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European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 1 1

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 232, 233

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation establishes the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

It lays down the objectives of the ESF+, the budget for the period 2021-2027, the methods of implementation, the forms of Union funding and the rules for providing such funding.

Amendment

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It lays down the objectives of the ESF+, the budget for the period 2021-2027, the methods of implementation, the forms of Union funding and the rules for providing such funding, ***complementing the general rules applicable to ESF+ under Regulation (EU) No [Regulation laying down Common Provisions].***

Or. en

Amendment 2 2

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 234, 235, 237, 239, 240, 241, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 252, 257, 251, 253, 255, 256, 258, 261, 263, 264, 271

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions ***shall*** apply:

(1) 'accompanying measures' means activities provided in addition to the distribution of food and/or basic material assistance with the aim of addressing social exclusion such as referring to and providing social services or advice on managing a household budget;

Amendment

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(1) 'accompanying measures' means activities provided in addition to the distribution of food and/or basic material assistance with the aim of addressing social exclusion ***and eradicating poverty*** such as referring to and providing social services ***and psychological support, providing relevant information on public***

(2) 'associated country' means a third country which is party to an agreement with the Union allowing for its participation in the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands of the ESF+ in accordance with Article 30;

(3) 'basic material assistance' means goods which fulfil the basic needs of a person for a life with dignity, such as clothing, hygiene goods and school material;

(4) 'blending operation' means actions supported by the Union budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article 2(6) of the Financial Regulation, combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments from the Union budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;

(5) 'common immediate result indicators' means common result indicators which capture effects within four weeks as from the day the participant leaves the operation (exit date);

(6) 'common longer term result indicators' means common result indicators which capture effects six months after a participant has left the operation;

(7) 'costs of purchasing food and/or basic material assistance' means the actual costs linked to the purchase of food and/or basic material assistance by the beneficiary and not limited to the price of the food and/or basic material assistance;

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(6) 'common longer term result indicators' means common result indicators which capture effects six ***and twelve*** months after a participant has left the operation;

(7) 'costs of purchasing food and/or basic material assistance' means the actual costs linked to the purchase of food and/or basic material assistance by the beneficiary and not limited to the price of the food and/or basic material assistance;

(7 a) 'cross-border partnerships' in the Employment and Social Innovation strand means permanent structures of cooperation between public employment services, civil society or the social partners

(8) 'end recipient' means the most deprived person or persons receiving the support as laid down in point (xi) of Article 4(1);

(9) 'health crisis' means any crisis commonly perceived as a threat, having a health dimension and which requires urgent action by authorities under conditions of uncertainty;

(10) 'legal entity' means any natural person, or any legal person created and recognised as such under national law, Union law or international law, which has a legal personality and which may, acting in its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations;

(11) 'microfinance' includes guarantees, microcredit, equity and quasi-equity, coupled with accompanying business development services such as in the form of individual counselling, training and mentoring, extended to persons and micro-enterprises that experience difficulties accessing credit for the purpose of professional and/or revenue-generating activities;

(12) 'micro-enterprise' means an enterprise with fewer than 10 employees and an annual turnover or balance sheet below EUR 2 000 000;

(13) 'most deprived persons' means natural persons, whether individuals, families, households or groups composed of such persons, whose need for assistance has been established according to the objective criteria set by the national competent authorities in consultation with relevant stakeholders, while avoiding conflicts of interest and which are approved by those national competent authorities and which may include elements that allow the targeting of the most deprived persons in certain geographical areas;

located in at least two Member States;

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(14) 'reference value' means a value to set targets for common and programme specific result indicators which is based on existing or previous similar interventions;

(15) 'social enterprise' means *an* undertaking, regardless of its legal form, or a natural person *which*

(a) in accordance with its Articles of Association, Statutes or with any other legal document that may result in liability under the rules of the Member State where it is located, has as its primary social objective the achievement of measurable, positive social impacts rather than generating profit for other purposes, and which provides services or goods that generate a social return, and/or employs methods of production of goods or services that embodies social objectives;

(b) *uses* its profits first and foremost to achieve its primary social objective, and has predefined procedures and rules covering any distribution of profits that ensure that such distribution does not undermine the primary social objective;

(c) is managed in an entrepreneurial, accountable and transparent way, in particular by involving workers, customers and stakeholders impacted by its business activities;

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(b) *reinvests most of* its profits first and foremost to achieve its primary social objective, and has predefined procedures and rules covering any distribution of profits that ensure that such distribution does not undermine the primary social objective;

(c) is managed in an entrepreneurial, *democratic, participatory*, accountable and transparent way, in particular by involving workers, customers and stakeholders impacted by its business activities;

(15 a) 'social economy enterprise' means different types of enterprises and entities falling within the social economy, such as cooperatives, mutuals, associations, foundations, social enterprises and other forms of enterprise regulated by the laws of the individual Member States and based on the primacy of the individual and social objectives over capital, democratic governance, solidarity and the reinvestment of the majority of profits or surpluses;

(16) 'social innovations' mean activities, *including collective activities*, that are

their means and in particular those which relate to the development and implementation of new ideas (concerning products, services and models) that simultaneously meet social needs and create new social relationships or collaborations, thereby benefiting society and boosting its capacity to act;

(17) 'social experimentations' mean policy interventions that offer an innovative response to social needs, implemented on a small scale and in conditions that enable their impact to be measured, prior to being implemented in other contexts or on a larger scale, if the results prove convincing;

(18) 'key competences' means the knowledge, skills and competences all individuals need, at any stage of their lives, for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The key competences are: literacy; multilingual; mathematics, science, technology and engineering; digital; personal, social and learning to learn; citizenship; entrepreneurship; cultural awareness and expression;

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(18) 'key competences' means the knowledge, skills and competences all individuals need, at any stage of their lives, for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The key competences are: literacy; multilingual; mathematics, science, technology, *arts* and engineering; digital; *media*; personal, social and learning to learn; citizenship; entrepreneurship; (*inter*)cultural awareness and expression *and critical thinking*;

(19) 'third country' means a country that is not member of the European Union;

(19 a) 'disadvantaged groups' means targeted groups with a high level of people experiencing or at risk of poverty, discrimination or social exclusion, including among others ethnic minorities such as Roma, third-country nationals, including migrants, elderly people, children, single parents or persons with disabilities or persons with chronic diseases;

(19 b) 'lifelong learning' means learning in all its forms (formal, non-formal and

informal learning) taking place at all stages in life including early childhood education, general education, vocational education and training, higher education and adult education, and resulting in an improvement in knowledge, skills, competences, and possibilities to participate in society.

2. The definitions in Article [2] of [the future CPR] **shall** also apply for the ESF+ strand under shared management.

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2 a. *The definitions in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No [Regulation on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union] also apply for the Employment and Social Innovation strand and Health strand under direct and indirect management.*

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Amendment 3 3

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 291, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 288, 285, 287, 289, 290, 291, 292

Proposal for a regulation Article 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The ESF+ **aims to** support Member States to achieve high employment **levels, fair** social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017.

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The ESF+ **shall** support Member States, **at national, regional and local level, and the Union** to achieve **inclusive societies**, high **levels of quality** employment, **job creation, quality and inclusive education and training, equal opportunities, eradicating poverty, including child poverty, social inclusion and integration, social cohesion**, social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work.

The ESF+ shall be in line with the Treaties of the European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, delivering on the

principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017, thereby contributing to the goals of the Union as regards to strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in accordance with Article 174 TFEU and the commitment of the Union and its Member States to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and commitments made under the Paris Agreement.

The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ensure equal opportunities, access to the labour market, *fair* working conditions, social protection and inclusion, and a high level of human health protection.

It shall be implemented:

- a) under shared management, for the part of the assistance which corresponds to the specific objectives indicated in Article 4(1) (the ‘ESF+ strand under shared management’), and
- b) under direct and indirect management for the part of the assistance which corresponds to the objectives indicated in Articles 4(1) and 23 (the ‘Employment and Social Innovation strand’) and for the part of the assistance which corresponds to the objectives indicated in Articles 4(1) and (3) and 26 (the ‘Health strand’).

The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ensure equal opportunities, *equal* access to the labour market, *lifelong learning, high quality* working conditions, social protection, *integration* and inclusion, *eradicating poverty, including child poverty, investment in children and young people, non-discrimination, gender equality, access to basic services* and a high level of human health protection.

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- b) under direct and indirect management for the part of the assistance which corresponds to the objectives indicated in Articles 4(1) and 23 (the ‘Employment and Social Innovation strand’) and for the part of the assistance which corresponds to the objectives indicated in Articles 4(1) and (3) and 26 (the ‘Health strand’).

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Amendment 4 4 EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 333, 334, 336, 337, 338, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 348, 351,

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ESF+ shall support the following specific objectives in the policy areas of employment, education, social inclusion and health and thereby also contributing to the policy objective for “A more social Europe - Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights” set out in Article [4] of the [future CPR]:

(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth **and** long-term unemployed, **and of** inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

(ii) modernising labour market institutions and services to assess and anticipate skills needs and ensure timely and tailor-made assistance and support to labour market matching, transitions and mobility;

(iii) promoting women’s labour market participation, a better work/life balance including access to childcare, a healthy and well-adapted working environment addressing health risks, adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change, and active and healthy ageing;

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1. The ESF+ shall support the following specific objectives in the policy areas of employment, education, **mobility**, social inclusion, **poverty eradication** and health and thereby also contributing to the policy objective for “A more social Europe - Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights” set out in Article [4] of the [future CPR]:

(i) improving access to **quality** employment **and activation measures** of all jobseekers, in particular **specific measures for youth, especially though the implementation of Youth Guarantee**, long-term unemployed, **economically** inactive people **and disadvantaged groups, with focus on persons furthest away from the labour market**, promoting **employment**, self-employment, **entrepreneurship** and the social economy;

(ii) modernising labour market institutions and services to assess and anticipate skills needs and ensure timely and tailor-made assistance and support to labour market matching, transitions and mobility;

(iii) promoting women’s labour market participation **and career progression, promoting the principle of equal pay for equal work**, a better work/life balance, **with a special focus on single parents**, including access to **affordable, inclusive and quality** childcare, **early childhood education, eldercare, and other care services and support; and** a healthy and well-adapted working environment addressing health **and disease** risks, adaptation of workers, **professional reorientation**, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change, and active and

- (iv) improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems, to support acquisition of key competences including digital skills;
- (v) promoting equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education and training, in particular for disadvantaged groups, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training, and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, **including facilitating** learning mobility for all;
- (vi) promoting lifelong learning, notably flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all taking into account digital skills, better anticipating change and new skills requirements based on labour market needs, facilitating career transitions and promoting professional mobility;
- (vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving employability;
- (viii) promoting socio-economic integration of third country nationals **and of marginalised communities such as the Roma**;
- healthy ageing;
- (iv) improving the quality, **inclusiveness**, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems, to support acquisition of key competences including **entrepreneurial and digital skills and recognising non-formal and informal learning, to promote e-inclusion and facilitate the transition from education to work, in order to reflect social and economic requirements**;
- (v) promoting equal access to and completion of, **high quality, affordable** and inclusive education and training, in particular for disadvantaged groups **and carers**, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training, and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, **addressing early school leaving, promoting the introduction of dual-training systems, apprenticeships**, learning mobility for all **and accessibility for persons with disabilities**;
- (vi) promoting lifelong learning, notably flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all taking into account **entrepreneurial and digital skills**, better anticipating change and new skills requirements based on labour market needs, facilitating career transitions and promoting professional mobility **and full participation in society**;
- (vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities, **non-discrimination** and active participation, and improving employability, **in particular for disadvantaged groups**;
- (viii) promoting **long-term** socio-economic integration of third country nationals, **including migrants**;
- viii a) fighting discrimination against and promoting the socio-economic integration of marginalised communities such as Roma**;

(ix) enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable services; modernising social protection systems, including promoting access to social protection; improving accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services;

(x) promoting social integration of people at risk of poverty *or* social exclusion, including the most deprived and children;

(xi) addressing material deprivation through food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived, including accompanying measures.

