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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Helmut Scholz**

(PE758.090v01-00)

Establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2023)0692 – C9-0408/2023 – 2023/0397(COD))



## Amendment 11

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 11

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

(11) The Facility should ensure consistency with, and support to the general objectives of Union external action as laid down in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union, including the respect for fundamental rights as enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. It will notably ensure the protection and promotion of human rights, and the rule of law.

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Or. en

## Amendment 12

Marek Belka

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 11

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Or. en

## Amendment 13

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

## Proposal for a regulation

### Recital 12

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(12) Activities under the Facility should support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and should not contribute to environmental degradation or cause harm to the environment or climate. Measures funded under the Facility should be in line with the Beneficiaries' National Energy and Climate Plans, their Nationally Determined Contribution and ambition to reach climate neutrality by 2050. The Facility should contribute to the mitigation action and to the ability to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, and foster climate resilience.

#### *Amendment*

(12) Activities under the Facility should support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, ***reducing inequalities while decoupling economic growth from resource use***, the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and should not contribute to environmental degradation or cause harm to the environment or climate. Measures funded under the Facility should be in line with the Beneficiaries' National Energy and Climate Plans, their Nationally Determined Contribution and ambition to reach climate neutrality by 2050. The Facility should contribute to the mitigation action and to the ability to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, and foster climate resilience. ***The Facility should support boosting innovation for SMEs and social economy actors, as well as technology transfer in support of green and digital transitions; Activities under the Facility should include policies to reduce youth unemployment and brain drain away from the countries in the Western Balkans; Activities under the Facility should foresee environmental impact assessments and public consultations on projects affecting protected areas, biodiversity and environmental protection, taking into account local community views.***

Or. en

## Amendment 14

Marek Belka

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12**

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*Amendment*

(12) Activities under the Facility should ***be fully in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal, as well as*** support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. ***They*** should not contribute to environmental degradation or cause harm to the environment or climate. Measures funded under the Facility should be in line with the Beneficiaries' National Energy and Climate Plans, their Nationally Determined Contribution and ambition to reach climate neutrality by 2050. The Facility should contribute to the mitigation action and to the ability to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, and foster climate resilience.

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Enikő Győri, Livia Járóka**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(12 a) Activities under the Facility should support children and their families with particular attention to children living in marginalised communities and in the outermost regions. Activities under the Facility should, where possible, support efforts such as tax benefits and pension funds for large families, equal access to early childhood development by setting up networks of nursing homes and providing***

*cheap access to compulsory kindergartens from the age of 3, equal access to primary and secondary education with the possibility of learning a languages and digital skills, a targeted strategy to prevent disadvantaged children from dropping out of school by encouraging them to stay in education via the creation of scholarships, national talent centres, apprenticeship and traineeship programmes and participation in opportunities to study abroad.*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Enikő Győri, Lívia Járóka**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(12 b) Activities under the Facility should support action plans and strategies covering family and social policy related sectoral policies, in particular those that protect and aid disadvantaged groups, such as young people, single-parent families, large families, people with disabilities, Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian and other minority communities.*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Enikő Győri, Lívia Járóka**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(12 c) Activities under the Facility should, where possible, support agricultural strategies and a just and*

*inclusive green and digital transition with a particular focus on ensuring opportunities for decent work for people living in slums and segregated areas, marginalised communities, Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 18**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Recital 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) The implementation of this Regulation should be guided by the principles of equality and non-discrimination, as elaborated in the Union of Equality strategies. It should promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and seek to protect and promote women's and girls' rights in line with the EU Gender Action Plans and relevant Council conclusions and international conventions. The implementation of the Facility should be in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ensure accessibility in its investments and technical assistance.

*Amendment*

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 19**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Recital 15**

(15) Reflecting the European Green Deal as Europe's sustainable growth strategy and the importance of tackling climate and biodiversity objectives in line with the commitments of the Interinstitutional Agreement, the Facility should contribute to the achievement of the overall target of 30% of Union budget expenditure supporting climate objectives and 7.5% in 2024 and 10% in 2026 and 2027 to biodiversity objectives. At least 37% of the non-repayable financial support channelled through the WBIF should account to climate objectives. The Facility should support activities that fully respect the climate and environmental standards and priorities of the Union and the principle of 'do no significant harm' within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852<sup>8</sup>.

