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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a Technical Support Instrument (COM(2020)0409 – C9-0148/2020 – 2020/0103(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

Having withdrawn its proposal for the Reform Support Programme (RSP), which included a technical support instrument, on 28 May 2020 the Commission put forward a proposal for the establishment of a standalone Technical Support Instrument available to all Member States, on a voluntary basis, as a successor to the Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP). This instrument is part of the initiatives taken by the Commission in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, for helping Member States mitigate the negative economic and social consequences. It is very important to strengthen the resilience of the European economies and it is necessary to strategically plan the recovery and ensure sustainable growth.

As a successor to the SRSP, the Technical Support Instrument aims to provide support for strengthening the administrative capacity and long-term structural reforms in the Member States that, in turn, can have a significant impact on their labour market and social security systems. It also provides support to foster the implementation of the country specific recommendations addressed to Member States in the context of the European Semester. The instrument aims to promote cohesion by supporting Member States' efforts to implement reforms necessary to achieve economic and social recovery, resilience and convergence, and to strengthen their administrative capacity to implement Union law in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

In parallel to the Technical Support Instrument, in order to respond to the new challenges in the current context, the Commission has also proposed a regulation for a Recovery and Resilience Facility that will provide large scale financial support for public investments and reforms that make Member States economies more resilient, and better prepared for the future. Thus, the instrument can support Member States in the preparation, implementation, revision and improvement of recovery and resilience plans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

The Rapporteur welcomes the fact that the current Commission proposal takes into account the position expressed both in the joint draft report of the BUDG and ECON Committees on the technical support instruments contained in the RSP proposal, published on 20 April 2020, as well as in the EMPL opinion on the Reform Support Programme adopted on May 26 2020. The rapporteur wishes to propose some changes linked to the current context, which highlight the importance of socially responsible, smart, sustainable and inclusive reforms and investments, which would support a sustainable and fair recovery well beyond the COVID-19 crisis.

The Commission proposal puts specific emphasis to actions that foster the green and digital transitions. In this context, the Rapporteur highlights the importance of digitisation across all areas of EU economy and society and the possible role of the instrument in supporting Member States in ensuring a digital recovery via reforms and investments in digital infrastructure and skills that will contribute to the final aim of creating a Digital Single Market.

The Rapporteur proposes extension of the scope of the instrument (Article 5) by including e.g. youth policies; social protection policies with focus on vulnerable groups; policies to reduce gender discrimination and to promote gender equality; policies to improve access to education for children and students; VET education, access to lifelong learning and integration into the

labour market; policies to improve the capacity of public institutions to guarantee mobile and cross-border workers' rights, etc.

In the Rapporteur's view, the instrument should also encourage the convergence towards the accession to the euro area of the Member States whose currency is not the euro.

In a broader perspective, the Technical Support Instrument will also contribute to the implementation of the commitments of the Union and of Member States in the context of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, as the committees responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 changed the economic outlook for the years to come in the EU and in the world. In the Union, new priorities have emerged, linked with the crisis, specifically ***focussing*** on recovery and resilience. They require an urgent and coordinated response from the Union in order to cope with the economic consequences for Member States as well to mitigate the social and economic fallouts. The current COVID-19 pandemic as well as the previous economic and financial crisis have shown that developing sound and resilient economies and financial systems built on strong economic and social structures helps Member States to respond more efficiently to shocks and recover more swiftly from them. ***Growth enhancing reforms and investments to address structural weaknesses of the economies and strengthen their resilience*** will therefore be essential to set the economies and societies back on a sustainable recovery path and overcome

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capacity and social protection systems, boost growth, create quality jobs, foster investment and support the process of upward economic, social and territorial cohesion and convergence will therefore be essential to set the economies and societies back on a sustainable recovery path and overcome the economic, social and territorial divergences in the Union.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reform priorities. Those strategies *are* presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priorities to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the structural and cohesion funds, and from other programmes.