2. Through the actions implemented under the ESF+ strand under shared management to achieve the specific objectives referred to in paragraph 1, the ESF+ *shall also* contribute to *the* other policy objectives listed in Article [4] of [the future CPR], in particular those related to:

1. a smarter Europe through the development of skills for smart specialisation, skills for key enabling technologies, industrial transition, sectorial cooperation on skills and entrepreneurship, the training of researchers, networking activities and partnerships between higher education institutions, vocational and educational training (VET) institutions,

(ix) enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable, *accessible* and affordable services, *including services for access to housing and person-centred healthcare and related care*; modernising social *security institutions, public employment services, social protection and social inclusion* systems, including promoting access to *equal* social protection, *with particular focus on children and disadvantages groups and the most deprived people*; improving accessibility *including for persons with disabilities*, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services;

(ix a) increasing the accessibility for persons with disabilities with a view to improving their inclusion in employment, education and training;

(x) promoting social integration of people *experiencing or* at risk of poverty *and/or* social exclusion, including the most deprived and children;

(xi) addressing material deprivation through food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived, including accompanying measures, *aiming at their social inclusion, with an emphasis on children in vulnerable situations.*

2. Through the actions implemented under the ESF+ strand under shared management to achieve the specific objectives referred to in paragraph 1, the ESF+ *aims to* contribute to other policy objectives listed in Article [4] of [the future CPR], in particular those related to:

1. a smarter Europe through the development of skills for smart specialisation, skills for key enabling technologies, industrial transition, sectorial cooperation on skills and entrepreneurship, the training of researchers, networking activities and partnerships between higher education institutions, vocational and educational training (VET) institutions,

research and technological centres and enterprises and clusters, support to micro, small and medium sized enterprises and the social economy;

2. a greener, low carbon Europe through the improvement of education and training systems necessary for the adaptation of skills and qualifications, the upskilling of all, including the labour force, the creation of new jobs in sectors related to the environment, climate and energy, and the bioeconomy.

3. Under the Health strand, the ESF+ shall **support** health **promotion** and disease prevention, contribute to effectiveness,

research and technological centres, **medical and healthcare centres** and enterprises and clusters, support to micro, small and medium sized enterprises and the social economy **taking into account social economy laws and frameworks established in the Member States**;

2. a greener, low carbon Europe through the improvement of education and training systems necessary for the adaptation of skills and qualifications, **awareness raising among the population about sustainable development and lifestyles**, the upskilling of all, including the labour force, the creation of new jobs in sectors related to the environment, climate and energy, and **circular economy** and the bioeconomy.

2 a. A Union that is closer to citizens through poverty reduction and social inclusion measures taking into account the specificities of urban, rural and coastal regions in view of tackling the socioeconomic inequalities in cities and regions.

2 b Under the Employment and Social Innovation Strand, the ESF+ shall support the development, implementation monitoring and evaluation of the Union's instruments, policies and relevant law and promote evidence-based policy making, social innovation and social progress in partnership with the social partners, civil society organisations and public and private bodies (specific objective 1); promote workers' voluntary geographical mobility on a fair basis and boost employment opportunities (specific objective 2); promote employment and social inclusion by increasing the availability and accessibility of microfinance for micro-enterprises and social economy enterprises, in particular for vulnerable people (specific objective 3);

3. Under the Health strand, the ESF+ shall **contribute to a high level of human** health **protection** and disease

accessibility and resilience of health systems, make healthcare safer, reduce health inequalities, protect citizens from cross-border health threats, and support EU *health* legislation.

prevention, *including through the promotion of physical activity and promotion of health education*, contribute to effectiveness, accessibility and resilience of health systems, make healthcare safer, reduce health inequalities, *increase life expectancy at birth*, protect citizens from cross-border health threats, *foster disease prevention and early diagnosis, and health promotion throughout the lifetime and strengthen* and support EU *health-related* legislation, *including in the area of environmental health, and fostering Health in All Policies. The Union's health policy should be guided by Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to ensure that the Union and Member States reach the targets of SDG 3 "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages"*.

Or. en

Amendment 5 5

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: ENVI 39, ENVI 40, ENVI 41, FEMM 5, BUDG 3, BUDG 4, BUDG 22, REGI 51, AM 383-400, 667, 677 and 720

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The total financial envelope for the ESF+ for the period 2021-2027 shall be **EUR 101 174 000 000** in current prices.

2. The part of the financial envelope for the ESF+ strand under shared management under the Investment for Jobs and Growth goal shall be **EUR 100 000 000 000 in current prices or EUR 88 646 194 590 in 2018 prices** of which EUR 200 000 000 in current prices or EUR 175 000 000 in 2018 prices shall be allocated for transnational cooperation supporting innovative solutions as referred to in

Amendment

1. The total financial envelope for the ESF+ for the period 2021-2027 shall be **EUR 106 781 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 120 457 000 000 in current prices)**.

2. The part of the financial envelope for the ESF+ strand under shared management under the Investment for Jobs and Growth goal shall be **EUR 105 686 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 119 222 000 000 in current prices)** of which EUR 200 000 000 in current prices or EUR 175 000 000 in 2018 prices shall be allocated for transnational cooperation supporting innovative solutions as referred to in

Article 23(i) and EUR 400 000 000 in current prices or EUR 376 928 934 in 2018 prices as additional funding to the outermost regions identified in Article 349 TFEU and the NUTS level 2 regions fulfilling the criteria laid down in Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession.

3. The financial envelope for the Employment and Social Innovation strand and the Health strand for the period 2021-2027 shall be **EUR 1 174 000 000** in current prices.

4. The indicative distribution of the amount referred in paragraph 3 shall be:

(a) **EUR 761 000 000** for the implementation of the Employment and Social Innovation strand;

(b) **EUR 413 000 000** for the implementation of the Health strand.

5. The amounts referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 may also be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the programmes, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information technology systems.

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3. The financial envelope for the Employment and Social Innovation strand and the Health strand for the period 2021-2027 shall be **EUR 1 095 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 1 234 000 000** in current prices).

4. The indicative distribution of the amount referred in paragraph 3 shall be:

(a) **EUR 675 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 761 000 000 in current prices)** for the implementation of the Employment and Social Innovation strand;

(b) **EUR 420 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 473 000 000 in current prices; or 0,36 % of the MFF 2021-2027)** for the implementation of the Health strand.

5. The amounts referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 may also be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the programmes, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information technology systems.

Or. en

Amendment 6 6

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 402

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Equality *between men and women* and equal opportunities, and non-

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Gender equality and equal opportunities, and non-discrimination

discrimination

1. All programmes implemented under the ESF+ ***strand under shared management, as well as the operations supported by the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands*** shall ensure equality ***between men and women*** throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. They shall also promote equal opportunities for all, without discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

2. The Member States and the Commission shall also support specific targeted actions to promote the principles referred to in paragraph 1 within any of the objectives of the ESF+, including the transition from ***residential***/institutional care to family and community-based care.

1. All programmes implemented under the ESF+ shall ensure ***gender*** equality throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. They shall also ***support specific actions aimed at increasing the participation of women in working life and their professional development as well as conciliation between working and personal life***, promote equal opportunities for all, without discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability ***or health condition***, age or sexual orientation, ***including the accessibility to persons with disabilities also in terms of ICT***, throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation ***thereby enhancing social inclusion and reducing inequalities***.

2. The Member States and the Commission shall also support specific targeted actions to promote the principles referred to in paragraph 1 within any of the objectives of the ESF+, including the transition from institutional care to family and community-based care ***and improving universal accessibility for persons with disabilities***.

Or. en

Amendment 7 7

EPP, S&D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 428, 429, 430, 433, 434, 435, 436, 439, 440, 442, 443, 444, 449, 452, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, BUDG 24, JURI 76

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, and take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall foster synergies and ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between the ESF+ and other Union funds, programmes and instruments such as Erasmus, the Asylum and Migration Fund and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument, both in the planning phase and during implementation. Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort and ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

2. Member States shall allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources under shared management to address challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and in the European Semester falling within the scope

well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, and take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights, ***the Social Scoreboard under the European Semester and regional specificities thereby contributing to the goals of the Union set out in Article 174 TFEU as regards to strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion and that are fully in line with the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.***

Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall foster synergies and ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between the ESF+ and other Union funds, programmes and instruments such as ***the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, InvestEU, Creative Europe, the Rights and Values Instrument, Erasmus, the Asylum and Migration Fund, the post-2020 EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies*** and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument, both in the planning phase and during implementation. Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort and ensure close cooperation between those ***managing authorities*** responsible for implementation to deliver ***integrated approaches***, coherent and streamlined support actions.

2. Member States shall allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources under shared management to address challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and in the European Semester falling within the scope

of the ESF+ as set out in Article 4.

3. Member States shall allocate at least **25%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objectives for the social inclusion policy area set out in points (vii) to (xi) of Article 4(1), including the promotion of the socio-economic integration of third country nationals.

4. Member States shall allocate at least **2%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing material deprivation set out in point (xi) of Article 4(1).

In duly justified cases, the resources allocated to the specific objective set out in point (x) of Article 4(1) and targeting the most deprived may be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum allocation of at least 2% set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

5. Member States *having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 on the basis of Eurostat data*, shall allocate at least **10%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management *for the years 2021 to 2025* to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-

of the ESF+ as set out in Article 4.

3. Member States shall allocate at least **27%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objectives for the social inclusion policy area set out in points (vii) to (x) of Article 4(1), including the promotion of the socio-economic integration of third country nationals.

1a. Within the specific objectives for the social inclusion policy area set out in points (vii) to (x) of Article 4(1), Member States shall allocate at least 5% of their ESF+ resources under shared management to targeted actions aiming at implementing the European Child Guarantee in order to contribute to children's equal access to free healthcare, free education, free childcare, decent housing and adequate nutrition.

4. *In addition to the minimum allocation of at least 27% of the ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objectives (vii) to (x) of Article 4(1)*, Member States shall allocate at least **3%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing *social inclusion of the most deprived and/or* material deprivation set out in point (x) **and** (xi) of Article 4(1).

