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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the Fund for a European Aid to the Most Deprived
(COM(2012)0617 – C7-0358/2012 – 2012/0295(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived is relevant to women for at least two reasons. First, women are overrepresented among most deprived persons in the EU. The feminisation of poverty is getting worse under the influence of the economic downturn. Among those living in poverty are many older women with low pensions, single mothers, divorced women, women with low-paid or precarious jobs.

Second, women are still the main carers in families: the ones to buy groceries, to cook food, to handle everything related to feeding their family. If the family income decreases, they are often the ones who will turn to a food bank or other aid organisation when that income does not provide enough to feed the family.

With that in mind, I have made proposals beyond gender mainstreaming and requiring gender disaggregated data. It is vital to women that the provision of EU food aid does not cease abruptly on the 1st of January 2014, when the current programme used by 19 Member States stops. To make sure that the Fund does justice to the dependency created over 25 years, adjustments need to be made to the allocation of funds across Member States, and some of the main reservations of resistant Member States in Council need to be taken into account.

The allocation between Member States

The current programme provides EUR 500 million a year to 19 Member States. For the period 2014-2020, EUR 2.5 billion was proposed by the Commission for the new Fund, cut to EUR 2.1 billion by the Council in the MFF negotiations at the time of writing, which constitutes a considerable reduction. In the current proposal, all Member States are obliged to participate, meaning that the decreased funds will be spread out more thinly and include countries that currently do not benefit from EU food aid and potentially would not wish to - for various reasons, including e.g. already existing independent structures. Those that now depend on the programme will be severely cut if the proposal for this Fund remains as it is.

Therefore, I have made several proposals to make sure the EU takes responsibility for the current dependency on EU food aid:

Member States should not be obliged to participate but may choose to do so or not.

The indicators used to divide resources should be the percentage of materially deprived persons in a country and the more up to date data on recent changes in the population living in households with very low work intensity. The extent of dependency on the former food aid programmes should be taken into account.

The co-financing rate should be differentiated according to wealth levels in Member States, to make sure that the Fund mainly reaches those that need it most.

Member States who oppose the fund on principle will not then be forced to participate against their will, potentially decreasing their resistance.

Strengthening local food supply chains and exchanging good practice

For many aid organisations the EU food aid is not the only source of food, and in many Member States food banks function without public support, by making use of food offered by

local food chains.

It should be possible for aid organisations in all Member States to make more use of food that would otherwise be thrown away, within the boundaries of food safety and hygiene. To build structural relationships with manufacturers, supermarkets, farmers, restaurants, etc., aid organisations need certain facilities such as transport for food, ICT facilities and logistic skills, public awareness campaigns to attract private donors, skills and certificates for handling foods within health regulations, etc. The Fund should provide aid organisations with the means to develop and strengthen structural relationships with donors of food and finances. This serves a dual goal of preventing food wastage, while affording aid organisations the chance to become less dependent on direct food aid from the EU.

Furthermore, the Fund should foster exchange of good practice across the EU, between aid organisations that are dependent on EU food aid and those that are not, and disseminating social innovation in aid to the most deprived.

Avoid new dependency and decrease existing dependency

The most important aspect of the Fund is to make sure that those depending on previous EU programmes are not left without food abruptly in 2014. The chances of the Fund being approved by Council will increase if the Fund aims to gradually decrease dependency on direct EU food aid and avoids creating new dependencies. Aid organisations could be assisted with all facilities, materials and other support they need to gradually shift to local food supply chains such as supermarkets, manufacturers, farmers, etc., so that the most deprived are not cut off from food aid, now or in the future.

Coherence with structural poverty alleviation

The ultimate aim of poverty policies has to be to lift the most deprived persons, the majority of whom are women, out of poverty. It is therefore not only important that the aid organisations that participate in the Fund also undertake activities for social inclusion and that it relates closely to national programmes for poverty eradication, but also that aid organisations may develop social inclusion activities in conjunction with ESF funding, while avoiding double funding of the same aid operations.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The number of persons suffering from material or even severe material deprivation in the Union is increasing and those persons are often too excluded to benefit from the activation measures of Regulation (EU) No [...CPR], and, in particular of Regulation (EU) No [...ESF].