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(4) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the *principal* framework to identify *challenges and* national reform priorities *in the economic and social policy areas* and monitor their implementation. *Such reforms should be based on solidarity, integration, social justice and a fair distribution of wealth and income, so as to ensure equality and access to opportunities and social protection, to protect vulnerable groups, and to improve the living standards of all, which are key principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights.* Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reform priorities. Those strategies *should be designed based on a wide-ranging and documented public consultation process, in cooperation with the social partners, and then* presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priorities to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the structural and cohesion funds, and from

other programmes.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Member States have increasingly taken up technical support under the SRSP in the past, therefore, through this Regulation, a technical support instrument should be established with a view to continuing to support Member States in the implementation of reforms.

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(6) Member States have increasingly taken up technical support under the SRSP in the past, therefore, through this Regulation, a technical support instrument should be established with a view to continuing to support Member States in the implementation of reforms ***and of investments that will support a sustainable and fair recovery beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and will make national systems more resilient.***

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Reflecting the European Green Deal as Europe's growth strategy and the translation of the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, the technical support instrument will contribute to mainstreaming climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of 25% of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions should be identified during the instrument's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes. ***This should also*** tackle broader environmental and social challenges within the Union, including ***the protection of*** natural capital and ***the support to*** the circular economy and be in

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challenges within the Union, including **reducing inequalities, ensuring high quality public services, protecting** natural capital and **supporting** the circular economy and be in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) The Technical Support Instrument will also contribute to the implementation of the commitments of the Union and of Member States in the context of the European Pillar of Social Rights and to reforms and investments based on the principles of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7b) The Technical Support Instrument should help to build the capacity of national authorities, public and private organisations and the populations that benefit from the projects it supports, paving the way for more efficient and effective use of recovery and resilience funds, with better implementation and a real impact on the delivery of policies that are in line with Member States' needs and their development strategies, promoting decent work that is fairly paid and based on collective bargaining; that promote public investment in infrastructure and productive sectors, supporting green and innovative development that safeguards social and territorial cohesion; that boost

and invest in public services, providing high-quality and universal social responses.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7c) Acknowledging the importance of digitisation across all areas of Union economy and society, the Technical Support Instrument will support Member States in ensuring a digital transformation via reforms and investments in digital infrastructure and skills that will contribute to the overall aim of creating a Digital Single Market.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) The general objective of the technical support instrument should be to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by supporting Member States efforts to implement reforms ***necessary to achieve economic and social recovery, resilience and convergence.*** To that effect, it should support the strengthening of the administrative capacity of the Member States to implement Union law, in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

(8) The general objective of the technical support instrument should be to ***strengthen the administrative capacity of Member States and their regional and local authorities insofar as their institutions, public administration and economic and social sectors are concerned and to assist national, regional and local authorities in their endeavours to design, develop and implement reforms. Furthermore, it should*** promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by supporting Member States efforts to implement ***socially responsible reforms and investments that will support a sustainable and fair economic, social and gender-equal recovery beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.*** To that effect, it should support the strengthening of the

administrative capacity of the Member States to implement Union law, in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration and economic and social sectors.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) The specific objectives of the technical support instrument should be to assist national authorities in their endeavours to design, develop and implement reforms, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and a more effective and efficient human resources management.

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(9) The specific objectives of the technical support instrument should be to assist national **and local** authorities **and the social partners** in their endeavours to design, develop and implement **socially responsible and sustainable** reforms **and strengthen social dialogue**, including through exchange of **data and** good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and a more effective and efficient human resources management.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) With a view to helping Member States address reform needs in all the key economic and societal areas, technical support should continue to be provided by the Commission, upon request from a Member State, in a broad range of policy domains, which include areas related to public financial and asset management, institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development, public health and social welfare. Specific emphasis should be given to the actions that foster the green and

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digital transitions.

territorial cohesion, civil protection, asylum, migration and border policies, and development of infrastructure in all of those areas. Specific emphasis should be given to the actions that foster the green and digital transitions *and social progress.* *The Technical Support Instrument should also support actions to stimulate convergence towards accession to the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.*

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) In order for the reforms to gather wide support, Member States that wish to benefit from the Technical Support Instrument should be required, as part of the process of drawing up proposals for packages, to consult relevant stakeholders, such as local and regional authorities, the economic and social partners and civil society, in line with the relevant provisions of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014^{1a}, as well as national parliaments.