(15) Reflecting the European Green Deal as Europe's sustainable growth strategy and the importance of tackling climate and biodiversity objectives in line with the commitments of the Interinstitutional Agreement, the Facility should contribute to the achievement of the overall target of 30% of Union budget expenditure supporting climate objectives and 7.5% in 2024 and 10% in 2026 and 2027 to biodiversity objectives. At least 37% of the non-repayable financial support channelled through the WBIF should account to climate objectives, ***with a view to achieving climate-neutrality***. The Facility should support activities that fully respect the climate and environmental standards and priorities of the Union and the principle of 'do no significant harm' within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup> Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, OJ L 198, 22.6.2020, p. 13.

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Or. en

## **Amendment 20**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

## **Proposal for a regulation**

### **Recital 22**

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financed and procured under this Facility should originate from Member States, Beneficiaries, contracting parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and countries covered by Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>10</sup> and Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 and countries for which reciprocal access to external assistance in Beneficiaries is established by the Commission, unless the supplies and materials cannot be sourced at reasonable conditions in any of those countries.

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<sup>10</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 (OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/947/oj>).

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Or. en

## **Amendment 21**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 27**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) The Reform Agendas should include an explanation of the Beneficiary's system to effectively prevent, detect and correct irregularities, corruption, fraud and

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conflicts of interests, when using the funds provided under the Facility, and the arrangements that aim to avoid double funding from the Facility and other Union programmes as well as other donors.

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Or. en

## **Amendment 22**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 29**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(29) The Commission should assess each Reform Agenda based on the list of criteria set out in this Regulation. In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission to approve those Reform Agendas. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>11</sup>. The Commission will duly take into account Council decision 2010/427/EU and the role of the EEAS where appropriate, and in particular when monitoring the fulfilment of the precondition for Union support.

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<sup>11</sup> Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of

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<sup>11</sup> Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of

implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/182/oj>).

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Or. en

### **Amendment 23**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a**

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

(a) accelerate the transition of the Beneficiaries to sustainable, and inclusive economies, capable of withstanding competitive market pressures of the Union single market, and to a stable investment environment;

##### *Amendment*

(a) accelerate the transition of the Beneficiaries to sustainable, ***climate-neutral*** and inclusive economies, ***with low inequality levels and where economic growth is decoupled from resource use***, capable of withstanding competitive market pressures of the Union single market, and to a stable investment environment;

Or. en

### **Amendment 24**

**Marek Belka**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)**

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

##### *Amendment*

***(c a) make sure that investments covered by the Facility allow the Beneficiaries to play an increased role in resilient value chains of the EU, promote increased value creation and development of local industries and their advancement along the value chain;***

Or. en

## Amendment 25

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) accelerate green transition in line with the 2020 Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and covering all economic sectors, particularly energy, including the transition towards de-carbonised climate-neutral, climate-resilient and circular economy;

*Amendment*

(e) accelerate green transition in line with the 2020 Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and covering all economic sectors, particularly energy, including ***energy efficiency and*** the transition towards de-carbonised climate-neutral, climate-resilient and circular economy ***and the protection of biodiversity and the environment***;

Or. en

## Amendment 26

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point g

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(g) boost innovation, particularly for SMEs and in support of the green and digital transitions;

*Amendment*

(g) boost innovation, particularly for SMEs ***and social economy actors, and promote technology transfer*** and in support of the green and digital transitions;

Or. en

## Amendment 27

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point h

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(h) boost quality education, training, reskilling and upskilling, and employment policies;

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Or. en

## **Amendment 28**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point i**

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

(i) further strengthen the fundamentals of the enlargement process, including the rule of law, democracy, the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, through promoting an independent judiciary, reinforced security, the fight against fraud, corruption, organised crime and money laundering and terrorism financing, tax evasion and tax fraud; compliance with international law; strengthen freedom of media and academic freedom and an enabling environment for civil society; foster social dialogue; promote gender equality, non-discrimination and tolerance, to ensure and strengthen respect for the rights of persons belonging to minorities;

##### *Amendment*

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Or. en

## **Amendment 29**

**Marek Belka**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point i

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. en

### Amendment 30

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Cooperation under the Facility shall be based on and shall promote the development effectiveness principles, across all modalities, namely ownership of development priorities by the Beneficiaries, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships, transparency and mutual accountability. The cooperation shall be based on effective and efficient resources allocation and use.

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Or. en

## Amendment 31

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Activities under the Facility shall mainstream climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity and environmental protection, human rights, democracy, gender equality and, where relevant, disaster risk reduction, and shall support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, promoting integrated actions that can create co-benefits and meet multiple objectives in a coherent way. They shall avoid stranded assets, and shall be guided by the principles of ‘do no harm’ and of ‘leaving no one behind’, as well as by the sustainability mainstreaming approach underpinning the European Green Deal.

*Amendment*

4. Activities under the Facility shall mainstream climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity and environmental protection, human rights, democracy, gender equality and, where relevant, disaster risk reduction, and shall support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, promoting integrated actions that can create co-benefits and meet multiple objectives in a coherent way, ***ensuring environmental impact assessments and public consultations on projects affecting protected areas, biodiversity and environmental protection, taking into account local community views.*** They shall avoid stranded assets, and shall be guided by the principles of ‘do no harm’ and of ‘leaving no one behind’, as well as by the sustainability mainstreaming approach underpinning the European Green Deal.

Or. en

## Amendment 32

Urmas Paet

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***4 a. EU shall ensure and enhance the coherence of its external policies and the beneficiaries shall strive to align their policies to the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy;***

**Amendment 33**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Beneficiaries and the Commission shall ensure that equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender ***perspective*** are taken into account and promoted throughout the preparation of the Reform Agendas and the implementation of the Facility. Beneficiaries and the Commission shall take appropriate steps to prevent any discrimination based upon gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The Commission will report on these measures in the context of its regular reporting under the Gender Action Plans.

*Amendment*

5. Beneficiaries and the Commission shall ensure that equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender ***perspective*** are taken into account and promoted throughout the preparation of the Reform Agendas and the implementation of the Facility. Beneficiaries and the Commission shall take appropriate steps to ***first and foremost defend Democracy and the elected representatives of citizens at local and regional levels, as well as to address*** and prevent any discrimination based upon gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The Commission will report on these measures in the context of its regular reporting under the Gender Action Plans.

Or. el

**Amendment 34**  
**Urmas Paet**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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persons belonging to minorities. Another pre-condition shall be that Serbia and Kosovo engage constructively in the normalisation of their relations with a view to fully implementing all their respective obligations stemming from the Agreement on the Path to Normalisation and its Implementation Annex as well as all past Dialogue Agreements and engage in negotiations on the Comprehensive Agreement on normalisation of relations.

persons belonging to minorities, ***align their foreign policies to EU common and security policy***. Another pre-condition shall be that Serbia and Kosovo engage constructively in the normalisation of their relations with a view to fully implementing all their respective obligations stemming from the Agreement on the Path to Normalisation and its Implementation Annex as well as all past Dialogue Agreements and engage in negotiations on the Comprehensive Agreement on normalisation of relations.

Or. en

## **Amendment 35**

### **Marek Belka**

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

#### **Article 5 – paragraph 1**

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

1. Preconditions for the support under the Facility shall be that the Beneficiaries continue to uphold and respect effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, and the rule of law, and guarantee respect for all human rights obligations, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. Another pre-condition shall be that Serbia and Kosovo engage constructively in the normalisation of their relations with a view to fully implementing all their respective obligations stemming from the Agreement on the Path to Normalisation and its Implementation Annex as well as all past Dialogue Agreements and engage in negotiations on the Comprehensive Agreement on normalisation of relations.

##### *Amendment*

1. Preconditions for the support under the Facility shall be that the Beneficiaries continue to uphold and respect effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, and the rule of law, and guarantee respect for all human rights obligations, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities ***with respect to the objectives outlined in Article 3***. Another pre-condition shall be that Serbia and Kosovo engage constructively in the normalisation of their relations with a view to fully implementing all their respective obligations stemming from the Agreement on the Path to Normalisation and its Implementation Annex as well as all past Dialogue Agreements and engage in negotiations on the Comprehensive Agreement on normalisation of relations.

Or. en

## Amendment 36

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 1

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

1. Preconditions for the support under the Facility shall be that the Beneficiaries ***continue to*** uphold and respect effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, and the rule of law, and guarantee respect for all human rights obligations, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. Another pre-condition shall be that Serbia and Kosovo engage constructively in the normalisation of their relations with a view to fully implementing all their respective obligations stemming from the Agreement on the Path to Normalisation and its Implementation Annex as well as all past Dialogue Agreements and engage in negotiations on the Comprehensive Agreement on normalisation of relations.

##### *Amendment*

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Or. en

## Amendment 37

Emmanouil Fragkos

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 1

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

1. Preconditions for the support under the Facility shall be that the Beneficiaries continue to uphold and respect effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, and the rule of law, and guarantee respect for all human rights obligations, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. ***Another pre-condition*** shall be that ***Serbia and Kosovo engage constructively in the***

##### *Amendment*

1. Preconditions for the support under the Facility shall be that the Beneficiaries continue to uphold and respect effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, and the rule of law, and guarantee respect for all human rights obligations, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. ***An additional precondition*** shall be that ***Albania aligns itself with the first pillar of***

*normalisation of their relations with a view to fully implementing all their respective obligations stemming from the Agreement on the Path to Normalisation and its Implementation Annex as well as all past Dialogue Agreements and engage in negotiations on the Comprehensive Agreement on normalisation of relations.*

*the Copenhagen criteria, developing stable institutions that are able to guarantee democracy, the rule of law, human rights and the protection of minorities. Based on these preconditions, it considers that the Commission and the Member States must stop imports from Albania until Fredi Beleri is released and he takes office as mayor of Himara.*

Or. el

**Amendment 38**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. el

**Amendment 39**  
**Markéta Gregorová**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

## Article 8 – paragraph 3

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

3. All supplies and materials financed and procured under this Facility shall originate from any country referred to paragraph 1 point (a) and point (b), unless if the supplies and materials cannot be sourced at reasonable conditions in any of those countries. In addition, the rules on restrictions in paragraph 6 apply.

### *Amendment*

3. All supplies and materials financed and procured under this Facility shall originate from any country referred to paragraph 1 point (a) and point (b) ***and shall meet, whenever possible, high social and environmental criteria***, unless if the supplies and materials cannot be sourced at reasonable conditions in any of those countries. In addition, the rules on restrictions in paragraph 6 apply.

Or. en

## Amendment 40

Marek Belka

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 8 – paragraph 6 – point b

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) where the action or specific award procedures affect security or public order, in particular concerning strategic assets and interests of the Union, its Member States, or any of the Beneficiaries, including the security, resilience and protection of integrity of digital infrastructure (including 5G network infrastructure), communication and information systems, and related supply chains.

### *Amendment*

(b) where the action or specific award procedures affect security or public order, in particular concerning strategic assets and interests of the Union, its Member States, or any of the Beneficiaries, including the security, resilience and protection of integrity of digital infrastructure (including 5G network infrastructure), communication and information systems, and related supply chains, ***unless the action or award procedure is not in line with the Economic Security Strategy.***

Or. en

## Amendment 41

Markéta Gregorová

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 11 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. The Reform Agendas shall respect the general principles set out in Article 4.

*Amendment*

5. The Reform Agendas shall respect the general principles set out in Article 4 ***and shall be drafted in an open and transparent manner, in consultation with all stakeholders.***

Or. en

**Amendment 42**

**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 14 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. For the purpose of the assessment of the Reform Agendas submitted by the Beneficiaries, the Commission may be assisted by experts.

*Amendment*

4. For the purpose of the assessment of the Reform Agendas submitted by the Beneficiaries, the Commission may be assisted by ***independent*** experts, ***including from civil society.***

Or. en