Amendment

(2) In 2011, approximately 24,2 % of Europe's population (119,6 million people, estimation of Eurostat, in EU-27, of whom 25 million were children) were considered to be at risk of poverty and/or social exclusion as defined in the Europe 2020 strategy. The number of persons suffering from material or even severe material deprivation in the Union, in particular in countries worst hit by the crisis and implementing fiscal consolidation measures, is increasing and those persons are often too excluded to benefit from the activation measures of Regulation (EU) No [...CPR], and, in particular of Regulation (EU) No [...ESF]. Whereas this development runs counter to and endangers the achievement of one of the key Europe 2020 objectives – that of reducing the number of poor people in the Union by 20 million, starting from the most deprived persons, most of whom are women and children.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) According to figures from 2011, the female poverty rate in EU-27 was approximately 17 %, the result of factors including female unemployment, unequal pay, and the feminisation of part-time

work.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Whereas Member States and the Commission should ensure equality between men and women and the coherent integration of the gender perspective into all stages of the preparation, programming and implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Common Strategic Framework (CSF) Funds using methods of the gender budgeting assessment.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The Union has since 1987 provided its most deprived citizens of whom the majority are women with direct food aid from agricultural stocks. This has led to the situation where most deprived persons have become dependent on the direct Union supply of food for the most deprived. Many beneficiaries have supply sources other than Union support such as local or regional supermarkets, farmers, manufacturers, restaurants etc. The Fund should support the development or strengthening of these local supply chains.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) In order to maximise the effectiveness of the non-financial assistance to the most deprived persons, where appropriate, as part of accompanying measures, Member States should support providing shelters and/or social housing for homeless people.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4c) Union-level action is necessary given the level of poverty and social exclusion in the Union (in 2010, a quarter of Europe's citizens – some 116 million people, most of them women – were at risk of poverty or social exclusion). This has been further aggravated by the economic crisis, which has reduced the ability of a number of Member States to sustain social expenditure and investment at levels sufficient to ensure that social cohesion does not deteriorate further and that the objectives and targets of the Europe 2020 strategy are achieved.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4d) The strategies and ways out of poverty and destitution should take account of the fact that the main problem for the poorest people is that of the loss of their dignity and independence as persons and citizens, which makes them and their families even more fragile and discriminated and has serious repercussions on women and children;

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4e) Women are the main beneficiaries of the Fund, not only because they are more exposed to poverty and social exclusion, but also because they are often responsible for the feeding and subsistence of the family group.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4f) Member States should take the lead in assessing their most deprived citizens' needs. The Fund should therefore avoid creating new structures of dependency for

beneficiaries of assistance as defined in Article 4(1).

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) The provisions should also ensure that the Fund complies with social and environmental policies of the Union such as combating all forms of discrimination in programming, management and access to aid and combating food waste, including through awareness-raising campaigns in which women can play a strategic role.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) In order to set out an appropriate financial framework, the Commission should establish, by means of implementing acts, an annual breakdown of global resources by Member State using an objective and transparent method reflecting disparities in terms of poverty and material deprivation.

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Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The operational programme of each Member State should identify and justify the forms of material deprivation to be addressed, and describe the objectives and features of the assistance to the most deprived persons that will be provided through the support of national schemes. **It** should also include elements necessary to ensure effective and efficient implementation **of the operational programme.**

Amendment

(8) The operational programme of each Member State should identify and justify the forms of material deprivation to be addressed, and describe the objectives and features of the assistance to the most deprived persons that will be provided through the support of national schemes. ***Access to food should be the first deprivation to be addressed by the Member States. The programme*** should also include elements necessary to ensure ***its*** effective and efficient implementation.

Justification

Food is the most basic need that enables partner organisations and Member States to make contact with those people who are excluded from social life. This is the best way to ensure that the Fund is effective.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) In order to maximise effectiveness of the Fund, in particular as regards the national circumstances, it is appropriate to set out a procedure for potential amendment of the operational programme.

Amendment

(9) In order to maximise effectiveness of the Fund, in particular as regards the national circumstances, it is appropriate to set out a procedure for potential amendment of the operational programme; ***the procedure should involve social organisations that are active in helping the most severely deprived persons nationally or that directly represent the most deprived persons, ensuring that there is an adequate presence of women.***

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Whereas Member States should further allow for a balanced participation of women and men in the management and implementation of operational programmes at local, regional and national level and report on progress in this matter.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11b) Access to support from the Fund should include genuine accessibility for those who, for any reason, including their age, their state of health or how far away they live, are unable to collect food parcels themselves; it is therefore very important to strengthen the structural links between aid organisations and food suppliers.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11c) Whereas Member States and the Commission should take appropriate steps to prevent any discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, sexual orientation or gender identity during the preparation and implementation of programmes by paying particular attention to those who face multiple discriminations. The accessibility for disabled persons should be one of the criteria to be observed in defining operations co-financed by the Fund and to be taken into account during the various implementation stages.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12) In order to improve the quality and design of each operational programme and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the Fund, ex ante and ex post evaluations should be conducted. Those evaluations should be supplemented by surveys on the most deprived persons who have benefited from the operational programme and, ***if necessary***, by evaluations during the programming period. The responsibilities of Member States and the Commission in this respect should be specified.

(12) In order to improve the quality and design of each operational programme and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the Fund, ex ante and ex post evaluations should be conducted ***including by involving the most deprived persons, who are the first to be affected by these measures***. Those evaluations should be supplemented by surveys - ***including data broken down by gender and by age, taking account of Eurostat's study on measuring material deprivation in the Union*** - on the most deprived persons who have benefited from the operational programme and by evaluations ***and screening of all policies***

as to their different impacts on women and men during the programming period. The responsibilities of Member States and the Commission in this respect should be specified.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) It is necessary to establish a maximum level of co-financing from the Fund to the operational programmes to provide for a multiplier effect of Union resources, while the situation of Member States facing temporary budget difficulties should be addressed.

Amendment

(15) It is necessary to establish *an appropriate* level of co-financing from the Fund to the operational programmes to provide *solidarity and* a multiplier effect of Union resources, while the situation of Member States facing temporary budget difficulties should be addressed.

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) ‘most deprived persons’ means physical persons, whether individuals, families, households or groups composed of such persons, whose need for assistance has been established according to the objective criteria adopted by the national competent authorities, *or defined by* the partner organisations and which are approved by those *competent* authorities;

Amendment

(1) ‘most deprived persons’ means physical persons, whether individuals, families, households or groups composed of such persons, whose need for assistance has been established according to the objective criteria adopted by the national competent authorities *in cooperation with* the partner organisations and which are approved by those *national* authorities;

Justification

There should be greater clarity and dialogue between the competent national authorities and partner organisations in order to promote efficiency.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) ‘partner organisations’ means public bodies or *non-for-profit* organisations that deliver the food **or** goods directly or through other partner organisations to the most deprived persons, and whose operations have been selected by the managing authority in accordance with Article 29(3)(b);

Amendment

(2) ‘partner organisations’ means public bodies or *not-for-profit* organisations that deliver the food **and** goods directly or through other partner organisations to the most deprived persons, and whose operations have been selected by the managing authority in accordance with Article 29(3)(b);

Justification

Food is the most basic need that enables partner organisations and Member States to make contact with those people who are excluded from social life. This is the best way to ensure that the Fund is effective.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation Article 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The Fund shall promote social cohesion in the Union by contributing to achieving the poverty reduction target of at least 20 million of the number of persons at risk of poverty and social exclusion in accordance with the Europe 2020 strategy. The Fund shall contribute to achieving the specific objective of alleviating the worst forms of poverty in the Union by providing non-financial assistance to the most deprived persons. This objective shall be measured by the number of persons receiving assistance from the Fund.

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objective shall be measured by the number of persons receiving assistance from the Fund **and by qualitatively and quantitatively assessing the structural improvements for the end recipients, broken down by gender and age, as a result of that assistance. The Fund shall promote local and regional food supply chains to the benefit of the most deprived persons.**

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Fund shall aim to gradually decrease the dependency of beneficiaries from direct non-financial assistance from the Union as mentioned in Article 4(1) over its implementing period.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Fund shall support national schemes whereby food products and basic consumer goods for the personal use of homeless persons or of children are distributed to the most deprived persons through partner organisations selected by Member States.

1. The Fund ***may, at the request of a Member State***, support national schemes whereby food products, ***clothing*** and basic consumer goods ***for personal use are distributed to the most deprived persons, in particular to homeless people and children***, through partner organisations selected by Member States, ***taking into account specific needs of women, men and children as well as those of people with disabilities and by involving regional and local authorities.***

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Fund may support accompanying measures, complementing the provision of food and goods, contributing to the social inclusion of the most deprived persons.

Amendment

2. The Fund **may, at the request of a Member State**, support measures contributing to the social inclusion of the most deprived persons **while taking account of the specific requirements of women and men, as noted through their active involvement.**

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) The Commission, the Member States and the partner organisations shall contribute to the fight against food wastage at every stage of the distribution chain. The Fund may provide beneficiaries with assistance to make more use or more efficient use of local supply chains thereby preventing food wastage and augmenting the supply of food for the most deprived independent of the Fund.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) The Fund may support actions and measures to expand and improve access

of the end recipients to local supply chains – also through vouchers or other mechanisms – to reduce food waste and to launch information and education campaigns that involve primarily women as strategic stakeholders, also in cooperation with local schools and media.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Fund shall promote mutual learning, networking and dissemination of good practices in the area of non-financial assistance to the most deprived persons.

Amendment

3. The Fund shall promote mutual learning, networking and dissemination of good practices in the area of non-financial assistance to the most deprived persons, *taking into account the gender perspective notably by including women's organisations. Member States not participating in this Fund shall be encouraged to cooperate in disseminating good practices.*

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The Commission and the Member States shall ensure the effectiveness of the Fund, in particular through monitoring, reporting and evaluation.

Amendment

(8) The Commission and the Member States shall ensure the effectiveness of the Fund, in particular through monitoring, reporting and evaluation, *providing indicators broken down by gender and by age.*

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that equality between men and women and the integration of the gender perspective are promoted **during the various stages** of the implementation of the Fund. The Commission and the Member States shall take appropriate steps to prevent any discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation in obtaining access to the Fund.

Amendment

(10) The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that equality between men and women and the integration of the gender perspective are promoted **at every stage** of the implementation of the Fund, **including the ex post evaluation**. The Commission and the Member States shall take appropriate steps to prevent any discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation in obtaining access to the Fund.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the population suffering from severe material deprivation;

Amendment

(a) the population suffering from severe material deprivation **as a percentage of total population broken down by gender**;

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall take into account the extent of dependency of most deprived persons on Union food programmes for the distribution to the most deprived persons as a result of participation of Member States in programmes under

*Council Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005,
(EC) No 1234/2007 or Regulation (EU)
No. 121/2012 of the European Parliament
and of the Council.*

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) a strategy outlining how the support measures will support the development of local and regional food supply chains to the benefit of the most deprived persons,

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) a description of the priority individuals at whom the programme is to be targeted, taking into account specific local and/or social needs, also in the light of the different age and gender distribution of severe deprivation;

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point j a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ja) a strategy outlining how a gradual

decrease in the dependency of beneficiaries from the assistance referred to in Article 4(1) from market purchases over the implementing period can be achieved;

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Operational programmes shall be drawn up by Member States or any authority designated by them in cooperation with the competent regional, local and other public authorities as well as bodies representing civil society and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Amendment

2. Operational programmes shall be drawn up by Member States or any authority designated by them in cooperation with the competent regional, local and other public authorities as well as bodies representing civil society and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination, *in order to clarify the procedures, objectives and results expected in relation to poverty reduction, taking into account territorial, social, generational and gender imbalances. Member States shall ensure that the operational programmes shall be closely linked to national social inclusion policies and to combating the increasing feminisation of poverty and its spread among ethnic minorities.*

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Member States shall draft the annual implementation report in accordance with the template adopted by the Commission, including the list of

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These indicators shall include:

(a) recent change in social policy spending addressing severe material deprivation both in absolute terms, in relation to GDP and in relation to total public spending;

(b) recent changes in social policy legislation addressing access to funding for severe material deprivation.

Justification

To avoid the perverse effect that a Member State uses this fund to withdraw from its social policy responsibilities it is essential that the Commission can measure how this Fund impacts a Member State's policy to addresses severe material deprivation.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall provide the resources necessary for carrying out evaluations, and shall ensure that procedures are in place to produce and collect the data necessary for evaluations, including data related to the common indicators referred to in Article 11.

Amendment

1. Member States shall provide the resources necessary for carrying out evaluations, and shall ensure that procedures are in place to produce and collect the data, ***broken down by gender and age***, necessary for evaluations, including data related to the common indicators referred to in Article 11.

Amendment 38

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) the contribution of partner

organisations, national schemes, beneficiaries, and intermediate bodies for the purposes of identifying all bodies to be associated with the Fund, describing their experience with support of this type and specifying the aims which they intend to achieve under the Fund;

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the contribution to the objective of equality between men and women and an assessment whether the gender perspective is properly integrated;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2) The managing authority shall carry out a structured survey on end recipients in **2017** and 2021, in accordance with the template provided by the Commission. The Commission shall adopt the template by means of an implementing act. This implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 60(2).

(2) The managing authority shall carry out a structured survey **containing gender disaggregated data** on end recipients in **2015** and 2021, in accordance with the template provided by the Commission. The Commission shall adopt the template by means of an implementing act. This implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 60(2).

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The food and the goods for **homeless persons or for children** may be purchased by the partner organisations themselves.

Amendment

The food and the goods for **the end recipients and facilities to undertake measures referred to in Article 4(2a)** may be purchased by the partner organisations themselves.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

They may also be purchased by a public body and made available free of charge to the partner organisations. In that case, the food may be obtained from the use, processing or sale of the products in intervention stocks made available in accordance with Article 15 of the Regulation (EU) No [CMO], provided that this is economically the most favourable option and does not unduly delay the delivery of the food products to the partner organisations. Any amount derived from a transaction concerning those stocks shall be used for the benefit of the most deprived persons, **and shall not be applied so as to diminish the obligation of the Member States, provided in Article 18 of this Regulation, to co-finance the programme.**

Amendment

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Justification

Intervention stocks, where they exist, should be added to, and not deducted from, the

resources allocated, in order to ensure predictability for the partner organisations as to the financial appropriations granted.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Beneficiaries should be able to make efficient and optimum use of Union funds addressing poverty relief such as the ESF and the Fund established under Article 1 while avoiding double funding of operations.

Justification

Organisations making use of the MDP might have measures in parallel that are being funded by the ESF such as training or care. This must remain possible while it may not lead to double funding. It is important to help beneficiaries in this respect.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 1 – point -a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-a) costs borne by public bodies or partner organisations aimed at strengthening local food supply chains;

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

(k) the costs of purchasing food and basic consumer goods for personal use of **homeless persons or of children**;

Amendment

(a) the costs of purchasing food and basic consumer goods, **including clothing**, for personal use of **end recipients**;

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1 – point l

Text proposed by the Commission

(l) where a public body purchases the food or basic consumer goods for personal use of **homeless persons or of children** and *provide* them to partner organisations, the costs of transporting of food or goods to the storage depots of the partner organisations at a flat rate of 1% of the costs referred to in point (a);

Amendment

(b) where a public body purchases the food or basic consumer goods **including clothing** for personal use of **end recipients** and *provides* them to partner organisations, the costs of transporting of food or goods to the storage depots of the partner organisations at a flat rate of 1 % of the costs referred to in point (a);

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1 – point n

Text proposed by the Commission

(n) the costs of social inclusion activities undertaken and declared by the partner organisations delivering directly the material assistance to the most deprived persons **at a flat rate of 5% of the costs referred to in point (a)**;

Amendment

(d) the costs of social inclusion activities undertaken and declared by the partner organisations delivering directly the material assistance to the most deprived persons;

PROCEDURE

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