^{1a} Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 of 7 January 2014 on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) In order to cater for additional needs under the Technical Support Instrument, Member States should have the possibility to transfer to the budget of that instrument resources programmed in shared management under the Union funds, in accordance with the procedure thereof. Transferred resources should be implemented in accordance with the rules of that instrument and should be used exclusively for the benefit of the Member State concerned. The Commission should provide feedback to the Member State concerned on the use of the additional voluntary contributions.

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(12) In order to cater for additional needs under the Technical Support Instrument, Member States should have the possibility to transfer to the budget of that instrument resources programmed in shared management under the Union funds, in accordance with the procedure thereof ***and subject to a maximum limit of 10 % of the budgetary envelope of the Member State***. Transferred resources should be implemented in accordance with the rules of that instrument and should be used exclusively for the benefit of the Member State concerned. The Commission should provide feedback to the Member State concerned on the use of the additional voluntary contributions.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Due to the exceptional circumstances deriving from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, relevant actions started from 1 February 2020 onwards should be eligible for financing under the Technical Support Instrument, provided they pursue the objectives set out in this Regulation.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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undertaken *in* the Member States, reforms in the context of economic governance processes or actions related to the implementation of Union law, and reforms in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. *The Technical Support Instrument is highly recommended and* should also provide technical support for the preparation, *revision, improvement* and implementation of recovery plans to be undertaken under Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX^{1a}.

^{1a} Regulation (EU) YYY/XX Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) The Technical Support Instrument should also support reforms implemented through local authorities and other stakeholders. Where the European Semester, in particular the country-specific recommendations, identifies challenges that require urgent reforms but the Member State concerned makes inadequate use of the allocated funding, or such funding has been suspended by the Commission, regional and local level actions that contribute to addressing those challenges should continue to benefit from the instrument.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

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already existing under the previous programme, the SRSP, a light process for the submission of requests for technical support should be established. For this reason, requests by Member States should be submitted by 31 October of a calendar year. Respecting the overarching principle of equal treatment, sound financial management and transparency, appropriate criteria for the analysis of the requests submitted by Member States should be laid down. Those criteria should be based on the urgency, the severity and extent of the problems, as well as on the support needs identified in respect of the policy areas where technical support is envisaged.

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

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

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

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Provisions on the implementation of the Technical Support Instrument should be laid down, in particular the management modes, the forms of funding for the technical support measures and the content of work programmes, which should be adopted by way of **implementing** acts. In view of the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing reforms, it is necessary to allow for a co-financing rate for grants of up to 100% of the eligible costs. To allow for a rapid mobilisation of technical support in case of urgency, provision should be made for the adoption of special measures for **a limited** period of time. To that effect, a limited amount of the budget within the work programme of the Technical Support Instrument should be set aside for special measures.

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(17) Provisions on the implementation of the Technical Support Instrument should be laid down, in particular the management modes, the forms of funding for the technical support measures and the content of work programmes, which should be adopted by way of **delegated** acts. In view of the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing reforms, it is necessary to allow for a co-financing rate for grants of up to 100% of the eligible costs. To allow for a rapid mobilisation of technical support in case of urgency, provision should be made for the adoption of special measures for **the** period of time **needed to overcome the challenges caused by the urgency**. To that effect, a limited amount of the budget within the work programme of the Technical Support Instrument, **not exceeding 5%^{1a} thereof**, should be set aside for special measures.

