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(b) to continue the Interreg programme with the remaining support from the ERDF and IPA III CBC or NDICI CBC; or** *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 71**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(c) to combine options (a) and (b).** *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 72**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**4. The annual appropriations corresponding to the support from the ERDF, IPA III CBC or NDICI CBC to external cross-border Interreg programmes shall be entered in the relevant budget lines for the 2021 budgetary exercise.** *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 73**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**5. Where the Commission has included a specific financial allocation to assist partner countries or regions under Regulation (EU) [NDICI] and OCTs under Council Decision [OCT Decision] or both in strengthening their cooperation with neighbouring Union outermost regions in accordance with Article [33(2)] of Regulation (EU) [NDICI] or Article [87] of the [OCTP Decision] or both, the ERDF may also contribute in accordance with this Regulation, where appropriate and on the basis of reciprocity and proportionality as regards the level of funding from the NDICI or the OCTP or both, to actions implemented by a partner country or region or any other entity under Regulation (EU) [NDICI], by a country, territory or any other entity under the [OCT Decision] or by a Union outermost region under, in particular, one or more joint component 2, 3 or 4 Interreg programmes or under cooperation measures referred to in Article 60 established and implemented pursuant to this Regulation.**

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 74**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**1. On the basis of the information provided by Member States pursuant to Article 9(5), the Commission shall, adopt an implementing act setting out a list of all**

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Interreg programmes and indicating per programme the global amount of the total support from the ERDF **and, where applicable, the total support from external financing instruments of the Union**. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 63(2).

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Or. fr

**Amendment 75**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 12**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

[...]

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 76**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 13*

*deleted*

**13 The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than 70 %, unless, with regard to external cross-border or component 3 Interreg programmes, a higher percentage is fixed in Regulations (EU) [IPA III], [NDICI] or Council Decision (EU) [OCTP] respectively or in any act adopted thereunder.**

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Or. fr

**Amendment 77**  
**Jill Evans**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than **70 %**, *unless, with regard to external cross-border or component 3 Interreg programmes, a higher percentage is fixed in Regulations (EU) [IPA III], [NDICI] or Council Decision (EU) [OCTP] respectively or in any act adopted thereunder.*

*Amendment*

The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than **85 %**.

Or. es

**Amendment 78**  
**Helga Trüpel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) improving access to and the quality of education, training and lifelong learning across borders with a view to increasing the educational attainment and skills levels thereof as to be recognised across borders;

*Amendment*

(b) improving access to and the quality of education, training and lifelong learning across borders with a view to increasing the educational attainment and skills levels, ***in particular linguistic skills***, thereof as to be recognised across borders;

**Amendment 79**  
**Silvia Costa**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) improving access to and the quality of education, training and lifelong learning across borders with a view to increasing the educational attainment and skills levels thereof as to be recognised across borders;

*Amendment*

(b) improving access to and the quality of education, training, **mobility** and lifelong learning across borders with a view to increasing the educational attainment and skills levels thereof as to be recognised across borders;

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) improving access to and the quality of education, training and lifelong learning across borders with a view to **increasing the educational attainment and skills levels thereof as to be recognised across borders**;

*Amendment*

(b) improving access to and the quality of education, training and lifelong learning across borders with a view to **making up for the lack of training provided in a particular country**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 81**  
**Silvia Costa**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ba) promoting and supporting the creation of cross-border partnerships between educational, cultural, artistic, creative, audiovisual and research institutions in order to promote mutual understanding and dialogue in border regions, enhancing linguistic diversity and the role of educational and cultural policies and polices and the cultural, creative, artistic and audiovisual sectors as the driving force behind social innovation.***

Or. it

**Amendment 82**  
**Helga Trüpel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ba) improving access to culture and cultural services across borders;***

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(d) improving accessibility, effectiveness ***and resilience*** of healthcare systems and long-term care services across borders;

(d) improving accessibility, effectiveness, ***resilience and complementarity*** of healthcare systems and long-term care services across borders;

Or. fr

**Amendment 84**  
**Silvia Costa**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) promoting social inclusion and tackling poverty, including by enhancing equal opportunities and combating discrimination across borders.

*Amendment*

(e) promoting social inclusion, ***also of migrants***, and tackling poverty, including by enhancing equal opportunities and combating discrimination across borders.

