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Amending Decision (EU) 2017/1324 as regards the continuation of the Union's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon Europe

Proposal for a decision

(COM(2023)0359 – C9-0213/2023 – 2023/0207(COD))

Amendment 8

Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Carlos Zorrinho, Josianne Cutajar, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a decision

Citation 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Having regard to the Commission Communication on the 'Global Approach to Research and Innovation. Europe's strategy for international cooperation in a changing world' COM(2021)252 final,

Or. en

Amendment 9

Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Carlos Zorrinho, Josianne Cutajar, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a decision

Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) The Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon Europe constitutes a successful tool to advance in research and innovation, particularly in the research and innovation systems of the participating countries, in science diplomacy in the Mediterranean region and with an added value for the Union. The Partnership is also contributing to support the region becoming a leader in climate-resilient solutions, to encourage scientific progress and to provide technical solutions for the water and agro-food areas and their interconnected nexus.

Or. en

Amendment 10

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) The Programme is implemented by the PRIMA-implementation structure (PRIMA-IS), established in Barcelona, and this location has been instrumental to the effectiveness and efficiency of the Partnership.

Or. en

Amendment 11

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) Since the initial rationale and objectives of PRIMA partnership are still valid and the interim evaluation report²⁰ concluded that PRIMA is a successful instrument with an added value for the Union, the Union should continue to provide financial support to allow PRIMA to fund research and innovation actions under the same thematic scope until 2027, and bring that instrument in synchronisation with the Union's multiannual financial framework (MFF) and MFF-aligned programming cycles of R&I programmes. Moreover, the overall duration of PRIMA should be extended until 2031 to allow for the full implementation of supported research and innovation actions.

(4) Since the initial rationale and objectives of PRIMA partnership are still valid, ***especially, as Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has further destabilised already fragile Southern Mediterranean agriculture markets, making the transition to unpolluted natural resources and healthy, equitable, resilient and sustainable food systems an even more urgent priority for Mediterranean societies*** and the interim evaluation report²⁰ concluded that PRIMA is a successful instrument with an added value for the Union, the Union should continue to provide financial support to allow PRIMA to fund research and innovation actions under the same thematic scope until 2027, and bring that instrument in synchronisation with the Union's multiannual financial framework (MFF) and MFF-aligned programming cycles of R&I programmes. Moreover, the overall duration of PRIMA should be extended

until 2031 to allow for the full implementation of supported research and innovation actions.

²⁰ COM(2023) 285final

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Or. en

Justification

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has further negatively impacted the food-importing countries in the South of the Mediterranean region, therefore, it is even more important to strengthen PRIMA partnership cooperation in sustainable food systems in these vulnerable regions.

Amendment 12

Ladislav Ilčić

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The topicality of thematic scope of the PRIMA, namely agri-food systems and integrated water provisions and water management in the Mediterranean area, is only increasing. Water deficits are linked to 10% of the rise in global migration. Climate change and associated natural disasters have a devastating impact on agricultural production. This requires increased actions in preventive and adaptation measures, such as the development of cost-efficient desalination technologies, phytosanitary protection of plant species, as well as breeding of species and varieties, such as olive trees, resistant to changed conditions, as this would be the most efficient adaptation strategy to cope with climate change.

Or. en

Amendment 13

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) According to the 6th Assessment Report of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Mediterranean ecosystems are expected to be among the most impacted by the consequences of the progressing climate change. Therefore, the share of funding for climate-related projects must increase further.

Or. en

Justification

In line with PRIMA's thematic objectives, the share of funding for climate-related projects should be increased.

Amendment 14

Ladislav Ilčík

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) In addition, future evaluations of PRIMA should also assess the need for the extension of the scope of the partnership's objectives. In particular, the inclusion of cooperation on clean energy should be fully considered, taking into account the impact of new energy portfolios on other primary resources (i.e. water, land, and agriculture). A new Water-Energy-Food nexus approach can help decision makers understand this complex energy system and integrate resources planning with sound technical

expertise and governance.

Or. en

Amendment 15

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Although the thematic scope of PRIMA should be maintained, changes are necessary in the management of the program. The assessment of the program reveals some potential for improvement. The success rate in Section 1 is so low that this may discourage potential applicants in the future. Additional resources, smaller but numerous projects, more tailored calls and further refinement of the call procedure in a two-stage call process could improve the situation and make participation in the Section 1 calls more attractive.

Or. en

Justification

One of the key findings of the interim report is that less than 5% of the applications receive financing. The success rate is very low, which implies a high degree of efforts by a large number of actors without the guarantee of funding. If this issue is not addressed, it may discourage potential applicants in the future.