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https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/annual_work_programme_of_the_structural_reform_support_programme.pdf

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) Pursuant to paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Interinstitutional Agreement for Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016, there is a need to evaluate the instrument established by this Regulation on the basis of

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information collected through specific monitoring requirements, while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, in particular on Member States. These requirements, where appropriate, should include measurable indicators, as a basis for evaluating the effects of the instrument on the ground.

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Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) The work programmes for the implementation of technical support should be established. ***In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.***

Horizontal financial rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of Article 322 of the Treaty apply to this Regulation. These rules are laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Financial Regulation)¹⁷ and determine in particular the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget through grants, procurement, prizes, indirect implementation, and provide for checks on the responsibility of financial actors. Rules adopted on the basis of Article 322 TFEU also concern the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States, as the respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for sound financial management and effective EU funding.

Amendment

(21) The work programmes for the implementation of technical support should be established. ***In order to implement the technical support the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the adoption of work programmes.*** Horizontal financial rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of Article 322 of the Treaty apply to this Regulation. These rules are laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Financial Regulation)¹⁷ and determine in particular the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget through grants, procurement, prizes, indirect implementation, and provide for checks on the responsibility of financial actors. Rules adopted on the basis of Article 322 TFEU also concern the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States ***in accordance with Regulation (EU) YYY/XX of the European Parliament and of the Council^{17a}***, as the respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for sound financial

management and effective EU funding.

¹⁷ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

¹⁷ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

^{17a} Regulation (EU) YYY/XX of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative **and growth-sustaining and resilience-enhancing** reforms;

Amendment

(1) ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States **at national, regional or local level to draw up, review and** carry out institutional **or** administrative reforms **that improve sustainability and resilience**;

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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implement reforms *and investments that support a sustainable* economic and social recovery, resilience and upward economic and social convergence, and to support Member States' efforts to strengthen their administrative capacity to implement Union law, *including the implementation of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights*, in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance and public administration, *including at regional and local levels*, and economic and social sectors.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

To achieve the general objective set out in Article 3, the instrument shall have the specific objectives of *assisting* national authorities in improving their capacity to design, develop and implement reforms, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and a more effective and efficient human resources management. Those specific objectives shall be pursued in close cooperation with the Member States concerned.

Amendment

To achieve the general objective set out in Article 3, the instrument shall have the specific objectives of *supporting* national *and, where appropriate, regional and local* authorities *and the social partners* in improving their capacity to design, develop and implement reforms *and strengthen social dialogue, and in particular the preparation, implementation, revision and improvement of national recovery and resilience plans in accordance with Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX*, including through, *among others*, exchange of *data and* good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies, *broad stakeholder involvement*, and a more effective and efficient human resources management. Those specific objectives shall be pursued in close cooperation with the Member States concerned, *and, when relevant, namely for policy areas referred to in points (d) and (e) of Article 5 (1), in accordance with the laws and practice of the Member State concerned, with the social partners of the Member State concerned.*

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The specific objectives set out in Article 4 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, education, productivity, research and innovation, smart, fair, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs *and* investment, with specific emphasis to actions that foster the green and digital transitions, and *in particular to* one or more of the following:

Amendment

The specific objectives set out in Article 4 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, education *and training, health, social protection, insertion into the labour market,* productivity, *harnessing digital development,* research and innovation, smart, fair, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs, investment *and infrastructure,* with specific emphasis to actions that foster the green and digital transitions, *and actions that foster the implementation of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights,* and *shall focus on* one or more of the following:

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient, *non-discriminatory* and service-oriented functioning of public administration and e-government, *digitalisation and improved functioning of public employment services,* including, where appropriate, through the *improvement of the accessibility and affordability of public services,* simplification of *procedures and promotion of administrative cooperation,* effective rule of law *and checks and balances,* reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption, money laundering *and tax evasion;*