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5. Member States shall allocate at least **3%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training and second chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes.

work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training and second chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes.

When programming the ESF+ resources under shared management for 2026 and 2027 at mid-term in accordance with Article [14] of [the future CPR], Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2024 on the basis of Eurostat data, shall allocate at least **10%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2026 to 2027 to these actions.

Outermost regions meeting the conditions set out in the **first** and **second** subparagraphs shall allocate at least 15% of the ESF+ resources under shared management in their programmes to the targeted actions set out in the first subparagraph. This allocation shall be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum percentage at national level set out in the first and second subparagraphs.

When implementing such actions, Member States shall give priority to inactive and

Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 or whenever their NEET rate is above 15% on the basis of Eurostat data, shall allocate at least 15% of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2021 to 2025 in the programming period to the above mentioned actions and structural reform measures paying especial attention to those regions more affected taking into account the divergences between them.

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Outermost regions meeting the conditions set out in the **second** and **third** subparagraphs shall allocate at least 15% of the ESF+ resources under shared management in their programmes to the targeted actions set out in the first subparagraph. This allocation shall be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum percentage at national level set out in the first and second subparagraphs. ***This allocation shall not replace funding necessary for infrastructure and development for outermost regions.***

When implementing such actions, Member States shall give priority to inactive and

long-term unemployed young people and put in place targeted outreach measures.

6. Paragraphs 2 to 5 shall not apply to the specific additional allocation received by the outermost regions and the NUTS level 2 regions fulfilling the criteria laid down in Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession.

7. Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall not apply to technical assistance.

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7. Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall not apply to technical assistance.

Or. en

Amendment 7A 8

EPP, S&D, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 160, 161, BUDG 11, 162, 175, 203, 523, 524, FEMM 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The part of the financial envelope for the ESF+ strand under shared management under the Investment for Jobs and Growth goal shall be **EUR 100 000 000 000 in current prices or EUR 88 646 194 590 in 2018 prices** of which EUR 200 000 000 000 in current prices or EUR 175 000 000 in 2018 prices shall be allocated for transnational cooperation supporting innovative solutions as referred to in Article 23(i) and EUR 400 000 000 in current prices or EUR 376 928 934 in 2018 prices as additional funding to the outermost regions identified in Article 349 TFEU and the NUTS level 2 regions fulfilling the criteria laid down in Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession.

Amendment

2. The part of the financial envelope for the ESF+ strand under shared management under the Investment for Jobs and Growth goal shall be **EUR 105 686 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 119 222 000 000 in current prices)** of which EUR 200 000 000 000 in current prices or EUR 175 000 000 in 2018 prices shall be allocated for transnational cooperation supporting innovative solutions as referred to in Article 23(i), **EUR 5 900 000 000 shall be allocated for measures falling under the European Child Guarantee referred to in Article 10a**, and EUR 400 000 000 in current prices or EUR 376 928 934 in 2018 prices as additional funding to the outermost regions identified in Article 349 TFEU and the NUTS level 2 regions fulfilling the criteria laid down in Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession.

Or. en

Amendment 7A 9

EPP, S&D, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 160, 161, BUDG 11, 162, 175, 203, 523, 524, FEMM 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 10 a

Support to the European Child Guarantee

Support in accordance with Article 7(3) subparagraph 1a (new) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme reflecting the 2013 European Commission Recommendation on Investing in Children; it shall support tackling child poverty and social exclusion within the specific objective set out in point (vii) to (x) of Article 4.

Or. en

Amendment 7A 10

EPP, S&D, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 160, 161, BUDG 11, 162, 175, 203, 523, 524, FEMM 43

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22 a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In light of the persistently high level of child poverty and social exclusion in the EU (26.4% in 2017), and the European Pillar of Social Rights which states that children have the right to protection from poverty, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds have the rights to specific measures to enhance equal opportunities, Member States should allocate at least 5% of ESF+ resources under shared management to the European Child

Guarantee scheme in order to contribute to children's equal access to free healthcare, free education, free childcare, decent housing and adequate nutrition for the eradication of child poverty and social exclusion. Investing early in children yields significant returns for these children and society as a whole and is crucial to break the cycle of disadvantage in early years. Supporting children to develop skills and capabilities enables them to develop their full potential, brings them the best educational and health outcomes, and helps them to become active members of society and to increase their chances on the labour market as young people.

Or. en

Amendment 8 11

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 495, 496, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 505, 506, 507, 508

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8

Text proposed by the Commission

1. *Each* Member State shall ensure *adequate* participation of social partners *and* civil society organisations in the delivery of employment, education and social inclusion policies supported by the ESF+ strand under shared management.

Amendment

1. *In accordance with Article 6 of the [future CPR] and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014, each* Member State shall ensure *in partnership with local and regional authorities, meaningful* participation of social partners, civil society organisations, *equality bodies, national human rights institutions and other relevant or representative organisations* in the *programming and* delivery of employment, education, *non-discrimination* and social inclusion policies *and initiatives* supported by the ESF+ strand under shared management. *Such meaningful participation shall be inclusive and accessible to persons with*

2. Member States shall allocate ***an appropriate amount*** of ESF+ resources ***under shared management in each programme*** for the capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations.

disabilities.

2. Member States shall allocate ***at least 2%*** of ESF+ resources for the capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations ***at the European and national level in the form of training, networking measures, and strengthening of the social dialogue, and to activities jointly undertaken by the social partners.***

Or. en

Amendment 9 12

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 517, 518, 519

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9

Text proposed by the Commission

The resources referred to in Article 7(4) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme.

Amendment

The resources referred to in Article 7(4) ***regarding social inclusion of the most deprived and/or material deprivation*** shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme. ***The co-financing rate for this priority or programme is set, at least, at 85%.***

Or. en

Amendment 10 13

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Support in accordance with Article 7(5) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority and it shall support the specific objective set out in point (i) of Article 4(1).

Amendment

Support in accordance with Article 7(5) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority ***or programme*** and it shall support the specific objective set out in point (i) of

Amendment 11 14

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 533, 534, 538, 535, 536, 537

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11

Text proposed by the Commission

The actions addressing the challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester as referred to in Article 7(2) shall be programmed under ***one or more dedicated priorities***.

Amendment

The actions addressing the challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester as referred to in Article 7(2) shall be programmed under ***any of the specific objectives referred to in Article 4(1)***.
Member States shall ensure complementarity, coherence, coordination and synergies with the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Sufficient flexibility shall be ensured at managing authority level to identify priorities and areas for ESF+ investments in line with the specific local or regional challenges.

Amendment 12 15

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 543

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12

Text proposed by the Commission

This Chapter applies to ESF+ support under points (i) to (x) of Article 4(1) when implemented under shared management (the ‘general support of the ESF+ strand

Amendment

This Chapter applies to ESF+ support under points (i) to (x) of Article 4(1) when implemented under shared management (the ‘general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management’). ***In addition,***

under shared management’).

Article 13 applies also to ESF+ support under point (xi) of Article 4(1).

Or. en

Amendment 13 16

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 553, 554, 555, 556, 559

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Innovative actions

1. Member States shall support actions of social innovation and social experimentations, ***or strengthen*** bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, the private sector, and civil society ***such as the Local Action Groups designing and implementing community-led local development strategies.***

2. Member States may support the upscaling of innovative approaches tested on a small-scale (social experimentations) developed under the Employment and Social Innovation strand and other Union programmes.

3. Innovative actions and approaches may be programmed under any of the specific objectives set out in ***points (i) to (x) of Article 4(1).***

4. Each Member State shall dedicate at least one priority to the implementation

Social innovative actions

1. Member States shall support actions of social innovation and/or social experimentations, ***including those with a socio-cultural component, using*** bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, ***the social partners, social economy enterprises,*** the private sector, and civil society.

1a. Member States shall identify, either in their operational programmes or at a later stage during implementation, fields for social innovation and social experimentations that correspond to the Member States' specific needs.

2. Member States may support the upscaling of innovative approaches tested on a small-scale (social ***innovation and social*** experimentations, ***including those with a socio-cultural component***) developed under the Employment and Social Innovation strand and other Union programmes.

3. Innovative actions and approaches may be programmed under any of the specific objectives set out in Article 4(1).

4. Each Member State shall dedicate at least one priority to the implementation

of paragraphs 1 or 2 or to both. The maximum co-financing rate for these priorities may be increased to 95% for the allocation of maximum 5% of the national ESF+ allocation under shared management *to such priorities*.

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Or. en

Amendment 14 17

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 568, 575

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In addition to the costs referred to in Article [58] of [the future CPR], the following costs are not eligible under the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management:

- (a) the purchase of land and real estate, and the *provision* of infrastructure, and
- (b) the purchase of furniture, equipment and vehicles except where the purchase is necessary for achieving the objective of the operation, or these items are fully depreciated, or the purchase of these items is the most economic option.

2. Contributions in kind in the form of allowances or salaries disbursed by a third party for the benefit of the participants in an operation may be eligible for a contribution from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management provided that the contributions in kind are incurred in accordance with national rules, including accountancy rules, and do not exceed the cost borne by the third party.

3. The specific additional allocation received by the outermost regions and the NUTS level 2 regions fulfilling the criteria laid down in Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to

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- (a) the purchase of land and real estate, and the *purchase* of infrastructure, and
- (b) the purchase of furniture, equipment and vehicles except where the purchase is *absolutely* necessary for achieving the objective of the operation, or these items are fully depreciated, or the purchase of these items is the most economic option.

2. Contributions in kind in the form of allowances or salaries disbursed by a third party for the benefit of the participants in an operation may be eligible for a contribution from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management provided that the contributions in kind are incurred in accordance with national rules, including accountancy rules, and do not exceed the cost borne by the third party.

3. The specific additional allocation received by the outermost regions and the NUTS level 2 regions fulfilling the criteria laid down in Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to

the 1994 Act of Accession shall be used to support the achievement of the specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 of Article 4. Direct staff costs shall be eligible for a contribution from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management *provided that* their level *is* not higher than 100% of the usual remuneration for the profession concerned in the Member State as demonstrated by Eurostat data.

the 1994 Act of Accession shall be used to support the achievement of the specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 of Article 4. Direct staff costs shall be eligible for a contribution from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management. ***If a collective agreement applies, they shall be determined according to that agreement. If no collective agreement applies,*** their level ***shall not be*** higher than 100% of the usual remuneration for the profession ***or the specific expertise*** concerned in the Member State ***or region*** as demonstrated by ***relevant documentary justification provided by the respective Managing Authority and/or*** Eurostat data.

Or. en

Amendment 15 18

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 584, 585

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Programmes benefitting from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management shall use common output and result indicators, as set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation to monitor progress in implementation. The programmes may also use programme-specific indicators.

2. The baseline for common and programme-specific output indicators shall be set at zero. Where relevant to the nature of the operations supported, cumulative quantified milestones and target values for those indicators shall be set in absolute numbers. The reported values for the

Amendment

1. Programmes benefitting from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management shall use common output and result indicators, as set out in Annex 1 ***or Annex II a (new) for actions targeting social inclusion of the most deprived within point (x) of Article 4(1),*** to this Regulation to monitor progress in implementation. The programmes may also use programme-specific indicators ***and action-specific indicators.***

2. The baseline for common and programme-specific output indicators shall be set at zero. Where relevant to the nature of the operations supported, cumulative quantified milestones and target values for those indicators shall be set in absolute numbers. The reported values for the

output indicators shall be expressed in absolute numbers.