Amendment 16

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Recital 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5b) Another worrying finding of the interim assessment is that South Mediterranean Participating States (SM PS) received only 28% of total funds. It is imperative that PRIMA supports a range of research and innovation activities, including capacity building, training, awareness-raising and dissemination actions in order to increase the absorption rate of the SM PS.

Or. en

Justification

SM PS have unique experience addressing water scarcity and other water-related challenges that often predate those of other PS, and the more extensive participation of SM PS in PRIMA projects would contribute to deeper understanding of these challenges across all PS.

Amendment 17
Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) With a view to helping with the global energy transition, PRIMA can play a role and contribute to enhancing cooperation in the energy sector with the aim to promote sustainable development in the Mediterranean Area, while preserving the economic well-being of local communities. Closer cooperation between the participants to promote research and innovation activities focused on the development of renewable energy, the development of electricity interconnections and the development and deployment of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen can pave the way for introducing this area of action in the objectives of PRIMA in the near future.

Or. en

Amendment 18
Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7b) PRIMA should operate in a simple, agile, open and transparent way, providing all relevant information to its participants in a timely manner, as well as promoting their activities, including information and dissemination activities, to the wider public. PRIMA-IS should foster its activities by engaging in awareness-raising campaigns and promoting educational and dissemination activities, with the involvement of academic, scientific and knowledge networks, social and economic partners, the media, industry and SME organisations and other stakeholders. PRIMA-IS and the Participating States should make dedicated efforts to ensure that the public is sufficiently and timely informed about their activities, in order to strengthen the dialogue with society, raise awareness about research and innovation and encourage active participation, in order to promote constructive attitudes towards the results of the activities that are carried out. PRIMA-IS should set up a reliable communication platform to facilitate the exchange of information, best practices, and research outcomes among the Participating States and beyond.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 c (new)

(7c) PRIMA should strive to serve as a regional model for science diplomacy, promoting cooperation and constructive engagement between Member States and Mediterranean neighbours, recognising the crucial role of science in international relations. It should also foster relationships with Mediterranean countries not yet participating in PRIMA and international stakeholders to address common challenges. Science and technology play an increasingly important role in the geopolitical landscape and can support diplomatic efforts in many ways, including the promotion and defence of European values such as academic freedom, research ethics and integrity, gender equality and diversity, and open science and data. Hence, the Participating States should recognize the geopolitical relevance of research and innovation in the Mediterranean Area, and emphasise the cooperative nature of the Partnership in addressing regional challenges.

Or. en

Amendment 20
Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 d (new)

(7d) PRIMA should actively seek and promote synergies and complementarities with other regional, European and international partnerships, and other collaborative research programmes. Particular attention should be paid to the European partnerships, the Joint Undertakings and other initiatives with common objectives and corresponding activities. This would create opportunities for research areas that are not currently

addressed and promote applications in other sectors. Synergies should also be sought with relevant activities and programmes at regional level, including with the European Regional and Structural Funds, as well as with European financial institutions philanthropic foundations and trusts.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7e) PRIMA-IS and the Participating States should make additional effort to improve the efficiency of their activities by simplifying the complexity caused by different national funding schemes, streamlining national administrative procedures, reducing time to grant and enhancing accessibility to research and innovation funding. These efforts should also focus on reducing bureaucracy, ensuring reliable and speedy processes, and promoting efficient use of resources.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Jordi Solé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) The Union's financial contribution to the PRIMA Partnership should be

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subject to a formal commitment by the Participating States to make a financial contribution at least at the level of the Union contribution. For that reason, compliance with the formal financial commitments should be closely monitored by the PRIMA implementation structure (PRIMA-IS) on a regular basis.

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Or. en

Justification

It is essential that the Commission is empowered to monitor if PS implement or adequately contribute to projects. Otherwise the EU funding could be discontinued.

Amendment 23 Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The Union's financial contribution to the PRIMA Partnership should be subject to a formal commitment by the Participating States to ***make a financial contribution at least at the level of the Union contribution.*** For that reason, compliance with the formal financial commitments should be closely monitored by the PRIMA implementation structure (PRIMA-IS) on a regular basis.

Amendment

(8) The Union's financial contribution to the PRIMA Partnership should be subject to a formal commitment by the Participating States to ***contribute to the financing of PRIMA with an adequate contribution from national resources relevant to the objectives of PRIMA.*** For that reason, compliance with the formal financial commitments should be closely monitored by the PRIMA implementation structure (PRIMA-IS) on a regular basis.

Or. pt

Amendment 24 Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) ***The overall Union contribution should be set as a maximum amount.*** It should be possible, in accordance with Article 16(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, that the Union contribution from Horizon Europe to PRIMA be increased ***by such contributions from third countries associated to Horizon Europe. This should be subject to the total amount by which the Union contribution is increased being at least matched by the contribution from the Participating States.***

Amendment

(11) It should be possible, in accordance with Article 16(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, that the Union contribution from Horizon Europe to PRIMA be increased.

Or. pt

Amendment 25

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14a) To maximise the impact of the programme, as well as to utilise the value of science diplomacy, there is a need to strengthen communication and dissemination activities that would increase the awareness about the programme and ensure the broad diffusion of its results.

Or. en

Amendment 26

Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Carlos Zorrinho, Josianne Cutajar, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a decision

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The extension of PRIMA requires monitoring and evaluation of this partnership in accordance with Horizon Europe related provisions. The Commission should conduct an interim evaluation of PRIMA by 31 December 2025 at the latest, and, a final evaluation by 31 December 2031 at the latest, that should feed into the overall interim and final evaluations of Horizon Europe. The evaluations should assess the quality and efficiency of PRIMA and the progress made towards achieving its objectives. The Commission should publish and disseminate the results and conclusions of those evaluations. In accordance with Article 10(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, PRIMA should have a clear life-cycle approach, be limited in time and include the conditions for phasing-out the funding under Horizon Europe.

Amendment

(15) The extension of PRIMA requires monitoring and evaluation of this partnership in accordance with Horizon Europe related provisions. The Commission should conduct an interim evaluation of PRIMA by 31 December 2025 at the latest, and, a final evaluation by 31 December 2031 at the latest, that should feed into the overall interim and final evaluations of Horizon Europe. The evaluations should assess the quality and efficiency of PRIMA and the progress made towards achieving its objectives, ***implementing the monitoring and evaluation of this partnership in accordance with both Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe related provisions.*** The Commission should publish and disseminate the results and conclusions of those evaluations. In accordance with Article 10(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, PRIMA should have a clear life-cycle approach, be limited in time and include the conditions for phasing-out the funding under Horizon Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 27

Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a decision

Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) The interim evaluation of PRIMA should also look into possibilities of extending the objectives of PRIMA partnership to other areas, in particular to the energy sector. Continuous efforts are needed for a sustainable global energy transition. A strong cooperation with the Mediterranean Area in this regard is of particular interest for the European

research. The final evaluation of PRIMA could assess possibilities for further cooperation between European Union and Mediterranean Area in the field of research and innovation with particular focus on research in the field of energy.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Carlos Zorrinho, Josianne Cutajar, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a decision

Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) To improve the impact and the results of PRIMA, synergies with other instruments of Horizon Europe should be reinforced. In addition, synergies between the projects should be intensified to boost the exchange between individual projects, to foster the building of longer-lasting communities, increasing the overall number of beneficiaries and Southern-Southern cooperation.

Or. en

Amendment 29

Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision

Article 1.º – paragraph 1 – point 2

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. PRIMA shall contribute to the general and specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 and in particular Article 3 thereof and shall deliver on *the general objectives* of building research and innovation capacities and developing

1. PRIMA shall contribute to the general and specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 and in particular Article 3 thereof and shall deliver on *objectives guided by public interest and national policies* of building research and

knowledge and *common innovative* solutions for agro-food systems, making them sustainable, and for integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area, making those systems, their management *and the provision* more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally and socially sustainable, and contribute to solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.;

innovation capacities and developing *technical* knowledge and *adequate* solutions for agro-food systems, making them *economically, socially and environmentally* sustainable, and for integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area, making those systems, their management, *provision and access public*, more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally and socially sustainable, and contribute to solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.;

Or. pt

Amendment 30 **Maria da Graça Carvalho**

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2017/1324
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. PRIMA shall contribute to the general and specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 and in particular Article 3 thereof and shall deliver on the general objectives of building research and innovation capacities and developing knowledge and common innovative solutions for agro-food systems, making them sustainable, and for integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area, making those systems, their management and the provision more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally and socially sustainable, and contribute to solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.;

Amendment

1. PRIMA shall contribute to the general and specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 and in particular Article 3 thereof and shall deliver on the general objectives of building research and innovation capacities and developing knowledge and common innovative solutions for agro-food systems, making them sustainable, and for integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area, making those systems, their management and the provision more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally and socially sustainable, and contribute to *improving cooperation in the energy sector and to* solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision

Article 1.º – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Union financial contribution, including EEA appropriations, shall equal the Participating States' contributions to PRIMA. The Union contribution shall be up to EUR **325 000 000** and shall be distributed as follows:

Amendment

The Union financial contribution, including EEA appropriations, shall equal the Participating States' contributions to PRIMA. The Union contribution shall be up to EUR **650 000 000** and shall be distributed as follows:

Or. pt

Amendment 32
Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision

Article 1.º – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) up to EUR **105 000 000** from Horizon Europe.

Amendment

(b) up to EUR **430 000 000** from Horizon Europe.

Or. pt

Amendment 33
Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision

Article 1.º – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The amount of the Union financial

Amendment

The amount of the Union financial

contribution from Horizon Europe may be increased by contributions from third countries associated to Horizon Europe in accordance with Article 16(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 **and provided that the total increase in the Union contribution is at least matched by the contribution from the Participating States referred to in Article 1(1).**

contribution from Horizon Europe may be increased by contributions from third countries associated to Horizon Europe in accordance with Article 16(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695.

Or. pt

Amendment 34
Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision

Article 1.º – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point a

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the commitment by each Participating State to contribute to the financing of PRIMA with **a** contribution from national resources relevant to the objectives of PRIMA **that is at least equal to the Union contribution;**

Amendment

(c) the commitment by each Participating State to contribute to the financing of PRIMA with **an adequate** contribution from national resources relevant to the objectives of PRIMA;

Or. pt

Amendment 35

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point c

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall assess on an ongoing basis the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the Participating States and may take

Amendment

The Commission shall assess on an ongoing basis the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the Participating States and, **following this**

appropriate measures, *including those* in Article 9.;

assessment, may take appropriate measures, *in particular the measures defined* in Article 9, *including the decision to terminate, reduce or suspend the Union financial contribution*;

Or. en

Justification

We disagree with the Rapporteur's proposal to delete Article 4.3. In order to protect the Union's financial interests, the Commission should have the right to terminate, reduce or suspend the Union financial contribution if PRIMA is implemented inadequately, or if the Participating States do not contribute, or contribute only partially.

Amendment 36 **Sandra Pereira**

Proposal for a decision
Article 1.º – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point c
Decision (EU) 2017/1324
Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall assess on an ongoing basis the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the Participating States and *may take appropriate measures, including those in Article 9.*;

Amendment

The Commission shall assess on an ongoing basis the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the Participating States and *shall publish that assessment*;

Or. pt

Amendment 37
Jordi Solé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Decision (EU) 2017/1324
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. PRIMA shall support a wide range

Amendment

1. PRIMA shall support a wide range

of research and innovation activities, as described in its annual work programme, by means of:

of research and innovation activities, ***addressing a wide range of Technology Readiness Levels and ensuring an appropriate balance between small and large projects, including capacity building and training in South Mediterranean Participating States (SM PS)***, as described in its annual work programme, by means of:

Or. en

Justification

Another worrying finding of the interim assessment is that SM PS received only 28% of total funds. It is imperative that PRIMA supports a range of research and innovation activities, including capacity building, training, awareness-raising and dissemination actions in order to increase the absorption rate of the SM PS.

Amendment 38

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 6 – paragraph 10 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the proposals shall be selected following transnational calls for proposals and shall be evaluated by at least three independent experts, on the basis of the following award criteria: excellence, impact, ***and*** quality and efficiency of the implementation;

Amendment

(b) the proposals shall be selected following transnational calls for proposals and shall be evaluated by at least three independent experts, on the basis of the following award criteria: excellence, impact, ***fulfilment of sustainability criteria***, quality and efficiency of the implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Carlos Zorrinho, Josianne Cutajar, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 12

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The PRIMA- IS shall provide the Commission access to all information related to the indirect actions it funds. Such information shall include contributions and results of beneficiaries participating in indirect actions, or any other information deemed necessary for developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating Union or where applicable Participating States' policies or programmes.

Amendment

1. The PRIMA- IS shall provide the Commission access to all information related to the indirect actions it funds. Such information shall include contributions and results of beneficiaries participating in indirect actions, or any other information deemed necessary for developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating Union or where applicable Participating States' policies or programmes. ***Such information shall also be accessible to the European Parliament and authorities of the Participating States where it refers to indirect actions which include beneficiaries established in their respective territories. Such access rights are limited to non-commercial and non-competitive use and shall comply with applicable confidentiality rules.***

Or. en

Justification

The provision of access to information shall apply to the European Parliament and Participant States funding organizations in the same way as to the Commission.