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, **including social dialogue**, for the creation of jobs, up- and re-skilling, in particular digital skills, media literacy, active citizenship, the fight against poverty **and** excessive income **inequality**, **gender equality**, the promotion of social inclusion, adequate and inclusive social security and social welfare systems, accessible and affordable public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, **lifelong learning**, **youth policies**, **inclusive** labour market policies for the creation of **high quality** jobs, **individualised** up- and re-skilling, in particular digital skills, **including upskilling scientists and implementing better individual career plans for all academic staff, and measures to improve the research and development (R&D) sector, including a better deployment of R&D results in the market and access to R&D funding, as well as** media literacy, active citizenship, the fight against poverty, excessive income **and wealth inequalities**, the promotion of social inclusion, adequate, **high quality**, **affordable** and inclusive social security and social welfare systems, accessible and

affordable public health and healthcare systems, ***the promotion of active ageing***, as well as ***economic, social and territorial cohesion, civil protection***, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) social protection measures with a focus on vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities, minorities, children in poverty, the elderly, migrants, participation and representation of workers, strengthening social dialogue and capacity building of social partners, reducing inequalities and all forms of discrimination, including through social assistance schemes, support allowances, and scholarships, as well as pension reforms measures, with a focus on the sustainability of pension systems for workers and the self-employed and on equal opportunities for women and men to acquire pension rights, in line with the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, while helping to ensure that no-one is left behind;

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) measures to reduce gender discrimination and to promote gender equality, tackling the gender pay gap, suitable family leave and flexible working arrangements and increasing the labour market participation of women, including through ensuring equal opportunities and

career progression, accessible and affordable care infrastructure, including affordable high-quality child care and care for the elderly and for persons with disabilities;

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(dc) vocational education and training (VET), access to lifelong learning and integration on the labour market, including of young people, with a focus on skills to support the digital and green transitions, entrepreneurial and transversal skills, as well as pursuing improved working conditions for all workers, including for mobile and cross-border workers;

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(dd) measures to improve access to education for children and students, as well as the integration of young people into the labour market, including by reducing poverty, improving education infrastructure, access to formal and non-formal education and providing labour market opportunities, including paid internships;

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(de) measures to improve the capacity of public institutions to guarantee mobile and cross-border workers' rights, including safe and equal working conditions, wages in accordance with the law ;

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) policies for implementing the digital **and the green** transitions, e-government solutions, e-procurement, connectivity, data access and governance, e-learning, use of Artificial Intelligence based solutions, the environmental pillar of sustainable development and environmental protection, climate action, mobility, promoting the circular economy, energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, soil and biodiversity protection, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

(e) **climate change mitigation** policies for implementing the **green and** digital transitions, e-government solutions, e-procurement, connectivity, data access and governance, e-learning **and digital education**, use of Artificial Intelligence based solutions **guaranteeing the “human-in-control principle”**, the environmental pillar of sustainable development and environmental protection, climate action, **sustainable** mobility, promoting the circular economy, energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, soil and biodiversity protection, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural, **remote or depopulating** areas; and

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) financial sector policies, including: the promotion of financial literacy, financial stability, access to finance and

(f) financial sector policies, including: the promotion of financial literacy **and the fight against overindebtedness**, financial

lending to the real economy; and production, provision and quality monitoring of data and statistics.

stability, access to finance and lending to the real economy; and production, provision and quality monitoring of data and statistics.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) measures for further development of national infrastructure in the areas of political, economic, administrative, digital, security, housing, health, transport, environment, procurement, and education functions;

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point f b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fb) measures that are relevant for the preparation for euro area membership of the Member States, as well as policies encouraging nominal and real convergence towards accession to the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro;

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The financial envelope for the instrument may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of

2. The financial envelope for the instrument may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of

the instrument and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, in so far as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the instrument. Expenses may also cover the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

the instrument and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of **stakeholders and** experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, in so far as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the instrument. Expenses may also cover the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the instrument. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

3. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the instrument **subject to a maximum limit of 10 % of the budgetary envelope of the Member State**. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned, **including at regional and local levels**.