3. The reference value for common and programme-specific result indicators for which a cumulative quantified milestone for 2024 and a target value for 2029 have been set, shall be fixed using the latest available data or other relevant sources of information. Targets for common result indicators shall be fixed in absolute numbers or as a percentage. Programme-specific result indicators and related targets may be expressed in quantitative or qualitative terms. The reported values on common result indicators shall be expressed in absolute numbers.

4. Data on the indicators for participants shall only be transmitted when all data required under point (1a) of Annex 1 relating to that participant are available.

5. Member States *shall*, when data are available in registers or equivalent sources, enable the Managing Authorities and other bodies entrusted with data collection necessary for the monitoring and the evaluation of the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management to obtain those data from data registers or equivalent sources, in accordance with points (c) and (e) of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

6. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 38 to amend the indicators in Annex I where considered necessary to ensure effective assessment of progress in the implementation of programmes.

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3. The reference value for common and programme-specific result indicators for which a cumulative quantified milestone for 2024 and a target value for 2029 have been set, shall be fixed using the latest available data or other relevant sources of information. Targets for common result indicators shall be fixed in absolute numbers or as a percentage. Programme-specific result indicators and related targets may be expressed in quantitative or qualitative terms. The reported values on common result indicators shall be expressed in absolute numbers.

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4a. *The data referred to in paragraph 3 shall include a gender impact assessment to monitor the implementation of the ESF+ programmes with regard to gender equality and be disaggregated by sex.*

5. Member States *may*, when data are available in registers or equivalent sources, enable the Managing Authorities and other bodies entrusted with data collection necessary for the monitoring and the evaluation of the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management to obtain those data from data registers or equivalent sources, in accordance with points (c) and (e) of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

6. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 38 to amend the indicators in Annex I **and Annex II a (new)** where considered necessary to ensure effective assessment of progress in the implementation of programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 16 19
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16

Text proposed by the Commission

This Chapter applies to ESF+ support under point (xi) of Article 4(1).

Amendment

This Chapter applies to ESF+ support under point (xi) of Article 4(1).

Or. en

Amendment 17 20
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA
Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 588,589, 592-600

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ESF+ support for addressing material deprivation may only be used to support the distribution of food and goods that are in conformity with the Union law on consumer product safety.
2. Member States and beneficiaries shall choose the food and/or the basic material assistance on the basis of objective criteria related to the needs of the most deprived persons. The selection criteria for the food products, and where appropriate for goods, shall also take into consideration climatic and environmental aspects, in particular with a view to reduction of food waste. Where appropriate, the choice of the type of food products to be distributed shall be made having considered their contribution to the balanced diet of the most deprived persons.

The food and/or basic material assistance may be provided directly to the most deprived persons or indirectly through electronic vouchers or cards, provided that

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The food and/or basic material assistance may be provided directly to the most deprived persons or indirectly through electronic vouchers or cards, provided that

they can only be redeemed against food and/or basic material assistance as set out in Article 2(3).

The food provided for the most deprived persons may be obtained from the use, processing or sale of the products disposed of in accordance with Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, provided that this is economically the most favourable option and does not unduly delay the delivery of the food products to the most deprived persons.

Any amount derived from such a transaction shall be used for the benefit of the most deprived persons, in addition to the amounts already available to the programme.

3. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that aid provided in the framework of the ESF+ support for addressing material deprivation respects the dignity and prevents stigmatisation of the most deprived persons.

4. The delivery of food and/or material assistance *may* be complemented with re-orientation towards competent services and other accompanying measures aiming at the social inclusion of the most deprived persons.

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Or. en

Amendment 18 21

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18

Text proposed by the Commission

A priority concerning support under point (xi) of Article 4(1) shall set out:

- (a) the type of support;
- (b) the main target groups.
- (c) a description of the national or

Amendment

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- (c) a description of the national or

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Or. en

Amendment 19 22
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The food and/or basic material assistance provided to the most deprived persons may be purchased by or on behalf of the beneficiary or made available free of charge to the beneficiary.
2. The food and/or basic material assistance shall be distributed free of charge to the most deprived persons.

Amendment

1. The food and/or basic material assistance provided to the most deprived persons may be purchased by or on behalf of the beneficiary or made available free of charge to the beneficiary.
2. The food and/or basic material assistance shall be distributed free of charge to the most deprived persons.

Or. en

Amendment 20 23
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA
Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 333, 334, 336, 337, 338

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The eligible costs of the ESF+ support for addressing material deprivation shall be:
 - (a) the costs of purchasing food and/or basic material assistance, including costs related to transporting food and/or basic material assistance to the beneficiaries delivering the food and/or basic material assistance to the end recipients;

Amendment

1. The eligible costs of the ESF+ support for addressing material deprivation shall be:
 - (a) the costs of purchasing food and/or basic material assistance, including costs related to transporting food and/or basic material assistance to the beneficiaries delivering the food and/or basic material assistance to the end recipients;

(b) where the transport of the food and/or basic material assistance to the beneficiaries distributing them to the end recipients is not covered by point (a), the costs borne by the purchasing body related to transporting food and/or basic material assistance to the storage depots and/or the beneficiaries and storage costs at a flat-rate of 1% of the costs referred to in point (a) or, in duly justified cases, costs actually incurred and paid;

(c) the administrative, transport and storage costs borne by the beneficiaries involved in the distribution of the food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived at a flat-rate of 5% of the costs referred to in point (a); or 5% of the costs of the value of the food products disposed of in accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

(d) the cost of collection, transport, storage and distribution of food donations and directly related awareness raising activities;

(e) the costs of accompanying measures undertaken by or on behalf of beneficiaries and declared by the beneficiaries delivering the food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived persons at a flat- rate of 5% of the costs referred to in point (a).

2. A reduction of the eligible costs referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 because the body responsible for the purchase of food and/or basic material assistance did not comply with applicable law, shall not lead to a reduction of the eligible costs set out in points (c) and (e) of paragraph 1.

3. The following costs shall not be eligible:

- (a) interest on debt;
- (b) *provision* of infrastructure;
- (c) costs of second-hand goods.

(b) where the transport of the food and/or basic material assistance to the beneficiaries distributing them to the end recipients is not covered by point (a), the costs borne by the purchasing body related to transporting food and/or basic material assistance to the storage depots and/or the beneficiaries and storage costs at a flat-rate of 1% of the costs referred to in point (a) or, in duly justified cases, costs actually incurred and paid;

(c) the administrative, transport and storage costs borne by the beneficiaries involved in the distribution of the food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived at a flat-rate of 5% of the costs referred to in point (a); or 5% of the costs of the value of the food products disposed of in accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

(d) the cost of collection, transport, storage and distribution of food donations and directly related awareness raising activities;

(e) the costs of accompanying measures undertaken by or on behalf of beneficiaries and declared by the beneficiaries delivering the food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived persons at a flat- rate of 5,5% of the costs referred to in point (a).

2. A reduction of the eligible costs referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 because the body responsible for the purchase of food and/or basic material assistance did not comply with applicable law, shall not lead to a reduction of the eligible costs set out in points (c) and (e) of paragraph 1.

3. The following costs shall not be eligible:

- (a) interest on debt;
- (b) *purchase* of infrastructure;
- (c) costs of second-hand goods *of reduced quality*.

Or. en

Amendment 21 24

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 612,613,614

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Priorities addressing material deprivation shall use common output and result indicators, as set out in Annex II to this Regulation to monitor progress in implementation. These programmes may also use programme-specific indicators.
2. The reference values for common and programme-specific result indicators shall be established.
3. By 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2028, Managing Authorities shall report to the Commission the results of a structured survey of the end recipients carried out during the previous year. This survey shall be based on the model which shall be established by the Commission by means of an implementing act.
4. The Commission shall adopt an implementing act establishing the model to be used for the structured survey of end recipients in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 39(2) in order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Article.
5. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 38 to amend the indicators in Annex II where considered necessary to ensure effective assessment of progress in the implementation of programmes.

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Or. en

Amendment 23 25

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 618,619, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 634, 636, 644, 649

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23

Text proposed by the Commission

The Employment and Social Innovation strand has the following operational objectives:

- a) to develop high-quality comparative analytical knowledge in order to ensure that policies to achieve the specific objectives referred to in Article 4 are based on sound evidence and are relevant to needs, challenges and conditions in the associated countries;
- b) to facilitate effective and inclusive information-sharing, mutual learning, peer reviews and dialogue on policies in the fields referred to in Article 4 in order to assist the associated countries in taking appropriate policy measures;
- c) to support social experimentations in the fields referred to in Article 4 and build up the stakeholders' capacity to implement, transfer or upscale the tested social policy innovations;

- d) to provide specific support services to employers and job-seekers with a view to the development of integrated European labour markets, ranging from pre-recruitment preparation to post-placement assistance to fill vacancies in certain sectors, professions, countries, border regions or for particular groups (e.g. vulnerable *people*);

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(da) to support cross-border

partnerships between public employment services, civil society and social partners to promote a cross-border labour market and cross-border mobility with adequate conditions;

(db) to support the provision of EURES services for the recruitment and placing of workers in quality and sustainable employment through the clearance of job vacancies and applications, including through cross-border partnerships;

dc) to facilitate the voluntary geographical mobility of workers with adequate social conditions and increase employment opportunities through the development of high-quality and inclusive labour markets in the Union, which are open and accessible to all, while respecting workers' rights throughout the Union;

e) to support the development of the market eco-system related to the provision of microfinance for micro-enterprises in start-up and development phases, in particular those that employ vulnerable **people**;

f) to support networking at Union level and dialogue with and among relevant stakeholders in the fields referred to in Article 4 and contribute to build up the institutional capacity of **these** stakeholders, including the public employment services (PES), social security institutions, microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises and social economy;

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Or. en

Amendment 23A 26
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA
Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 651

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 23a

Thematic concentration and funding

The part of the ESF+ financial envelope for the Employment and Social Innovation Strand referred to in Article 5(4) (a) shall be allocated over the whole period to the specific objectives set out in Article 4(2b) (new) according to the following indicative percentages:

- (a) 55% to the Specific Objective 1;***
- (b) 18% to the Specific Objective 2;***
- (c) 18% to the Specific Objective 3;***

Amendment 24 27**EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 658, 660, 662, 663, 666, 667

Proposal for a regulation**Article 24***Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Only actions pursuing the objectives referred to in Article 3 and 4 shall be eligible for funding.
2. The Employment and Social Innovation strand may support the following actions:
 - (a) Analytical activities, including in relation to third countries, in particular:
 - (i) surveys, studies, statistical data, methodologies, classifications, micro-simulations, indicators, support to European-level observatories and benchmarks;
 - (ii) social experimentations evaluating social innovations;
 - (iii) monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union law;
 - (b) Policy implementation, in particular:
 - (i) cross-border partnerships and support services in cross-border regions;
 - (ii) an EU-wide labour targeted mobility scheme at Union level to fill job vacancies where labour market shortcomings have been identified;
 - (iii) support to microfinance and social enterprises, including through blending operations such as asymmetric risk sharing or reducing transaction costs, as well as support to the development of social infrastructure and skills;
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 - (i) of networks at Union level related

to the fields referred to in Article 4(1);
(ii) of national contact points providing guidance, information and assistance related the implementation of the strand;
(iii) of participating countries administrations, social security institutions and employment services responsible for promoting labour mobility, of microfinance institutions and of institutions providing finance to social enterprises or other social investment actors, as well as networking;

(iv) of stakeholders in view of transnational cooperation;

(d) Communication and dissemination activities, in particular:

(i) mutual learning through exchange of good practices, innovative approaches, results of analytical activities, peer reviews, and benchmarking;

(ii) guides, reports, informative material and media coverage of initiatives related to the fields referred to in Article 4(1);

(iii) information systems disseminating evidence related to the fields referred to in Article 4(1);

(iv) *Council Presidency events, conferences and seminars.*

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(iii) information systems disseminating evidence related to the fields referred to in Article 4(1);

(iv) *technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the work programme, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including information technology systems.*

Or. en

Amendment 25A 28

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 670-675

Proposal for a regulation

Article 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**Article 25a
Governance**

1. The Commission shall consult stakeholders within the Union, in particular social partners and civil society organisations, on the employment and social innovation work programmes, their priorities and strategic orientation and their implementation.