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) ***promoting social inclusion and tackling poverty, including by enhancing equal opportunities and combating discrimination across borders.***

*Amendment*

(e) ***not facilitating the movement of people in precarious situations across borders and into big cities in order to prevent the centralisation of poverty.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 86**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 4 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) ***under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes supported by the Interreg funds, in addition to points (a) and (b): building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*people-to-people actions, by enhancing sustainable democracy and by supporting civil society actors and their role in reforming processes and democratic transitions;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 87**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes the ERDF and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union shall also contribute to the external Interreg-specific objective 'a safer and more secure Europe', in particular by actions in the fields of border crossing management and mobility and migration management, including the protection of migrants.

*Amendment*

5. Under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes the ERDF and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union shall also contribute to the external Interreg-specific objective 'a safer and more secure Europe', in particular by actions in the fields of border crossing management and mobility and migration management, including the protection of *legal migrants and combating the illegal trafficking of migrants;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 88**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 16 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The participating Member States *and, where applicable, third countries, partner countries* or OCTs, shall prepare an Interreg programme in accordance with the template set out in the Annex for the

*Amendment*

2. The participating Member States or OCTs, shall prepare an Interreg programme in accordance with the template set out in the Annex for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027.

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Or. fr

**Amendment 89**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 16 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The participating *third countries or partner countries or* OCTs, where applicable, shall also involve the programme partners equivalent to those referred to in that Article.

*Amendment*

The participating OCTs, where applicable, shall also involve the programme partners equivalent to those referred to in that Article.

Or. fr

**Amendment 90**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 16 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The Member State hosting the prospective managing authority, shall submit an Interreg programme to the Commission by [date of entry into force plus nine months;] on behalf of all participating Member States and, *where applicable, third countries, partner countries or* OCTs.

*Amendment*

The Member State hosting the prospective managing authority, shall submit an Interreg programme to the Commission by [date of entry into force plus nine months;] on behalf of all participating Member States and OCTs.

Or. fr

**Amendment 91**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 16 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The participating Member States and, **where applicable, third countries, partner countries or** OCTs shall confirm in writing their agreement to the contents of an Interreg programme prior to its submission to the Commission. That agreement shall also include a commitment by all participating Member States and, **where applicable, third countries, partner countries or** OCTs to provide the co-financing necessary to implement the Interreg programme and, where applicable, the commitment for the financial contribution of the **third countries, partner countries or** OCTs.

*Amendment*

The participating Member States and OCTs shall confirm in writing their agreement to the contents of an Interreg programme prior to its submission to the Commission. That agreement shall also include a commitment by all participating Member States and OCTs to provide the co-financing necessary to implement the Interreg programme and, where applicable, the commitment for the financial contribution of the OCTs.

Or. fr

**Amendment 92**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 16 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, in the case of Interreg programmes involving outermost regions and **third countries, partner countries or** OCTs, the Member States concerned shall consult the respective **third countries, partner countries or** OCTs before submitting the Interreg programmes to the Commission. In that case, the agreements to the contents of the Interreg programmes and the possible contribution of the **third countries, partner countries or** OCTs may, instead, be expressed in the formally approved minutes of the consultation meetings with the **third countries, partner**

*Amendment*

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, in the case of Interreg programmes involving outermost regions and OCTs, the Member States concerned shall consult the respective OCTs before submitting the Interreg programmes to the Commission. In that case, the agreements to the contents of the Interreg programmes and the possible contribution of the OCTs may, instead, be expressed in the formally approved minutes of the consultation meetings with the OCTs or of the deliberations of the regional cooperation organisations.

*countries or* OCTs or of the deliberations of the regional cooperation organisations.

Or. fr

### **Amendment 93**

**Jill Evans**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 17 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. In duly justified cases and in agreement with the Commission, in order to increase the efficiency of programme implementation and to achieve larger-scale operations, the Member State concerned may decide to transfer to Interreg programmes up to *[x]*% of the amount of the ERDF allocated to the corresponding programme under the Investment for jobs and growth goal for the same region. The amount transferred shall constitute a separate priority or separate priorities.

*Amendment*

3. In duly justified cases and in agreement with the Commission, in order to increase the efficiency of programme implementation and to achieve larger-scale operations, the Member State concerned may decide to transfer to Interreg programmes up to **10%** of the amount of the ERDF allocated to the corresponding programme under the Investment for jobs and growth goal for the same region. The amount transferred shall constitute a separate priority or separate priorities.

Or. es

### **Amendment 94**

**Dominique Bilde**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 17 – paragraph 4 – point g – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(g) a financing plan containing the following tables (without any division per participating Member State, ***third country***, ***partner country*** or OCT, unless specified otherwise therein):

*Amendment*

(g) a financing plan containing the following tables (without any division per participating Member State or OCT, unless specified otherwise therein):

Or. fr



**Amendment 95**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 17 – paragraph 5 – point a – point i**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(i) *for external cross-border Interreg programmes supported by IPA III and NDICI as a single amount ('IPA III CBC' or 'Neighbourhood CBC' combining the contribution from [Heading 2 Cohesion and Values, sub-ceiling Economic, social and territorial cohesion] and [Heading 6 Neighbourhood and the World]);* **deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 96**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 17 – paragraph 5 – point a – point ii**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(ii) *for component 2 and 4 Interreg programmes supported by IPA III, NDICI or the OCTP as a single amount ('Interreg funds') combining the contribution from [Heading 2] and [Heading 6] or split per financing instrument 'ERDF', 'IPA III', 'NDICI' and 'OCTP', pursuant to the choice of the programme partners;* **deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 97**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 17 – paragraph 7 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) set out the apportionment of liabilities among the participating Member States and, where applicable, *third or partner countries or* OCTs, in the event of financial corrections imposed by the managing authority or the Commission.

*Amendment*

(c) set out the apportionment of liabilities among the participating Member States and, where applicable, OCTs, in the event of financial corrections imposed by the managing authority or the Commission.

Or. fr

**Amendment 98**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 18 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The participating Member States and, where applicable, *third or partner countries or* OCTs shall review the Interreg programme taking into account the observations made by the Commission.

*Amendment*

3. The participating Member States and, where applicable, OCTs shall review the Interreg programme taking into account the observations made by the Commission.

Or. fr

**Amendment 99**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 18 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. *With regard to external cross-border Interreg programmes, the Commission shall adopt its decisions in accordance with paragraph 4 after consultation of the 'IPA III Committee' in accordance with Article [16] of Regulation (EU) [IPA III] and of the*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

*'Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Committee' in accordance with Article [36] of Regulation (EU) [NDICI].*

Or. fr

**Amendment 100**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 19 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The participating Member States and, where applicable, ***third countries, partner countries or*** OCTs shall review the amended programme and take into account the observations made by the Commission.

*Amendment*

3. The participating Member States and, where applicable, OCTs shall review the amended programme and take into account the observations made by the Commission.

Or. fr

**Amendment 101**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 21 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Community-led local development ('CLLD') under point (b) of Article [22] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] may be implemented in Interreg programmes, provided that the relevant local action groups are composed of representatives of public and private local socio-economic interests, in which no single interest group controls the decision-making, and of ***at least two*** participating countries, ***of which at least one is a Member State.***

*Amendment*

Community-led local development ('CLLD') under point (b) of Article [22] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] may be implemented in Interreg programmes, provided that the relevant local action groups are composed of representatives of public and private local socio-economic interests, in which no single interest group controls the decision-making, and of ***which the*** participating countries ***must be*** Member ***States.***

**Amendment 102**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 22 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

That document shall also set out the lead partner's obligations with regard to recoveries pursuant to Article 50. Those obligations shall be defined by the monitoring committee. However, a lead partner located in a different Member State, *third country, partner country* or OCT from the partner shall not be obliged to recover through a judicial procedure.

*Amendment*

That document shall also set out the lead partner's obligations with regard to recoveries pursuant to Article 50. Those obligations shall be defined by the monitoring committee. However, a lead partner located in a different Member State or OCT from the partner shall not be obliged to recover through a judicial procedure.

Or. fr

**Amendment 103**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 23 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Operations selected under components 1, 2 and 3 shall involve actors from *at least two participating countries, at least one of which shall be a beneficiary from a Member State.*

*Amendment*

Operations selected under components 1, 2 and 3 shall involve actors from *a Member State and an OCT.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 104**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 23 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For Interreg operations under component 3 Interreg programmes, the partners from outermost regions and ***third countries, partner countries or*** OCTs shall be required to cooperate only in three of the four dimensions listed in the first subparagraph.

*Amendment*

For Interreg operations under component 3 Interreg programmes, the partners from outermost regions and OCTs shall be required to cooperate only in three of the four dimensions listed in the first subparagraph.

Or. fr

**Amendment 105**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Any beneficiary in a Member State, ***third country, partner country or*** OCT participating in an Interreg programme may be designated as the lead partner.

*Amendment*

Any beneficiary in a Member State ***or an*** OCT participating in an Interreg programme may be designated as the lead partner.

Or. fr

**Amendment 106**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

However, Member States, ***third countries, partner countries*** or OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may agree that a partner not receiving support from the ERDF or an external financing instrument of the Union may be designated as the lead partner.

*Amendment*

However, Member States or OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may agree that a partner not receiving support from the ERDF or an external financing instrument of the Union may be designated as the lead partner.

**Amendment 107**

**Jill Evans**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 26 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. *Technical assistance to each Interreg programme shall be reimbursed as a flat rate by applying the percentages set out in paragraph 2 to the eligible expenditure included in each payment application pursuant to [points (a) or (c) of Article 85(3)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] as appropriate.*

*Amendment*

1. *At the initiative of the Member State, the Funds may finance the preparatory, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities of operational programmes together with measures to improve the administration of the funds.*

Or. es

**Amendment 108**

**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*(b) for external cross-border Interreg programmes supported by IPA III CBC or NDICI CBC: 10%;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 109**

**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 27 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. The Member States and, where applicable, *the third countries, partner countries and* OCTs participating in that programme shall set up, in agreement with the managing authority, a committee to monitor implementation of the respective Interreg programme ('monitoring committee') within three months of the date of notification to the Member States of the Commission decision adopting an Interreg programme,

1. The Member States and, where applicable, OCTs participating in that programme shall set up, in agreement with the managing authority, a committee to monitor implementation of the respective Interreg programme ('monitoring committee') within three months of the date of notification to the Member States of the Commission decision adopting an Interreg programme,

Or. fr

**Amendment 110**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 27 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Where the rules of procedure of the monitoring committee establish a rotating chair, the monitoring committee may be chaired by a representative of *a third country, partner country or* OCT, and co-chaired by a representative of the Member State or of the managing authority, and vice-versa.

*Amendment*

Where the rules of procedure of the monitoring committee establish a rotating chair, the monitoring committee may be chaired by a representative of *an* OCT, and co-chaired by a representative of the Member State or of the managing authority, and vice-versa.

Or. fr

**Amendment 111**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 28 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The composition of the monitoring committee of each Interreg programme shall be agreed by the Member States and,

*Amendment*

The composition of the monitoring committee of each Interreg programme shall be agreed by the Member States and,

where applicable, by the *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs participating in that programme and shall ensure a balanced representation of the relevant authorities, intermediate bodies and representatives of the programme partners referred to in Article [6] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] from Member States, *third countries, partner countries* and OCTs.

where applicable, by the OCTs participating in that programme and shall ensure a balanced representation of the relevant authorities, intermediate bodies and representatives of the programme partners referred to in Article [6] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] from Member States and OCTs.

Or. fr

**Amendment 112**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 28 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The composition of the monitoring committee shall take into account the number of participating Member States, *third countries, partner countries* and OCTs in the Interreg programme concerned.

*Amendment*

The composition of the monitoring committee shall take into account the number of participating Member States and OCTs in the Interreg programme concerned.

Or. fr

**Amendment 113**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 36 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Without prejudice to the eligibility rules laid down in Articles [57 to 62] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], Articles [4 and 6] of Regulation (EU) [new ERDF] or in this Chapter, including in acts adopted thereunder, the participating Member

*Amendment*

Without prejudice to the eligibility rules laid down in Articles [57 to 62] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], Articles [4 and 6] of Regulation (EU) [new ERDF] or in this Chapter, including in acts adopted thereunder, the participating Member



States and, where applicable, *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs shall, by a joint decision in the monitoring committee, only establish additional rules on eligibility of expenditure for the Interreg programme on categories of expenditure not covered by those provisions. Those additional rules shall cover the programme area as a whole.

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Or. fr

#### **Amendment 114** **Dominique Bilde**

##### **Proposal for a regulation** **Article 36 – paragraph 3**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

3. For matters not covered by the eligibility rules laid down in Articles [57 to 62] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], Articles [4 and 6] of Regulation (EU) [new ERDF] and this Chapter, including in acts adopted thereunder or in rules established in accordance with paragraph 4, the national rules of the Member State and, where applicable, of the *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs in which the expenditure is incurred shall apply.

###### *Amendment*

3. For matters not covered by the eligibility rules laid down in Articles [57 to 62] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], Articles [4 and 6] of Regulation (EU) [new ERDF] and this Chapter, including in acts adopted thereunder or in rules established in accordance with paragraph 4, the national rules of the Member State and, where applicable, of the OCTs in which the expenditure is incurred shall apply.

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 115** **Dominique Bilde**

##### **Proposal for a regulation** **Article 37 – paragraph 1**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The participating Member States and, where applicable, *third countries,*

###### *Amendment*

1. The participating Member States and, where applicable, OCTs, may agree in

*partner countries and* OCTs, may agree in the monitoring committee of an Interreg programme that expenditure falling under one or more of the categories referred to in Articles 38 to 43 shall not be eligible under one or more priorities of an Interreg programme.

the monitoring committee of an Interreg programme that expenditure falling under one or more of the categories referred to in Articles 38 to 43 shall not be eligible under one or more priorities of an Interreg programme.

Or. fr

**Amendment 116**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 44 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States and, where applicable, *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall identify, for the purposes of Article [65] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], a single managing authority and a single audit authority.

*Amendment*

1. Member States and, where applicable, OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall identify, for the purposes of Article [65] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], a single managing authority and a single audit authority.

Or. fr

**Amendment 117**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 44 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Member States and, where applicable, *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may identify an EGTC as managing authority of that programme.

*Amendment*

4. Member States and, where applicable, OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may identify an EGTC as managing authority of that programme.

Or. fr

**Amendment 118**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 44 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. With regard to an Interreg programme under component 2B or under component 1 where the latter covers long borders with *heterogenous* development challenges and needs, Member States and, where applicable, *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may define sub-programme areas.

*Amendment*

5. With regard to an Interreg programme under component 2B or under component 1 where the latter covers long borders with *heterogeneous* development challenges and needs, Member States and, where applicable, OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may define sub-programme areas.

Or. fr

**Amendment 119**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 44 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Where the managing authority identifies an intermediate body under an Interreg programme in accordance with Article [65(3)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], the intermediate body shall carry out those tasks in more than one participating Member State or, where applicable, *third country, partner country or* OCT.

*Amendment*

6. Where the managing authority identifies an intermediate body under an Interreg programme in accordance with Article [65(3)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], the intermediate body shall carry out those tasks in more than one participating Member State or, where applicable, OCT.

Or. fr

**Amendment 120**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 45 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The managing authority, after consultation with the Member States and, where applicable, *any third countries, partner countries or* OCTs participating in the Interreg programme, shall set up a joint secretariat, with staff taking into account the programme partnership.

*Amendment*

The managing authority, after consultation with the Member States and, where applicable, OCTs participating in the Interreg programme, shall set up a joint secretariat, with staff taking into account the programme partnership.

Or. fr

**Amendment 121**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 46 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States and, where applicable, *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall agree on the arrangements for carrying out the accounting function.

*Amendment*

1. Member States and, where applicable, OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall agree on the arrangements for carrying out the accounting function.

Or. fr

**Amendment 122**  
**Jill Evans**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall pay a pre-financing based on the total support from each Interreg fund, as set out in the decision approving each Interreg programme under Article 18, subject to

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall pay a pre-financing based on the total support from each Interreg fund, as set out in the decision approving each Interreg programme under Article 18, subject to

available funds, in yearly instalments as follows and before 1 July of the years 2022 to **2026**, or, in the year of the approving decision, no later than 60 days after that decision is adopted:

available funds, in yearly instalments as follows and before 1 July of the years 2022 to **2027**, or, in the year of the approving decision, no later than 60 days after that decision is adopted:

Or. es

### **Amendment 123**

**Jill Evans**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) 2024: **1%**;

*Amendment*

(d) 2024: **2.625 %**;

Or. es

### **Amendment 124**

**Jill Evans**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) 2025: **1%**;

*Amendment*

(e) 2025; **2.75 %**;

Or. es

### **Amendment 125**

**Jill Evans**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(f) 2026: **1%**.

*Amendment*

(f) 2026: **2.875%**;

**Amendment 126**  
**Jill Evans**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point f a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(fa) 2027: 3%*

**Amendment 127**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Where external cross-border Interreg programmes are supported by the ERDF and IPA III CBC or NDICI CBC, the pre-financing for all funds supporting such an Interreg programme shall be made in accordance with Regulation (EU) [IPA III] or [NDICI] or of any act adopted thereunder.*

*deleted*

**Amendment 128**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The total amount paid as pre-financing shall be reimbursed to the Commission if*

*deleted*

*no payment application under the cross-border Interreg programme is sent within 24 months of the date on which the Commission pays the first instalment of the pre-financing amount. Such reimbursement shall constitute internal assigned revenue and shall not reduce the support from the ERDF, IPA III CBC or NDICI CBC to the programme.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 129**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 50 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Where the lead partner does not succeed in securing repayment from other partners or where the managing authority does not succeed in securing repayment from the lead or sole partner, the Member State, *third country, partner country* or OCT on whose territory the partner concerned is located or, in the case of an EGTC, is registered shall reimburse the managing authority any amounts unduly paid to that partner. The managing authority shall be responsible for reimbursing the amounts concerned to the general budget of the Union, in accordance with the apportionment of liabilities among the participating Member States, *third countries, partner countries* or OCTs laid down in the Interreg programme.

*Amendment*

2. Where the lead partner does not succeed in securing repayment from other partners or where the managing authority does not succeed in securing repayment from the lead or sole partner, the Member State, or OCT on whose territory the partner concerned is located or, in the case of an EGTC, is registered shall reimburse the managing authority any amounts unduly paid to that partner. The managing authority shall be responsible for reimbursing the amounts concerned to the general budget of the Union, in accordance with the apportionment of liabilities among the participating Member States or OCTs laid down in the Interreg programme.

Or. fr

**Amendment 130**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 50 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Once the Member State, **third country, partner country** or OCT has reimbursed the managing authority any amounts unduly paid to a partner, it may continue or start a recovery procedure against that partner under its national law. In the event of successful recovery, the Member State, **third country, partner country** or OCT may use those amounts for the national co-financing of the Interreg programme concerned. The Member State, **third country, partner country** or OCT shall not have any reporting obligations towards the programme authorities, the monitoring committee or the Commission with regard to such national recoveries.

*Amendment*

3. Once the Member State or OCT has reimbursed the managing authority any amounts unduly paid to a partner, it may continue or start a recovery procedure against that partner under its national law. In the event of successful recovery, the Member State or OCT may use those amounts for the national co-financing of the Interreg programme concerned. The Member State or OCT shall not have any reporting obligations towards the programme authorities, the monitoring committee or the Commission with regard to such national recoveries.

Or. fr

**Amendment 131**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 50 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Where a Member State, **third country, partner country** or OCT has not reimbursed the managing authority any amounts unduly paid to a partner pursuant to paragraph 3, those amounts shall be subject to a recovery order issued by the AOD which shall be executed, where possible, by offsetting against amounts due to the Member State, **third country, partner country** or OCT under subsequent payments to the same Interreg programme **or, in the case of a third country, partner country** or an OCT, under subsequent payments to programmes under the

*Amendment*

4. Where a Member State or OCT has not reimbursed the managing authority any amounts unduly paid to a partner pursuant to paragraph 3, those amounts shall be subject to a recovery order issued by the AOD which shall be executed, where possible, by offsetting against amounts due to the Member State or OCT under subsequent payments to the same Interreg programme or an OCT, under subsequent payments to programmes under the respective external financing instruments of the Union. Such recovery shall not constitute a financial correction and shall



respective external financing instruments of the Union. Such recovery shall not constitute a financial correction and shall not reduce the support from the ERDF or any external financing instrument of the Union to the respective Interreg programme. The amount recovered shall constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article [177(3)] of Regulation (EU, Euratom) [FR-Omnibus].

not reduce the support from the ERDF or any external financing instrument of the Union to the respective Interreg programme. The amount recovered shall constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article [177(3)] of Regulation (EU, Euratom) [FR-Omnibus].

Or. fr

**Amendment 132**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Chapter 8 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Participation of *third countries or partner countries* or OCTs in Interreg programmes under shared management

Participation of OCTs in Interreg programmes under shared management

Or. fr

**Amendment 133**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 51 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Chapters I to VII and Chapter X shall apply to the participation of *third countries, partner countries and* OCTs in Interreg programmes subject to the specific provisions set out in this Chapter.

Chapters I to VII and Chapter X shall apply to the participation of OCTs in Interreg programmes subject to the specific provisions set out in this Chapter.

Or. fr

**Amendment 134**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 52 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. *Third countries, partner countries* and OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall either allow the managing authority of that programme to carry out its functions in its respective territory or shall identify a national authority as contact point for the managing authority or a national controller to carry out management verifications as provided for in [point (a) of Article 68(1)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] in its respective territory.

*Amendment*

1. OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall either allow the managing authority of that programme to carry out its functions in its respective territory or shall identify a national authority as contact point for the managing authority or a national controller to carry out management verifications as provided for in [point (a) of Article 68(1)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] in its respective territory.

Or. fr

**Amendment 135**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 52 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. *Third countries, partner countries* and OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall either allow the audit authority of that programme to carry out its functions in its respective territory or shall identify a national audit authority or body, functionally independent from the national authority.

*Amendment*

2. OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall either allow the audit authority of that programme to carry out its functions in its respective territory or shall identify a national audit authority or body, functionally independent from the national authority.

Or. fr

**Amendment 136**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 52 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. ***Third countries, partner countries and*** OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall delegate staff to the joint secretariat of that programme or shall set up a branch office in its respective territory, or shall do both.

*Amendment*

3. OCTs participating in an Interreg programme shall delegate staff to the joint secretariat of that programme or shall set up a branch office in its respective territory, or shall do both.

Or. fr

**Amendment 137**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 52 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The national authority or a body equivalent to the Interreg programme communication officer as provided for in Article 35(1), shall support the managing authority and partners in the respective ***third country, partner country or*** OCT with regard to the tasks provided for in Article 35(2) to (7).

*Amendment*

4. The national authority or a body equivalent to the Interreg programme communication officer as provided for in Article 35(1), shall support the managing authority and partners in the respective OCT with regard to the tasks provided for in Article 35(2) to (7).

Or. fr

**Amendment 138**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 53 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***External cross-border Interreg programmes supported both by ERDF and IPA III CBC or NDICI CBC shall be implemented under shared management***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*both in the Member States and in any participating third country or partner country.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 139**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 53 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Component 2 and 4 Interreg programmes combining contributions from the ERDF and from one or more external financing instrument of the Union shall be implemented under shared management both in the Member States and in any *participating third country or partner country or, with regard to component 3, in any* OCT, whether or not that OCT receives support under one or more external financing instruments of the Union.

*Amendment*

2. Component 2 and 4 Interreg programmes combining contributions from the ERDF and from one or more external financing instrument of the Union shall be implemented under shared management both in the Member States and in any OCT, whether or not that OCT receives support under one or more external financing instruments of the Union.

Or. fr

**Amendment 140**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 53 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) under shared management both in the Member States and in any participating *third country or* OCT;

*Amendment*

(a) under shared management both in the Member States and in any participating OCT;

Or. fr

**Amendment 141**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 53 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) under shared management only in the Member States and in any participating *third country or* OCT with regard to ERDF expenditure outside the Union for one or more operations, whereas the contributions from one or more external financing instruments of the Union are managed under indirect management;

*Amendment*

(b) under shared management only in the Member States and in any participating OCT with regard to ERDF expenditure outside the Union for one or more operations, whereas the contributions from one or more external financing instruments of the Union are managed under indirect management;

Or. fr

**Amendment 142**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 53 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) under indirect management both in the Member States and in any participating *third country or* OCT.

*Amendment*

(c) under indirect management both in the Member States and in any participating OCT.

Or. fr

**Amendment 143**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 54 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

By way of derogation from Article [57(2)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] expenditure shall be eligible for a contribution from external financing instruments of the Union

*Amendment*

By way of derogation from Article [57(2)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] expenditure shall be eligible for a contribution from external financing instruments of the Union

if it has been incurred by a partner or the private partner of PPP operations in the preparation and implementation of Interreg operations from 1 January 2021 and paid after the date when the financing agreement with the respective *third country, partner country or* OCT was concluded.

if it has been incurred by a partner or the private partner of PPP operations in the preparation and implementation of Interreg operations from 1 January 2021 and paid after the date when the financing agreement with the respective OCT was concluded.

Or. fr

**Amendment 144**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 54 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

However, expenditure for technical assistance managed by programme authorities located in a Member State shall be eligible as of 1 January 2021, even when paid for actions implemented in favour of *third countries, partner countries or* OCTs.

*Amendment*

However, expenditure for technical assistance managed by programme authorities located in a Member State shall be eligible as of 1 January 2021, even when paid for actions implemented in favour of OCTs.

Or. fr

**Amendment 145**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 56 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*(b) where the beneficiary is a public authority of a partner country under IPA III or NDICI whose co-financing is transferred to the Managing Authority, it may apply national laws, regulations and administrative provisions, provided that the financing agreement allows it and that*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

*the contract is awarded to the tender offering best value for money, or as appropriate, to the tender offering the lowest price, while avoiding any conflict of interests.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 146**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 58 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to implement an Interreg programme in ***a third country, partner country or OCT***, in accordance with Article [112(4)] of Regulation (EU, Euratom) [FR-Omnibus], a financing agreement shall be concluded between the Commission representing the Union and each participating ***third country, partner country or OCT*** represented in accordance with its national legal framework.

*Amendment*

1. In order to implement an Interreg programme in ***an*** OCT, in accordance with Article [112(4)] of Regulation (EU, Euratom) [FR-Omnibus], a financing agreement shall be concluded between the Commission representing the Union and each participating OCT represented in accordance with its national legal framework.

Or. fr

**Amendment 147**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 58 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) when the ***third or partner country or OCT*** has completed the procedure required for ratification under its national legal framework and informed the Commission .

*Amendment*

(b) when the OCT has completed the procedure required for ratification under its national legal framework and informed the Commission .

Or. fr

**Amendment 148**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 58 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Where an Interreg programme involves more than one ***third country, partner country or*** OCT, at least one financing agreement shall be signed by both parties before that date. The other ***third countries, partner countries or*** OCTs may sign their respective financing agreements at the latest on 30 June of the second year following the year when the first budget commitment was made.

*Amendment*

3. Where an Interreg programme involves more than one OCT, at least one financing agreement shall be signed by both parties before that date. The other OCTs may sign their respective financing agreements at the latest on 30 June of the second year following the year when the first budget commitment was made.

Or. fr

**Amendment 149**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 58 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) shall sign, on the same date, an implementing agreement with each ***third country, partner country or*** OCT participating in that Interreg programme setting out the mutual rights and obligations with regard to its implementation and financial management.

*Amendment*

(b) shall sign, on the same date, an implementing agreement with each OCT participating in that Interreg programme setting out the mutual rights and obligations with regard to its implementation and financial management.

Or. fr

**Amendment 150**  
**Dominique Bilde**



**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 59 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***Third country, partner country or*** OCT contribution other than co-financing

*Amendment*

OCT contribution other than co-financing

Or. fr

**Amendment 151**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 59 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Where ***a third country, partner country or*** OCT transfers to the Managing Authority a financial contribution to the Interreg programme other than its co-financing of the Union support to the Interreg programme, the rules concerning that financial contribution shall be contained in the following document:

*Amendment*

1. Where ***an*** OCT transfers to the Managing Authority a financial contribution to the Interreg programme other than its co-financing of the Union support to the Interreg programme, the rules concerning that financial contribution shall be contained in the following document:

Or. fr

**Amendment 152**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 59 – paragraph 1 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) where the Member State signs the financing agreement pursuant to point (a) of Article 58(4), in a separate implementing agreement signed either between the Member State hosting the managing authority and the ***third country, partner country or*** OCT or directly between the managing authority and the

*Amendment*

(a) where the Member State signs the financing agreement pursuant to point (a) of Article 58(4), in a separate implementing agreement signed either between the Member State hosting the managing authority and the OCT or directly between the managing authority

competent authority in the *third country, partner country or* OCT;

and the competent authority in the OCT;

Or. fr

**Amendment 153**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 59 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

An implementing agreement under paragraph 1 shall at least contain the elements concerning the *third country's, partner country's or* OCT's co-financing listed in Article 58(5).

*Amendment*

An implementing agreement under paragraph 1 shall at least contain the elements concerning the OCT's co-financing listed in Article 58(5).

Or. fr

**Amendment 154**  
**Dominique Bilde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 60 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Where a programme or action co-financed by one or more external financing instrument is implemented by *a third country, a partner country*, an OCT or any of the other bodies listed to in [point (c) of the first subparagraph of Article 62(1)] of Regulation (EU, Euratom) [FR-Omnibus] or referred to in Regulation (EU) [NDICI] or Council Decision [OCT Decision] or both, the relevant rules of these instruments shall apply, in particular Chapters I, III and V of Title II of Regulation (EU) [NDICI].

*Amendment*

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