Amendment 39

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) consultations with a broad range of stakeholders through different fora, including women's organisations, representatives of vulnerable groups and the social partners;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) **working visits to** relevant Member States or third countries to enable officials to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in relevant matters;

(ii) **exchange of best practices with** relevant Member States or third countries to enable officials to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in relevant matters;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) studies, research, analyses and surveys, evaluations and impact assessments, and the development and publication of guides, reports and educational material;

(g) studies, research, analyses and surveys, **feasibility studies, technical projects and documentation,** evaluations and impact assessments, **gender impact assessments, the results of which shall be automatically exchanged among Member States and with the Commission in order to ensure the highest level of transparency and to secure Union-wide policy coherence in the field of gender equality,** and the development and publication of guides, reports and educational material;

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) communication projects for learning, including e-learning, cooperation, awareness raising, dissemination activities and exchange of good practices; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication and communication, where appropriate, through social networks;

Amendment

(h) communication projects for learning, including e-learning, cooperation, awareness raising, dissemination activities and exchange of good practices, ***including through technical study visits to Member States that have implemented similar reforms***; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication and communication, where appropriate, through social networks;

Amendment 43

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The types of action set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be eligible for financing if started from 1 February 2020 onwards, provided they pursue the objectives set out in Articles 3 and 4.

Amendment 44

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive technical support under the instrument shall submit a request for technical support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope as set out in Article 5. These requests shall be submitted by 31 October of a calendar year. The Commission may provide guidance on the main elements to be included in the request for support.

1. A Member State wishing to receive technical support under the instrument shall submit a request for technical support to the Commission ***following adequate consultations with relevant social partners***, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope as set out in Article 5. These requests shall be submitted by 31 October of a calendar year. The Commission may provide guidance on the main elements to be

included in the request for support **and may further promote and encourage the use of technical support by Member States with high support needs.**

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member States may at any time submit requests that fall under points (d) and (e) of paragraph 2 of this Article, in particular requests for revision and improvement of recovery and resilience plans, with the purpose of amending or replacing their proposals in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX (Recovery and Recovery and Resilience Facility).

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken on their own initiative, in particular to support recovery [in line with Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX], achieve sustainable economic growth **and** job creation **and** enhance resilience;

(a) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken on their own initiative, in particular to support **a sustainable** recovery [in line with Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX], **to** achieve sustainable economic growth, **to promote high-quality** job creation, **social inclusion, adequate social protection, increased economic competitiveness, environmental protection, climate change mitigation, gender equality as well as to** enhance **social and economic** resilience;

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the implementation of **growth-sustaining** and resilience-enhancing reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular the country-specific recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or actions related to the implementation of Union law;

Amendment

(c) the implementation of **growth-enhancing, socially balanced,** and resilience-enhancing reforms **which support sustainable development and sustainable employment** in the context of economic governance processes, in particular the country-specific recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or actions related to the implementation of Union law, **of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, or of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;**

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) the revision and improvement of recovery and resilience plans;

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) in the policy areas set out in points (d) and (e) of Article 5(1), the Member State submitting a request for technical support will specify how its request impacts labour market institutions, including social partners, and if possible will specify how social partners are to be involved in accordance with national

rules and practices;

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(dc) if the technical support is required in order to implement a country-specific recommendation that requires the involvement of social partners, social partners are promptly informed about the existence of the request and modalities of their involvement.

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Based on that analysis, and taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission shall come to an agreement with the Member State concerned on the priority areas for support, the objectives, an indicative timeline, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the estimated global financial contribution for such technical support, which shall be set out in a cooperation and support plan.

Based on that analysis, and taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission shall come to an agreement with the Member State concerned on the priority areas for support, the objectives, an indicative timeline, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the estimated global financial contribution for such technical support, ***involvement of social partners when relevant***, which shall be set out in a cooperation and support plan.