Amendment 40
Sandra Pereira

Proposal for a decision
Article 1.º – paragraph 1 – point 12
Decision (EU) 2017/1324
Article 11a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For the purposes of developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating Union policies or programmes, the PRIMA-IS shall provide the Commission with the information included in submitted proposals. This shall apply mutatis

Amendment

2. For the purposes of developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating ***Member State and*** Union policies or programmes, the PRIMA-IS shall provide ***Member States and*** the Commission with the information included in submitted

mutandis to Participating States regarding proposals which include applicants established in their respective territories.;

proposals. This shall apply mutatis mutandis to Participating States regarding proposals which include applicants established in their respective territories;

Or. pt

Amendment 41

Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 13

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Secretariat of PRIMA-IS shall set up a reliable communication platform to facilitate the exchange of information, best practices and research outcomes, in order to raise awareness and dissemination of PRIMA activities.

Or. en

Amendment 42

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The activities of PRIMA shall be continuously monitored and subject to periodic reviews to ensure the highest impact, scientific excellence and the most effective and efficient use of resources. The outcome of the monitoring and of the periodic reviews shall feed into the monitoring of European partnerships as part of the Horizon Europe evaluations,

1. The activities, ***efficiency and transparency*** of PRIMA ***as well as evaluation of the success rates*** shall be continuously monitored and subject to periodic reviews to ensure the highest impact, scientific excellence and the most effective and efficient use of resources. The outcome of the monitoring and of the periodic reviews shall feed into the

pursuant to Articles 50 and 52 of Regulation (EU) 2021/695.

monitoring of European partnerships as part of the Horizon Europe evaluations, pursuant to Articles 50 and 52 of Regulation (EU) 2021/695.

Or. en

Amendment 43

Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Carlos Zorrinho, Josianne Cutajar, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 14 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall conduct an interim evaluation and a final evaluation of PRIMA in the framework of the Horizon Europe evaluations, in accordance with Article 52 of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, with the assistance of external independent experts selected on the basis of an open and transparent process.

Amendment

3. **By December 2025** the Commission shall conduct an interim evaluation and **by 31 December 2031** a final evaluation of PRIMA in the framework of the Horizon Europe evaluations, in accordance with Article 52 of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, with the assistance of external independent experts selected on the basis of an open and transparent process.

Or. en

Amendment 44

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The interim and final evaluations referred to in paragraph 3 shall examine how PRIMA fulfils its mission and objectives, cover all its activities and evaluate its European added value,

Amendment

4. The interim and final evaluations referred to in paragraph 3 shall examine **the success rates and the absorption rates of the SM PS as well as** how PRIMA fulfils its mission and objectives, cover all

effectiveness, efficiency, including its openness and transparency, the relevance of the activities pursued, including in industry and by SMEs, and their consistency and complementarity with relevant regional, national and Union policies, including synergies with other parts of Horizon Europe, such as other partnerships, missions, clusters and thematic or specific programmes. The evaluations shall take into account the views of stakeholders, at both Union and national level. They shall include, where relevant, an assessment of the most effective policy intervention mode for any future action, as well as the relevance and coherence of any possible renewal of PRIMA, given the overall policy priorities and the research and innovation support landscape, including the positioning against other initiatives supported through Horizon Europe. When carrying out those evaluations, the Commission shall fully consider the administrative impact on PRIMA and shall seek to reduce the administrative burden and to ensure that the evaluation process is kept simple and fully transparent.

its activities and evaluate its European added value, effectiveness, efficiency, including its openness and transparency, the relevance of the activities pursued, including in *NGOs, civil society*, industry and by SMEs, and their consistency and complementarity with relevant regional, national and Union policies, including synergies with other parts of Horizon Europe, such as other partnerships, missions, clusters and thematic or specific programmes. The evaluations shall take into account the views of *all relevant* stakeholders, at both Union and national level. They shall include, where relevant, an assessment of the most effective policy intervention mode for any future action, as well as the relevance and coherence of any possible renewal of PRIMA, given the overall policy priorities and the research and innovation support landscape, including the positioning against other initiatives supported through Horizon Europe. When carrying out those evaluations, the Commission shall fully consider the administrative impact on PRIMA and shall seek to reduce the administrative burden and to ensure that the evaluation process is kept simple and fully transparent. *Interim and final evaluation shall also examine the possibility of adding new climate-related R&I topics.*

Or. en

Amendment 45

Ladislav Ilčić

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14

Decision (EU) 2017/1324

Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The interim and final evaluations

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4. The interim and final evaluations

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