2. The Commission shall establish the necessary links with the Employment Committee, the Social Protection Committee, the Advisory Committee on Health and Safety at Work, the Group of Directors-General for Industrial Relations and the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement of Workers in order to ensure that they are regularly and appropriately informed of progress in implementing these programmes. The Commission shall also inform other committees dealing with policies, instruments and actions of relevance to the Employment and Social innovation Strand.

Or. en

Amendment 31 29
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation
Article 31

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants, prizes, procurement and voluntary payments to International Organisations of which the Union is a member or in whose work it participates.

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bodies referred to in Article [61(1)(c)] of the Financial Regulation.
When awarding grants, the evaluation committee referred to in article [150] of the Financial Regulation may be composed of external experts.

3. Blending operations under the Employment and Social Innovation strand shall be implemented in accordance with the [InvestEU regulation] and Title X of the Financial Regulation.

4. Under the Health strand, direct grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to fund actions having a clear Union added value co-financed by the competent authorities that are responsible for health in the Member States or in the third countries associated to the Programme, or by public sector bodies and non-governmental bodies, acting individually or as a network, mandated by those competent authorities.

5. Under the Health strand, direct grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to European Reference Networks that are approved as Networks by the Board of Member States of the European Reference Networks, following the approval procedure set out in Commission Implementing Decision 2014/287/EU of 10 March 2014 setting out criteria for establishing and evaluating European Reference Networks and their Members and for facilitating the exchange of information and expertise on establishing and evaluating such Networks.

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Or. en

Amendment 32 30

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 682, 687

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32

Text proposed by the Commission

The ***Employment and Social Innovation strand and Health strand*** shall be ***implemented by*** work programmes referred to in Article [108] of Financial Regulation. ***Work*** programmes shall set out, where applicable, the overall amount reserved for blending operations.

The Commission shall foster synergies and ensure effective coordination between the Health strand of ESF+ and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument.

Amendment

The ***Commission*** shall ***adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 38 in order to supplement the Employment and Social Innovation strand and the Health strands by establishing*** work programmes ***as*** referred to in Article [108] of Financial Regulation. ***Those work*** programmes shall set out, where applicable, the overall amount reserved for blending operations. The Commission shall foster synergies and ensure effective coordination between the Health strand of ESF+ and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument.

Or. en

Amendment 33 31

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 689

Proposal for a regulation

Article 33

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Indicators to monitor implementation and progress of the strands towards the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Article 4 and the operational objectives set out in Articles 23 and 26 shall be set.

2. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring implementation of the strands and results are collected efficiently, effectively and in a timely fashion. To that end, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funds and, where relevant, Member States.

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indicators in Annex III where considered necessary to ensure effective assessment of progress in the implementation of the strands.

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3a. *With a view to regular monitoring of the strands and to making any adjustments needed to their policy and funding priorities, the Commission shall draw up an initial qualitative and quantitative monitoring report covering the first year, followed by three reports covering consecutive two-year periods and shall send those reports to the European Parliament and the Council. The reports shall also be transmitted, for information purposes, to the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. The reports shall cover the strands' results and the extent to which the principles of equality between women and men and gender mainstreaming have been applied, as well as how anti-discrimination considerations, including accessibility issues, have been addressed through their activities. The reports shall be made available to the public in order to enhance the transparency of the strands.*

Or. en

Amendment 35 32

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 691

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a sufficiently timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.
2. *The interim* evaluation of the strands *may be performed once there is sufficient information available about their implementation, but not later than four years after the start of the*

Amendment

1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a sufficiently timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.
2. **By 31 December 2024, the Commission shall carry out a mid-term evaluation of the strands in order to:**

implementation of the strands.

3. At the end of the implementation period, but no later than four years after the end of the period specified in Article 5, a final evaluation of the strands shall be carried out by the Commission.

4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

- a) *measure, on a qualitative and quantitative basis, progress made in meeting the objectives of the strand,*
 - b) *address the social environment within the Union and any major changes introduced by Union law*
 - c) *to determine whether the resources of the strands have been used efficiently and to assess its Union added value.*
- The results of that mid-term evaluation shall be presented to the European Parliament and to the Council.*

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Or. en

Amendment 37 33

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 692

Proposal for a regulation

Article 37

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 targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

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relating to the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands, and their actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands shall also contribute to the *corporate* communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Articles 4, 23 and 26.

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Or. en

Amendment 38 34
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation
Article 38

Text proposed by the Commission

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 15(6), Article 21(5) and Article 33(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from date of entry into force of this Regulation.
3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 15(6), Article 21(5) and Article 33(3) 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.
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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 on Better

Law-Making of 13 April 2016²⁸ .

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 15(6), Article 21(5) and Article 33(3) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two 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 two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

²⁸OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 13.

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²⁸ OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 13.

Or. en

Amendment 39 35
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation
Article 39

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the committee referred to in Article [109(1)] of [the future CPR].
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 40 36
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA
Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 701-712

Proposal for a regulation

Article 40

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up under Article 163 TFEU (the 'ESF+ Committee').
2. Each Member State shall appoint one government representative, one representative of the workers' organisations, one representative of the employers' organisations and one alternate for each member for a maximum period of seven years. In the absence of a member, the alternate shall be automatically entitled to take part in the proceedings.
3. The ESF+ Committee shall include one representative from each of the organisations representing workers' organisations **and** employers' organisations at Union level.
4. The ESF+ Committee shall be consulted on the planned use of technical assistance in the case of support from the ESF+ strand under shared management, as well as on other issues having an impact on the implementation of strategies at Union level relevant to the ESF+;
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3. The ESF+ Committee shall include one representative from each of the organisations representing workers' organisations, employers' organisations **and civil society organisations** at Union level.
 - 3a. **The ESF+ Committee may invite representatives of the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund.**
 - 3b. **Gender balance and appropriate representation of minority and other excluded groups in the ESF+ Committee shall be safeguarded.**
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country-specific recommendations and semester-related priorities (national reform programmes, etc.);

(b) issues concerning the [future CPR] relevant for the ESF+;

(c) questions related to the ESF+ referred to it by the Commission other than those referred to in paragraph 4.

The opinions of the ESF+ Committee shall be adopted by an absolute majority of the votes validly cast, and shall be communicated to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, for information. The Commission shall inform the ESF+ Committee of the manner in which it has taken account of its opinions.

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Or. en

Amendment 41 37
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation
Article 41

Text proposed by the Commission

Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁹, Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council³⁰ or any act adopted thereunder shall continue to apply to programmes and operations supported by the European Social Fund and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived under the 2014-2020 programming period.

²⁹ Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social

Amendment

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²⁹ Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social

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³⁰ Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).
³⁰ Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

Or. en

Amendment 42 38
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation
Article 42

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council³¹. and Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council³². are repealed with effect from 1 January 2021.
2. The financial envelope for the Employment and Social Innovation strand and the Health strand may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the ESF+ and the measures adopted under its predecessors: the Employment and Social Innovation programme and the Union Programme for Health.
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Or. en

Amendment 44 39

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 724, 725, 726, 732, 733, 734, 735, 730, 746, 750, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 756, 758, 765, 766, 768

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I

Text proposed by the Commission

ANNEX I¹

Common indicators for the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management

All personal data are to be broken down by gender (female, male, 'non binary'). If certain results are not *possible*, data for those results do not have to be collected and reported.

(1) Common output indicators related to operations targeting people:

(1a) Common output indicators for participants

– The common output indicators for

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(1) Common output indicators related to operations targeting people:

(1a) Common output indicators for participants

– The common output indicators for

participants are:

- unemployed, including long-term unemployed*,
- long-term unemployed*,
- inactive*,
- employed, including self-employed*,

- below 30 years of age *,

- above 54 years of age*,
- with lower secondary education or less (ISCED 0-2)*,
- with upper secondary (ISCED 3) or post-secondary education (ISCED 4)*,
- with tertiary education (ISCED 5 to 8)*.

The total number of participants is to be calculated automatically on the basis of the common output indicators relating to employment status.

(1b) Other common output indicators

If data for these indicators is not collected from data registers, values on these indicators can be determined based on informed estimates by the beneficiary.

- participants with disabilities**,

- third country nationals*,
- participants with a foreign background*,
- minorities (*including marginalised communities such as the Roma*)**,

- homeless or affected by housing exclusion*,
- participants from rural areas*.

participants are:

- unemployed, including long-term unemployed*,
- long-term unemployed*,
- inactive*,
- employed, including self-employed*,
- *not in education or training (NEET)**,
- *children* below 18 years of age *,
- *young people between 18-29 years of age **,
- above 54 years of age*,
- with lower secondary education or less (ISCED 0-2)*,
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Data is always provided by participants on a voluntary basis.

- participants with disabilities**,
- *participants below 18 years of age**,
- third country nationals*,
- participants with a foreign background*,
- minorities (*other than from the Roma community*)**,

- *participants from the Roma community***
- homeless or affected by housing exclusion*,
- participants from rural areas*
- *participants from geographical areas with high levels of poverty and social exclusion**,
- *participants transitioning from institutional to family and community*

- (2) Common output indicators for entities are:
- number of supported public administrations or public services at national, regional or local level,
 - number of supported micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (including cooperative enterprises, social enterprises).

- (3) The common immediate result indicators for participants are:
- participants engaged in job searching upon leaving*,
 - participants in education or training upon leaving*,
 - participants gaining a qualification upon leaving*,
 - participants gaining a qualification upon leaving*

- (4) Common longer-term result indicators for participants:
- participants in employment, including self-employment, six months after leaving*,
 - participants with an improved labour market situation six months after leaving*,

As a minimum requirement, these data are to be collected based on a representative sample of participants within each specific objective. Internal validity of the sample is to be ensured in such a way that the data can be generalised at the level of the specific objective.

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 - participants gaining a qualification upon leaving*

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- participants in employment, including self-employment, six *and twelve* months after leaving*,
 - participants with an improved labour market situation six *and twelve* months after leaving*,

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Or. en

Amendment 44 40
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II

Text proposed by the Commission

ANNEX II

Common indicators for ESF+ support for addressing material deprivation

- (1) Output indicators
 - (a) Total monetary value of distributed food and goods.
 - (i) total value of the food support;
 - (ia) total monetary value of food for children;
 - (ib) total monetary value of food for the homeless;
 - (ic) total monetary value of food for other target groups.
 - (ii) total value of goods distributed
 - (iia) total monetary value of goods for children;
 - (iib) total monetary value of goods for the homeless;
 - (iic) total monetary value of goods for other target groups.
 - (b) Total quantity of food support distributed (tons).

Thereof²:

 - (a) share of food for which only transport, distribution and storage were paid for by the programme (in %);
 - (b) proportion of the ESF+ co-financed food products in the total volume of food distributed the beneficiaries (in %)
- (3) Common result indicators³
 - Number of the end recipients receiving food support
 - Number of children below 18 years of age
 - Number of youths aged 18-29 years;
 - Number of end recipients above 54 years of age,
 - Number of end recipients with disabilities,
 - Number of third country nationals;
 - Number of end recipients with a

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 - Number of end recipients above 54 years of age,
 - Number of end recipients with disabilities,
 - Number of third country nationals
 - Number of end recipients with a

foreign background and minorities (*including marginalised communities such as the Roma*),

– Number of homeless end recipients or end-recipients affected by housing exclusion.

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² Values on these indicators shall be determined based on the informed estimation by the beneficiaries

³ Ibid

foreign background and minorities (*other than from the Roma community*),

– *participants from the Roma community*,

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– Number of children below 18 years of age,

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³ Ibid

Or. en

Amendment 44 41

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 478, 479, 480, 481, 482

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ANNEX II a

Common indicators for ESF+ support for

promoting social inclusion for the most deprived people

Output indicators

(1) Total number of people who receive help towards social inclusion.

Of which:

(a) number of children aged 15 or younger;

(b) number of persons aged 65 or older;

(c) number of women;

(d) number of people with a foreign background and minorities (other than from the Roma community);

(e) participants from the Roma community;

(f) number of homeless people.

Or. en

Amendment 44 42

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 478, 479, 480, 481, 482

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ANNEX II b

Indicators for the Employment and Social Innovation Strand

1. Level of declared gain of better understanding of EU policies and legislation

(1) Number of analytical activities,

(2) Number of mutual learning, awareness and dissemination activities,

(3) Support for main actors

2. Level of active collaboration and partnership between government institutions of the EU, Member States and associated countries

(1) Number of analytical activities,

(2) Number of mutual learning, awareness and dissemination activities,

(3) Support for main actors

3. *Declared use of social policy innovation in the implementation of social CSRs and the results of social policy experimentation for policy making*
 - (1) *Number of analytical activities,*
 - (2) *Number of mutual learning, awareness and dissemination activities,*
 - (3) *Support for main actors*
4. *Number of visits of the EURES platform*
5. *Number of youth job placements achieved or supported under the Preparatory Action Your First EURES Job (YfEJ) as well as under Targeted Mobility Schemes*
6. *Number of individual personal contacts of EURES advisers with jobseekers, job changers and employers*
7. *Number of businesses created or consolidated that have benefitted from EU support*
8. *Proportion of beneficiaries that have created or further developed a business with EU microfinance that are unemployed or belonging to disadvantaged groups*

Or. en

Amendment 45 43

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 20, 21, 22,28, 29, 30, 23, 24, REGI 23, FEMM 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) On 17 November 2017, the European Pillar of Social Rights was jointly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission as a response to social challenges in Europe. The twenty key principles of the pillar are structured around three categories: equal

Amendment

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opportunities and access to the labour market; fair working conditions; social protection and inclusion. The twenty principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights should guide the actions under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). In order to contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights the ESF+ should support investments in people and systems in the policy areas of employment, education and social inclusion, thereby supporting economic, territorial and social cohesion in accordance with Article 174 TFEU.

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Or. en

Amendment 46 44

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 33, 34, 35

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) 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 should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to

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(2) 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 should **be developed in partnership between national, regional and local authorities, include a gender perspective and** be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects

maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU, where relevant.

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Or. en

Amendment 47 45

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 37-41, CULT 13

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Council of [...] adopted revised guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States to align **the text** with the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, with a view to improving Europe's competitiveness and making **it** a better place to invest, **create jobs and foster social cohesion**. In order to ensure the full alignment of the ESF+ with the objectives of **these** guidelines, **particularly as regards employment, education, training and the fight against social exclusion, poverty and discrimination, the ESF+ should support** Member States, taking account of **the relevant Integrated Guidelines and** relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) **TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and, where appropriate**, at national level, the national reform programmes underpinned by national strategies. The ESF+ should

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(3) ***The Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States adopted by the Council in accordance with Article 148(2) TFEU, namely: boosting the demand for labour; enhancing labour supply: access to employment, skills and competences; enhancing the functioning of labour markets and the effectiveness of social dialogue and promoting equal opportunities for all, fostering social inclusion and combatting poverty, including improved public services in the health and other sectors, together with the broad economic guidelines adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) form part of the Integrated Guidelines underpinning the Europe 2020 strategy.*** The Council of [...] adopted revised guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States to align **them** with the principles of the European Pillar of Social

also contribute to relevant aspects of the implementation of key Union initiatives and activities, in particular the “Skills Agenda for Europe” and the European Education Area, relevant Council Recommendations and other initiatives such as *the Youth Guarantee*, Upskilling Pathways *and* on Integration of the long-term unemployed.

Rights, with a view to, *stimulate creation of jobs and foster social cohesion, thus* improving Europe’s competitiveness and making *the Union* a better place to invest. In order to ensure the full alignment of the ESF+ with the objectives of *the* Guidelines *for the* employment *policies*, Member States *should programme the ESF+ support*, taking account of *those* Guidelines, *relevant for them, as well as of* relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 148(4) and *Article 121(2)* TFEU and, at national level, *the employment and social aspects of* the national reform programmes underpinned by national strategies. The ESF+ should also contribute to relevant aspects of the implementation of key Union initiatives and activities, in particular the “Skills Agenda for Europe” and the European Education Area, *the Youth Guarantee and other* relevant Council Recommendations and other initiatives such as *Investing in children: breaking the cycle of disadvantage, the* Upskilling Pathways, on Integration of the long-term unemployed, *a Quality Framework for Traineeships and Apprenticeships and the Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals.*

Or. en

Amendment 48 46

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 36, 43-46, FEMM 10

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) On 20 June 2017, the Council endorsed the Union response to the ‘UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ - a sustainable European future. The Council underlined the

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importance of achieving sustainable development across the three dimensions (economic, social and environmental), in a balanced and integrated way. It is vital that sustainable development is mainstreamed into all Union internal and external policy areas, and that the Union is ambitious in the policies it uses to address global challenges. The Council welcomed the Commission Communication on “Next steps for a sustainable European future” of 22 November 2016 as a first step in mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals and applying sustainable development as an essential guiding principle for all Union policies, including through its financing instruments.

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Or. en

Amendment 49 47

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 49-55

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The Union is confronted with structural challenges arising from economic globalisation, the management of migration flows ***and the increased security threat***, clean energy transition, technological change and an increasingly ageing workforce and growing skills and

Amendment

(5) The Union is confronted with structural challenges arising from economic globalisation, ***social inequalities***, the management of migration flows ***and related integration challenges***, clean energy ***and just*** transition, technological change, ***demographic decline***,

labour shortages in some sectors and regions, experienced especially by SMEs. Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union should be prepared for the current and future challenges by investing in relevant skills, making growth more inclusive and by improving employment and social policies, including in view of labour mobility.

unemployment in general and youth unemployment and an increasingly ageing ***society and*** workforce and growing skills ***shortages*** and labour shortages in some sectors and regions, experienced especially by SMEs. Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union should be prepared for the current and future challenges by investing in relevant skills, ***education, training and lifelong learning*** making growth more inclusive and by improving ***competences and knowledge***, employment and social policies, including in view of labour mobility ***of EU citizens and addressing increasing health inequalities between and within Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment 50 48

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 58, 59

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Regulation (EU) No [...] establishes the framework for action by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), the Cohesion Fund, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the Asylum and Migration Fund (AMIF), Internal Security Fund (ISF) and the Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI) as a part of the Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF), and lays down, in particular, the policy objectives and the rules concerning programming, monitoring and evaluation, management and control for Union funds implemented under shared management. It is therefore necessary to specify the general objectives of the ESF+, and to lay down specific provisions

Amendment

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concerning the type of activities that may be financed by the ESF+.

to lay down specific provisions concerning the type of activities that may be financed by the ESF+.

Or. en

Amendment 51 49

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 63, 64

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) In order to streamline and simplify the funding landscape and create additional opportunities for synergies through integrated funding approaches, the actions which were supported by the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived ('FEAD'), the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health should be integrated into one ESF+. The ESF+ should therefore include three strands: the ESF+ strand under shared management, the Employment and Social Innovation strand, and the Health strand. This should contribute to reducing the administrative burden linked to the management of different funds, in particular for Member States, whilst maintaining simpler rules for simpler operations such as the distribution of food and/or basic material assistance.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 52 50

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 65-69

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In view of this wider scope of the ESF+ it is appropriate to foresee that the aims to enhance the effectiveness of labour markets and promote access to quality employment, to improve the access to and the quality of education and training as well as to promote social inclusion and health and to **reduce poverty *are not only*** implemented under shared management, ***but also*** under direct and indirect management under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands for actions required at Union level.

Amendment

(10) ***The Union should contribute to the employment policies of the Member States by encouraging cooperation and by complementing their actions.*** In view of this wider scope of the ESF+ it is appropriate to foresee that the aims to enhance the effectiveness of ***inclusive, open and fair*** labour markets ***for all genders*** and promote access to quality employment, to improve the access to and the quality of education and training, ***to aid reintegration into education systems and to promote lifelong learning,*** as well as to promote social inclusion and health and to ***eradicate poverty will continue to be*** implemented ***mainly*** under shared management, ***and where appropriate, complemented*** under direct and indirect management under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands for actions required at Union level.

Or. en

Amendment 53 51

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 4, 72-80, FEMM 23

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The ESF+ should aim to promote employment through active interventions enabling ***(re)integration*** into the labour market, notably for youth, the long-term unemployed and the inactive, as well as through promoting self-employment and the social economy. The ESF+ should aim to improve the functioning of labour markets by supporting the modernisation of

Amendment

(13) The ESF+, ***in close cooperation with the Member States,*** should aim to promote employment through active interventions enabling ***the integration and re-integration*** into the labour market, notably for youth, the long-term unemployed, ***carers, the economically inactive and disadvantaged groups,*** as well as through promoting self-

labour market institutions such as the Public Employment Services in order to improve their capacity to provide intensified targeted counselling and guidance during the job search and the transition to employment and to **enhance** workers' mobility. The ESF+ should promote women's participation in the labour market through measures aiming to ensure, amongst others, improved work/life balance and access to childcare. The ESF + should also aim to provide a healthy and well-adapted working environment in order to respond to health risks related to changing forms of work and the needs of the ageing workforce.

employment, **entrepreneurship**, and the social economy. The ESF+ should aim to improve **employment policies and** the functioning of labour markets by supporting the modernisation of labour market institutions such as the Public Employment Services in order to improve their capacity to provide intensified targeted **and personalized, where suitable**, counselling and guidance during the job search and the transition to employment, **with special attention to disadvantaged groups** and to **facilitate** workers' mobility, **and to deliver their service in a non-discriminatory way**. The ESF+ should promote women's participation in the labour market through measures aiming to ensure, amongst others, improved work/life balance and **easy** access to **affordable or free quality** childcare, **eldercare and other care services or support of good quality**. The ESF + should also aim to provide a **safe**, healthy and well-adapted working environment in order to respond to health risks related to **work as well as to** changing forms of work and the needs of the ageing workforce. **The ESF+ should also support measures aimed to facilitate the transition of young people from education to employment.**

Or. en

Amendment 54 52

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 83-92, 169

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) **The** ESF+ should provide support to improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as

Amendment

(14) **Given that the ESF+ is the main Union's instrument focussing on employment, skills and social inclusion it is essential that it is able to contribute to social, economic, and territorial cohesion**

regards digital skills which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The ESF+ should help progression within education and training and transition to work, support lifelong learning and employability, and contribute to competitiveness and societal and economic innovation by supporting scalable and sustainable initiatives in these fields. This could be achieved for example through work-based learning and apprenticeships, lifelong guidance, skills anticipation in cooperation with **industry**, up-to-date training materials, forecasting and graduate tracking, training of educators, validation of learning outcomes and recognition of qualifications.

in all parts of Europe. To that end it should provide support to improving the quality, non-discriminatory nature, accessibility, inclusiveness, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as regards language skills, entrepreneurial and digital skills, including data protection and information governance skills, which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. In case of the long-term unemployed and people coming from a disadvantaged social background, special attention should be paid to empower them. The ESF+ should help progression within education and training and transition to ***work and reintegration to work, support lifelong learning and employability of all, and contribute to inclusiveness, competitiveness, the reduction of horizontal and vertical segregation, and societal and economic innovation by supporting scalable and sustainable initiatives in these fields. This could be achieved for example through investments in vocational education, work-based learning and apprenticeships, focusing in particular on the proven dual system combining teaching and work experience, lifelong guidance, skills anticipation in cooperation with the social partners, up-to-date training materials, forecasting and graduate tracking, training of educators, support for informal and non-formal learning, validation of learning outcomes and recognition of qualifications. The ESF+ should also promote access to the teaching profession by minorities, aiming at a better integration of marginalised communities, such as the Roma, minorities and migrants.***

Or. en

Amendment 54A 53

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 93

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The ESF+ should provide support to measures included in Member States' national plans aiming to eradicate energy poverty and to promote energy efficiency in buildings among vulnerable households, including those affected by energy poverty and, where appropriate, in social housing, in line with the Commission Communication 'The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion: A European framework for social and territorial cohesion' and in accordance with Regulation (XX/XX) of the European Parliament and Council on the Governance Energy Union and Directive (XX/XX) of the European Parliament and Council amending Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency.

Or. en

Amendment 55 54

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 95-97

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15) Support through the ESF+ should be used to promote equal access for all, in particular for disadvantaged groups, to quality, non-segregated and inclusive education and training, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and

(15) Support through the ESF+ should be used to promote equal access for all, in particular for disadvantaged groups, to quality, non-segregated and inclusive education and training, from early childhood education and care, ***paying special attention to children coming from***

training and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, thereby fostering permeability between education and training sectors, preventing early school leaving, improving health literacy, reinforcing links with non-formal and informal learning and facilitating learning mobility for all. Synergies with the Erasmus programme, **notably to facilitate the participation of disadvantaged learners in learning mobility, should be supported within this context.**

a disadvantaged social background, such as children in institutional care and children experiencing homelessness, through general and vocational education and training and to tertiary level and re-integration into the education system, as well as adult education and learning, thereby preventing the transmission of poverty through generations, fostering permeability between education and training sectors, reducing and preventing early school leaving and social exclusion, improving health literacy, reinforcing links with non-formal and informal learning and facilitating learning mobility for all. These forms of informal learning should not replace access to regular education, particularly pre-school and primary education. Synergies, complementarity and policy coherence with the Erasmus programme should be established in this context in order to properly and actively reach out and to prepare disadvantaged learners for mobility experiences abroad and increase their participation in cross-border learning mobility.

Or. en

Amendment 56 55

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 103-108

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) The ESF+ should promote flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all, notably digital skills and key enabling technologies, with a view to providing people with skills adjusted to digitalisation, technological change, innovation and social and economic change, facilitating **career transitions**, mobility and supporting in particular low-skilled and/or poorly

Amendment

(16) The ESF+ should promote flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all, **taking into consideration the challenges of different disadvantaged groups**, notably **entrepreneurial and** digital skills and key enabling technologies, with a view to providing people **and local communities** with skills, **competences and knowledge** adjusted to

qualified adults, in line with the Skills Agenda for Europe.

digitalisation, technological change, innovation and social and economic change, *such as the ones induced by the transition to a low carbon economy*, facilitating *the transition from education to employment*, mobility and supporting in particular, low-skilled, *persons with disabilities* and/or poorly qualified adults, in line with the Skills Agenda for Europe *and in coordination and complementarity with the Digital Europe Programme*.

Or. en

Amendment 57 56

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 111-120

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) The ESF+ should support Member States' efforts *to tackle* poverty with a view to breaking the cycle of disadvantage across generations and promote social inclusion by ensuring equal opportunities for all, *tackling* discrimination and addressing health inequalities. This implies mobilising a range of policies targeting the most disadvantaged people regardless of their age, including children, marginalised communities such as the Roma, and the working poor. The ESF+ should promote the active inclusion of people far from the labour market with a view to ensuring their socio-economic integration. The ESF+ should be also used to enhance timely and equal access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services such as healthcare and long-term care, in particular family and community-based care services. The ESF+ should contribute to the modernisation of social protection systems with a view in particular to promoting their accessibility.

Amendment

(18) The ESF+ should support Member States' efforts *at all levels of government, including at regional and local level, to eradicate* poverty, *including energy poverty as foreseen in the newly agreed rules on the Governance of the Energy Union*, with a view to breaking the cycle of disadvantage across generations and promote social inclusion by ensuring equal opportunities for all, *reducing barriers, fighting* discrimination and addressing *social and* health inequalities. This implies *also, but is not limited to*, mobilising a range of *pro-active and reactive* policies *and strategies* targeting the most disadvantaged people regardless of their age, including children, marginalised communities such as the Roma, *persons with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, third-country nationals, including migrants* and the working poor. The ESF+ should promote the active inclusion of people far from the labour market with a view to ensuring their socio-

economic integration *including through targeted support to the social economy. Member States should promote ESF+ actions that complement national measure in line with the Commission Recommendation of 3 October 2008 on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market including measures on adequate income support.* The ESF+ should be also used to enhance timely and equal access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services such as *person-centred* healthcare, *related care* and long-term care, in particular family and community-based care services *and services guiding access to adequate, social and affordable housing services. This includes health promotion and diseases prevention services as part of primary healthcare services.* The ESF+ should contribute to the modernisation of social protection systems with a view in particular to promoting their accessibility, *inclusiveness, and effectiveness in responding to the changing realities of world of work. The ESF should also address rural poverty stemming from the specific disadvantages of rural areas, such as an unfavourable demographic situation, a weak labour market, limited access to education and training services, or healthcare and social services.*

Or. en

Amendment 58 57

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 124-129

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The ESF+ should contribute to *the reduction of* poverty by supporting national schemes aiming to alleviate food

Amendment

(19) The ESF+ should contribute to poverty *eradication* by supporting national schemes aiming to alleviate food and

and material deprivation and promote social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion and the most deprived. **With a view that at Union level at least 4% of the** resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management **supports the most deprived**, Member States should allocate at least **2%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to **address** the forms of extreme poverty with the greatest social exclusion impact, such as homelessness, child poverty and food deprivation. Due to the nature of the operations and the type of end recipients, it is necessary that **simpler** rules apply to support which addresses material deprivation of the most deprived.

material deprivation and promote social integration of people **experiencing or** at risk of poverty or social exclusion and the most deprived. Member States should allocate at least **3%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to **combat** the forms of extreme poverty with the greatest social exclusion impact, such as homelessness, child poverty, **old-age poverty** and food deprivation. Due to the nature of the operations and the type of end recipients, it is necessary that **the simplest possible** rules apply to support which addresses material deprivation of the most deprived.

Or. en

Amendment 59 58

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 133-135

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In light of the persistent need to enhance efforts to address the management of the migration flows in the Union as a whole and in order to ensure a coherent, strong and consistent support to the solidarity and responsibility-sharing efforts, the ESF+ should provide support to promote the socio-economic integration of third country nationals complementary to the actions financed under the Asylum and Migration Fund.

Amendment

(20) In light of the persistent need to enhance efforts to address the management of the migration flows in the Union as a whole and in order to ensure a coherent, strong and consistent support to the solidarity and **fair** responsibility-sharing efforts, the ESF+ should provide support to promote the socio-economic integration of third country nationals, **including migrants, which may include initiatives at local level**, complementary to the actions financed under the Asylum and Migration Fund, **the ERDF and those funds which can have a positive effect on the inclusion of third-country nationals.**

Or. en

Amendment 60 59

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 140-147, REGI 1, LIBE 19, 22

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) The ESF+ should support policy and system reforms in the fields of employment, social inclusion, healthcare and long-term care, and education and training. In order to strengthen alignment with the European Semester, Member States should allocate an appropriate amount of their resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to implement relevant country-specific recommendations relating to structural challenges which it is appropriate to address through multiannual investments falling within the scope of the ESF+. The Commission and the Member States should ensure coherence, coordination and complementarity between the shared-management and Health strands of ESF+ and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument. In particular, the Commission and the Member State should ensure, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to safeguard the consistency, coherence, complementarity and synergy among sources of funding, including technical assistance thereof.

Amendment

(21) The ESF+ should support policy and system reforms in the fields of employment, social inclusion, ***poverty eradication***, healthcare and long-term care, and education and training. In order to strengthen alignment with the European Semester Member States should allocate an appropriate amount of their resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to implement relevant country-specific recommendations relating to structural challenges, which it is appropriate to address through multiannual investments falling within the scope of the ESF+. The Commission and the Member States should ***involve local and regional authorities to*** ensure coherence, coordination and complementarity between the shared-management and Health strands of ESF+ and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument. In particular, the Commission and the Member State should ensure, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to safeguard the consistency, coherence, complementarity and synergy among sources of funding, including technical assistance thereof, ***taking into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights, the Social Scoreboard under the European Semester, the ILO Decent Work Agenda, and regional specificities thereby contributing to the goals of the Union set out in Article 174 TFEU as regards to strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion.***

Amendment 61 60**EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 6, 148-156

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 22***Text proposed by the Commission*

(22) To ensure that the social dimension of Europe as set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights is duly put forward and that a minimum amount of resources is targeting those most in need Member States should allocate at least **25%** of their national ESF+ resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to fostering social inclusion.

Amendment

(22) To ensure that the social dimension of Europe as set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights is duly put forward and that a minimum amount of resources is targeting those most in need Member States should allocate at least **27%** of their national ESF+ resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to fostering social inclusion **and poverty eradication. That percentage shall be complementary to the national resources to address extreme poverty.**

Or. en

Amendment 62 61**EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 163-168

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 23***Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) In the light of persistently high levels of youth unemployment and inactivity in a number of Member States and regions, in particular affecting young people who are neither in employment, nor in education or training, it is necessary that **those** Member States continue to invest **sufficient** resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management towards actions to promote youth employment **including**

Amendment

(23) In the light of persistently high levels of youth unemployment and inactivity in a number of Member States and regions, in particular affecting young people who are neither in employment, nor in education or training (**NEETs**), **which levels are even higher in case of young people coming from a disadvantaged social background**, it is necessary that Member States continue to invest **adequate**

through the implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes. Building on the actions supported by the Youth Employment Initiative in the 2014-2020 programming period targeting individual persons, Member States should further promote employment and education reintegration pathways and outreach measures for young people by prioritising, where relevant, long-term unemployed, inactive and disadvantaged young people including through youth work. Member States should also invest in measures aimed at facilitating school-to-work transition as well as reforming and adapting employment services with a view to providing tailor-made support to young people. Member States **concerned** should **therefore** allocate at least **10%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand ***under shared management*** to support youth employability.

resources of the **ESF+** Strand under shared management towards actions to promote youth employment, ***in particular*** through the implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes. Building on the actions supported by the Youth Employment Initiative in the 2014-2020 programming period targeting individual persons, Member States should further promote ***high-quality*** employment and education reintegration pathways and ***effective*** outreach measures for young people by prioritising, where relevant, long-term unemployed, inactive and disadvantaged young people ***and young people who are hardest to reach, and young people in vulnerable situations***, including through youth work. Member States should also invest in measures aimed at facilitating school-to-work transition as well as reforming and adapting employment services with a view to providing tailor-made support to young people ***and at delivering their service without discrimination of any kind***. Member States should allocate at least **3%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand to support ***policies in the field of youth employability, continued education, quality employment, apprenticeships and traineeships***. ***Member States with a NEET rate above the EU average, or whenever their NEET rate is above 15%, acting at the appropriate territorial level should allocate at least 15% of their national resources of the ESF+ to support policies in this field.***

Or. en

Amendment 63 62

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 172, 173, 99, 102, BUDG 1, CULT 14, CULT 15, CULT 19, FEMM 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) Member States should ensure coordination and complementarity between the actions supported by *these funds*.

Amendment

(24) Member States *and the Commission* should ensure coordination and complementarity *and exploit synergies* between the actions supported by *the ESF+ and the other Union Programmes and instruments such as European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, Erasmus, the Asylum and Migration Fund, Horizon Europe, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Digital Europe Programme, InvestEU, Creative Europe or the European Solidarity Corps*.

Or. en

Amendment 65 63

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 8, 181-188

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) Efficient and effective implementation of actions supported by the ESF+ depends on good governance and partnership between *all actors at the relevant territorial levels* and the socio-economic actors, in particular the social partners and civil society. It is therefore essential that Member States *encourage the* participation of social partners and civil society in the *implementation* of the ESF+ *under shared management*.

Amendment

(26) Efficient and effective implementation of actions supported by the ESF+ depends on good governance and partnership between *EU institutions and local, regional and national authorities* and the socio-economic actors, in particular the social partners and civil society. It is therefore essential that Member States, *in partnership with regional and local authorities, ensure meaningful* participation of social partners and civil society *organizations, equality bodies, national human rights institutions and other relevant or representative organisations* in the *programming and delivery* of the ESF+ *from shaping priorities for operational programmes to*

implementing, monitoring and evaluating the results and impact in line with the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds established by 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. Furthermore, for the sake of safeguarding non-discrimination and equal opportunities, equality bodies and national human rights institutions should also be involved in each stage.

Or. en

Amendment 66 64

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 191-194

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) With a view to rendering policies more responsive to social change and to encourage and support innovative solutions, support for social innovation is crucial. In particular, testing and evaluating innovative solutions before scaling them up is instrumental in improving the efficiency of the policies and thus justifies specific support from the ESF+.

Amendment

(27) With a view to rendering policies more responsive to social change and to encourage and support innovative solutions, ***including at local level***, support for social innovation ***and the social economy*** is crucial. In particular, testing and evaluating innovative solutions before scaling them up is instrumental in improving the efficiency of the policies and thus justifies specific support from the ESF+.

Or. en

Amendment 66A 65

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 195, 196, 100, 101

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27a) With a view to fully tapping into the potential of cross-sectorial cooperation and to improving synergies and coherence with other policy fields to achieve its general objectives, the ESF+ should support innovative actions which use sport and physical activity and culture to drive social inclusion, fight youth unemployment, particularly for disadvantaged groups, improve social inclusion of marginalised groups and to promote good health and disease prevention.

Or. en

Amendment 67 66
EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA
Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 197-202

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(28) The Member States and the Commission should ensure that ESF+ contributes to the promotion of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU to foster equality of treatment and opportunities between women and men in all areas, including regarding participation in the labour market, terms and conditions of employment and career progression. ***They*** should also ensure that the ESF+ ***promotes equal opportunities for all, without discrimination in accordance with Article 10 TFEU and*** promotes the inclusion in society of persons with disabilities on equal basis with others and contributes to the implementation of the United Nations

(28) The Member States and the Commission should ensure that ESF+ contributes to the promotion of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU to foster equality of treatment and opportunities between women and men in all areas, including regarding participation in the labour market, terms and conditions of employment and career progression. ***The gender aspects should be taken into account in all programmes implemented, throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Moreover, the ESF+ should in particular comply with Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the***

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. These principles should be taken into account in all dimensions and in all stages of the preparation, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of programmes, in a timely and consistent manner while ensuring that specific actions are taken to promote gender equality and equal opportunities. The ESF+ should also promote the transition from **residential**/institutional care to family and community-based care, in particular for those who face multiple discrimination. The ESF+ should not support any action that contributes to segregation or to social exclusion. Regulation (EU) No [future CPR] provides that rules on eligibility of expenditure are to be established at national level, with certain exceptions for which it is necessary to lay down specific provisions with regard to the ESF+ strand under shared management.

European Union that stipulates that any discrimination based on any ground such as sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age, sexual orientation is prohibited; furthermore, any discrimination based on sex characteristics or gender identity and on grounds of nationality should also be prohibited. Member States and the Commission should also ensure that the ESF+ promotes the inclusion in society of persons with disabilities on equal basis with others and contributes to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, *with regard inter alia to education, work, employment and universal accessibility*. These principles should be taken into account in all dimensions and in all stages of the preparation, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of programmes, in a timely and consistent manner while ensuring that specific actions are taken to promote gender equality and equal opportunities. The ESF+ should also promote the transition from institutional care to family and community-based care, in particular for those who face multiple *and intersectional* discrimination. The ESF+ should not support any action that contributes to segregation or to social exclusion. Regulation (EU) No [future CPR] provides that rules on eligibility of expenditure are to be *in line with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and* established at national level, with certain exceptions for which it is necessary to lay down specific provisions with regard to the ESF+ strand under shared management.

Or. en

Amendment 71 67

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 207-211

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) ESF+ lays down provisions intended to achieve freedom of movement for workers on a non-discriminatory basis by ensuring the close cooperation of the **central** employment services of Member States **with one another and with** the Commission. The European network of employment services should promote a better functioning of the labour markets by facilitating the cross-border mobility of workers and a greater transparency of information on the labour markets. The ESF+ scope also includes developing and supporting targeted mobility schemes with a view to filling vacancies where labour market shortcomings have been identified.

Amendment

(32) ESF+ lays down provisions intended to achieve freedom of movement for workers on a non-discriminatory basis by ensuring the close cooperation of the **public** employment services of Member States, the Commission **and social partners**. The European network of employment services **with the involvement of the social partners** should promote a better functioning of the labour markets by facilitating the cross-border mobility of workers and a greater transparency of information on the labour markets. The ESF+ scope also includes developing and supporting targeted mobility schemes with a view to filling vacancies where labour market shortcomings have been identified. ***The ESF + covers cross-border partnerships between regional public employment services and social partners and their activities to promote mobility, as well as transparency and integration of cross-border labour markets through information, advice and placement. In many border regions they play an important role in the development of a genuine European labour market.***

Or. en

Amendment 72 68

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 212-215, CULT 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) Lack of access to finance for microenterprises, social economy and social enterprises is one of the main obstacles to business creation, especially among people furthest from the labour market. The ESF+ Regulation lays down provisions in order to create a market eco-system to increase the supply of and access to finance for social enterprises as well as to meet demand from those who need it most, and in particular the unemployed, women and **vulnerable people** who wish to start up or develop a microenterprise. This objective will also be addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the social investment and skills policy window of the InvestEU Fund.

Amendment

(33) Lack of access to finance for microenterprises, social economy and social **economy** enterprises is one of the main obstacles to business creation, especially among people furthest from the labour market. The ESF+ Regulation lays down provisions in order to create a market eco-system to increase the supply of and access to finance **and support services** for social **economy** enterprises, **including in the cultural and creative sector**, as well as to meet demand from those who need it most, and in particular the unemployed, women and **disadvantaged groups** who wish to start up or develop a microenterprise. This objective will also be addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the social investment and skills policy window of the InvestEU Fund.

Or. en

Amendment 73A 69

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 220-222, CULT 21

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 34 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(34a) Transnational cooperation has significant added value and should therefore be supported by all Member States with the exception of duly justified cases taking into account the principle of proportionality. It is also necessary to reinforce the Commission's role in facilitating exchanges of experience and coordinating implementation of relevant initiatives.

Or. en

Amendment 74 70

EPP, S&D, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 223-226

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the mid-term evaluation.

Amendment

(46) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives ***over the MFF 2021-2027 period, and an annual target of 30 % as soon as possible and at the latest by 2027.*** Relevant actions will be identified during the preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the mid-term evaluation.

Or. en

Amendment 90 71

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 230-231

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 51

Text proposed by the Commission

(51) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets and promoting access to quality employment, improving the access to and the quality of education ***and*** training, promoting social inclusion and health and ***reducing*** poverty as well as the actions under the

Amendment

(51) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely enhancing the effectiveness ***and fairness*** of labour markets and promoting access to quality employment, improving the access to and the quality of education, training ***and care***, promoting social inclusion, ***equal opportunities***, and health and ***eradicating***

Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands, 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.

poverty as well as the actions under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands, 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. en