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall transmit,

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with the consent of the Member State concerned, the cooperation and support plan to the European Parliament and the Council without undue delay. *The Member State concerned may refuse to give such consent in the case of sensitive or confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State.*

cooperation and support plan to the European Parliament and the Council *simultaneously*, without undue delay, *namely for the purposes of democratic accountability and to ensure visibility of the Union action.*

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, the Commission shall transmit the cooperation and support plan to the European Parliament and the Council in the following circumstances:

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(a) as soon as the Member State concerned has redacted all sensitive or confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State;

(b) after a reasonable period of time, when the disclosure of relevant information would not adversely affect the implementation of the support measures, and in any case no later than two months after the delivery of such measures under the cooperation and support plan.

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. Where the European Semester, in particular country-specific recommendations, identifies challenges that require urgent reforms but the

Member State concerned makes inadequate use of the allocated funding, or such funding has been suspended by the Commission, regional and local level actions that contribute to addressing those challenges shall continue to benefit from the Technical Support Instrument.

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 6 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

6. In order to implement the technical support, the Commission shall adopt work programmes by way of ***implementing acts, and inform the European Parliament and the Council thereof.***

Amendment

6. In order to implement the technical support, the Commission shall adopt work programmes by way of ***delegated acts in accordance with Article 16b.***

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

To ensure timely availability of resources, a limited part of the work programme shall be reserved for special measures in the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring an immediate response, including a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control.

Amendment

To ensure timely availability of resources, a limited part of the work programme, not ***exceeding 5 % thereof^{1a}***, shall be reserved for special measures in the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring an immediate response, including a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control.

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https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/annual_work_programme_of_the_structural_reform_support_programme.pdf

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) ensure complementarity, synergy, coherence and consistency among different instruments at Union, national **and, where appropriate**, regional levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

Amendment

(a) ensure complementarity, synergy, coherence and consistency among different instruments at Union, national, regional **and local** levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union, national **and, where appropriate**, regional levels to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions under the instrument.

Amendment

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union, national, regional **and local** levels to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions under the instrument.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Annual report

Amendment

Biannual report

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall provide **an**

Amendment

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annual report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of this Regulation.

biannual report to the European Parliament and the Council **simultaneously** on the implementation of this Regulation.

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The **annual** report shall include information on:

Amendment

2. The **biannual** report shall include information on:

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The mid-term evaluation report shall, in particular, assess to which extent the objectives of the instrument referred to Articles 3 and 4 have been achieved, the efficiency of the use of resources and the European added value. It shall also consider the continued relevance of all objectives and actions.

Amendment

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Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 16a

Transparency

1. Beneficiaries shall ensure, for the benefit of the general public, maximum transparency concerning the actions and financial flows under the Technical Support Instrument. Such transparency shall only be limited by legal acts related

to commercial confidentiality, applicable data protection rules or undergoing administrative or criminal investigations by Union bodies.

2. Beneficiaries shall, in line with Directive (EU) 2019/1024^{1a} publish all relevant information concerning their projects in a standardised and comparable open and machine readable format on an official publicly available register, including but not only: project proposals, declaration on non-conflict of interest, meeting minutes, impact assessments, contracts, evaluation and audit reports, as well as all public procurements shall be published on the EU Open Data Portal.

3. Member States shall make all the results of the cooperation (including data, studies, software tools, etc.) available to the general public, or else explain the nature of the confidentiality of the file.

4. All the published data referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be available indefinitely. Union institutions and the Member States shall offer their cooperation in logistical measures to keep all of that data available to the general public even after the beneficiary ceases to exist.

^{1a} Directive (EU) 2019/1024 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on open data and the re-use of public sector information

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 16b

Exercise of the delegation

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 12(6) shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2028.

3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 12(6) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.

5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 12(6) shall enter into force if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of three months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by three months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – 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 to **the public**, including **through** the media **on a non-discriminatory basis**.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention