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on specific provisions concerning the European Regional Development Fund
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Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 74

Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Article 176 of the Treaty provides that the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. The ERDF **therefore contributes** to reducing **the gap** between the levels of development of the various regions and the **extent to which** the least favoured regions, **including rural and urban areas, declining industrial regions, areas with severe and permanent natural and demographic handicaps, such as islands, mountainous areas, sparsely populated areas and border regions, are lagging behind.**

Amendment

(1) Article 176 of the Treaty **on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)** provides that the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. **Therefore, in accordance with that article and Article 174, second and third paragraphs, of TFEU, the ERDF is to contribute** to reducing **disparities** between the levels of development of the various regions and the **backwardness of** the least favoured regions, **among which particular attention should be paid to** regions **which suffer from** severe and permanent natural **or** demographic handicaps such as **the northernmost regions with very low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions.**

Or. en

Amendment 75

Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Specific provisions concerning the type of activities which may be supported by the ERDF **under** the thematic objectives defined in Regulation (EU) No [...]/**2012** [CPR] should be laid down. At the same time, expenditure outside the scope of the ERDF should be defined and clarified,

Amendment

(3) Specific provisions concerning the type of activities which may be supported by the ERDF **in order to contribute to the investment priorities within** the thematic objectives defined in Regulation (EU) No [...]/**2013** [CPR] should be laid down. At the same time, expenditure outside the

including *as regards* the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions *in installations falling under* Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC.

scope of the ERDF should be defined and clarified, including *investments to achieve* the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions *from the activities listed in Annex I to* Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC.

Or. en

Amendment 76
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) In order to avoid excessive financing, these investments should not be eligible for support from the ERDF as they already benefit financially from the application of Directive 2003/87/EC. This exclusion should not restrict the possibility to use the ERDF to support activities not covered by Annex I of Directive 2003/87/EC even if implemented by the same economic operators, such as energy efficiency investments in the district heating networks, smart energy distribution, storage and transmission systems, measures aimed at reducing air pollution, even if one of their indirect effects is the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions or if they are listed in the national plan referred to in Article 10c(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3c) It is important to ensure that, in promoting investments in risk management investments, specific risks at regional, cross border and transnational level should be taken into account.

Or. en

Amendment 78
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) The ERDF should contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy, thus ensuring greater concentration of ERDF support on the priorities of the Union. According to the category of regions supported, the support from the ERDF should be concentrated on research and innovation, small and medium-sized enterprises ***and climate change mitigation***. The degree of concentration should take into account the level of development of the region as well as the specific needs of regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period.

(5) The ERDF should contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy ***for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth***, thus ensuring greater concentration of ERDF support on the priorities of the Union. According to the category of regions supported, the support from the ERDF ***under the investment for growth and jobs goal*** should be concentrated on research and innovation, ***information and communication technologies (ICT)***, small and medium-sized enterprises ***(SMEs) and promoting a low carbon economy***. ***This concentration should be attained at national level allowing for flexibility at the level of operational programmes and in different categories of regions and should be adjusted, if appropriate, to take into account Cohesion Fund resources allocated to supporting the investment priorities referred to in Article 3(a) of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2013 [CF]***. The

degree of concentration should take into account the level of development of the region, ***the contribution of Cohesion Fund resources if applicable***, as well as the specific needs of regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period, ***regions designated with the phasing-out status in the 2007-2013 period and certain NUTS 2 level regions consisting solely of island Member States or of islands***.

Or. en

Amendment 79

Karima Delli, Catherine Grèze, Elisabeth Schroedter

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The ERDF should contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy, thus ensuring greater concentration of ERDF support on the priorities of the Union. According to the category of regions supported, the support from the ERDF should be concentrated on research and innovation, small and medium-sized enterprises ***and climate change mitigation***. The degree of concentration should take into account the level of development of the region as well as the specific needs of regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period.

Amendment

(5) The ERDF should contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy ***for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth***, thus ensuring greater concentration of ERDF support on the priorities of the Union. According to the category of regions supported, the support from the ERDF ***under the investment for growth and jobs goal*** should be concentrated on research and innovation, ***information and communication technologies (ICT)***, small and medium-sized enterprises ***(SMEs) and promoting a low carbon economy***. ***This concentration should be attained at national level allowing for flexibility at the level of operational programmes and in different categories of regions and should be adjusted, if appropriate, to take into account Cohesion Fund resources allocated to supporting the investment priorities referred to in Article 3(a) of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2013 [CF]***. The degree of concentration should take into

account the level of development of the region, ***the contribution of Cohesion Fund resources if applicable***, as well as the specific needs of regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period, ***regions designated with the phasing-out status in the 2007-2013 period and NUTS 2 level regions consisting solely of islands which are situated in Member States which receive support from the Cohesion Fund or which are outermost regions***.

Or. en

Amendment 80
Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The ERDF should contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy, thus ensuring greater concentration of ERDF support on the priorities of the Union. According to the category of regions supported, the support from the ERDF should be concentrated on research and innovation, small and medium-sized enterprises and climate change ***mitigation***. The degree of concentration should take into account the level of development of the region as well as the specific needs of regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period.

Amendment

(5) The ERDF should contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy, thus ensuring greater concentration of ERDF support on the priorities of the Union. According to the category of regions supported, the support from the ERDF should be concentrated on research and innovation, small and medium-sized enterprises and climate change ***and water action***. The degree of concentration should take into account the level of development of the region as well as the specific needs of regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period.

Or. en

Amendment 81
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5b) In accordance with Regulation (EU) No [...]/2013 [CPR], in order to optimise the added value from investments funded wholly or in part through the Union budget in the field of research and innovation, synergies will be sought in particular between the operation of the ERDF and Horizon 2020 whilst respecting their distinct objectives.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5d) In order to promote sustainable regional or local mobility or to reduce air and noise pollution, it is necessary to promote healthy, sustainable and safe modes of transport. Investments in airport infrastructure supported by the ERDF should promote environmentally sustainable air transport inter alia when enhancing regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including through multimodal nodes.

Or. en

Amendment 83
Karima Delli, Catherine Grèze, Elisabeth Schroedter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5d) In order to promote sustainable regional or local mobility or to reduce air and noise pollution, it is necessary to promote healthy, sustainable and safe modes of transport. It is necessary to ensure that investments in airport infrastructure supported by the ERDF promote environmental benefits inter alia when enhancing regional and local mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including through multimodal nodes.

Or. en

Amendment 84
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5e) In order to promote the achievement of the energy and climate targets set by the Union as part of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the ERDF should support investments to promote energy efficiency and security of supply in Member States through, inter alia, the development of smart energy distribution, storage and transmission systems, including through the integration of distributed generation from renewable sources. Member States should be able to invest in energy infrastructures that are consistent with their chosen energy mix in order to meet their security of supply requirements and consistent with their targets under the

Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5 i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5i) It is necessary to specify what additionally can be supported by the ERDF under the European territorial cooperation goal.

Or. en

Amendment 86

Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) Within the framework of sustainable urban development, it is considered necessary to support integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges affecting urban areas and to define a procedure to establish the list of cities covered by such actions and the financial allocation set aside for such actions.

(7) Within the framework of sustainable urban development, it is considered necessary to support integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate, **water**, and social challenges affecting urban areas and to define a procedure to establish the list of cities covered by such actions and the financial allocation set aside for such actions.

Or. en

Amendment 87

Karima Delli, Catherine Grèze, Elisabeth Schroedter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) Criteria for selecting urban areas where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented and indicative amounts for those actions should be set out in the Partnership Agreement with a minimum of 5% of the ERDF resources allocated at national level for that purpose. The scope of delegation to urban authorities should at least involve the selection of operations or, where appropriate, a global grant and be decided by the managing authority in close cooperation with the urban authority.

Or. en

Amendment 88
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Specific attention should be paid to the outermost regions, namely ***by*** extending, on an exceptional basis, the scope of the ERDF to the financing of operating aid linked to the offsetting of the additional costs resulting from their specific economic and social situation, which is compounded by the handicaps resulting from the factors referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty, namely their remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate and their economic dependence on a few products, the permanence and combination of which severely restrain their development. ***In order to support the development of***

(11) Specific attention should be paid to the outermost regions, namely ***adopting measures under Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union*** extending, on an exceptional basis, the scope of the ERDF to the financing of operating aid linked to the offsetting of the additional costs resulting from their specific economic and social situation, which is compounded by the handicaps resulting from the factors referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty ***on the Functioning of the European Union***, namely their remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate and their economic dependence on a few

existing and new economic activities, at least 50% of the specific additional allocation should be allocated to actions contributing to the diversification and modernisation of the economies of the outermost regions.

products, the permanence and combination of which severely restrain their development. *Operating aid granted by Member States in this context is exempt from the notification obligation laid down in Article 108(3) TFEU, if, at the time it is granted, it fulfils the conditions laid down by a Regulation declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 TFEU adopted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 994/98.*

Or. en

Amendment 89 **Jan Olbrycht**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 12**

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) In order to *define procedures for the selection and implementation of innovative actions*, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the *content and scope set out in Article 9*. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing-up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Amendment

(12) In order to *supplement this Regulation with certain non-essential elements*, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of *detailed rules for the criteria for the selection and management of innovative actions. The Commission should also be empowered to amend the Annex to this Regulation, in order to make adjustments, where justified, to ensure the effective assessment of progress in programme implementation*. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing-up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Amendment 90
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – heading and title – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 3

Scope of support *from the ERDF*

1. The ERDF shall support:

(a) productive investment, which contributes to creating and safeguarding sustainable jobs, through direct aid to investment in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs);

(b) investments in infrastructure providing basic services to citizens in the areas of energy, environment, transport, and information and communication technologies (ICT);

(c) investments in social, health and educational infrastructure;

(d) development of endogenous potential *by supporting regional and local development and* research and innovation. *These measures shall include:*

Amendment

Article 3

Scope of support

1. The ERDF shall support *the following activities in order to contribute to the investment priorities set out in Article 5:*

(a) productive investment, which contributes to creating and safeguarding sustainable jobs, through direct aid to investment in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs);

(aa) productive investment, irrespective of the size of the enterprise, contributing to the investment priorities set out in Article 5.1 and 5.4, and, if it involves cooperation between large enterprises and SMEs, 5.2;

(b) investments in infrastructure providing basic services to citizens in the areas of energy, environment, transport, and information and communication technologies (ICT);

(c) investments in *business*, social, health, *research, innovation* and educational infrastructure;

(d) *investment in the* development of endogenous potential *through fixed investment in equipment and small-scale infrastructure; including small-scale cultural and sustainable tourism infrastructure, services to enterprises, support to* research and innovation *bodies and investment in technology and applied research in enterprises;*

(i) fixed investment in equipment and small-scale infrastructure;

(ii) support for and services to enterprises, in particular SMEs;

(iii) support to public research and innovation bodies and investment in technology and applied research in enterprises;

*(iv) networking, cooperation and exchange of experience between **regions, towns, and relevant social, economic and environmental actors;***

*(e) networking, cooperation and exchange of experience between **competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society referred to in Article 5 of the CPR, studies, preparatory actions and capacity building.***

(e) technical assistance.

In more developed regions, the ERDF shall not support investments in infrastructure providing basic services to citizens in the areas of environment, transport, and ICT.

Or. en

Amendment 91
Catherine Bearder

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) productive investment in enterprises, in particular in SMEs, contributing to the investment priorities set out in Article 5.1 and 5.4, and, where it involves cooperation between large enterprises and SMEs, 5.2;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Michael Theurer

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point d – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) development of endogenous potential **by supporting regional and local development and** research and innovation. **These measures shall include:**

Amendment

(d) **investment in the** development of endogenous potential **through fixed investment in equipment and infrastructure; including cultural and sustainable tourism infrastructure, services to enterprises, support to** research and innovation **bodies and applied research in enterprises;**

Or. en

Amendment 93
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The ERDF shall not support:
(a) the decommissioning of nuclear power stations;
(b) the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in installations falling under Directive 2003/87/EC;
(c) the manufacturing, processing and marketing of tobacco and tobacco products;
(d) undertakings in difficulties as defined under Union State aid rules.

Amendment

2. The ERDF shall not support:
(a) the decommissioning **and the construction** of nuclear power stations;
(b) **investment to achieve** the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions **from activities** falling under **Annex I to** Directive 2003/87/EC;
(c) the manufacturing, processing and marketing of tobacco and tobacco products;
(d) undertakings in difficulties as defined under Union State aid rules;
(da) investment in airport infrastructure unless related to environmental protection or accompanied by investments necessary to mitigate or reduce its negative

environmental impact.

Or. en

Amendment 94

Karima Delli, Catherine Grèze, Elisabeth Schroedter

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(da) investments in airport infrastructure
other than those with demonstrable
benefits for the environment.*

Or. en

Amendment 95

Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(da) investments in airport infrastructure
other than those with demonstrable
benefits for the environment.*

Or. en

Amendment 96

Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 4

Article 4

Thematic concentration

Thematic concentration

The thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] and corresponding investment priorities set out in Article 5 of this Regulation to which the ERDF may contribute shall be concentrated as follows:

(a) in more developed regions **and transition regions**:

(i) at least 80% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objectives set out in points 1, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] ; and

(ii) at least 20% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] ;

(b) in less developed regions:

(i) at least 50% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objectives set out in point 1, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] .

(ii) at least **6%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012

1. The thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] and corresponding investment priorities set out in Article 5 of this Regulation to which the ERDF may contribute ***under the investment for jobs and growth goal*** shall be concentrated as follows:

(a) in more developed regions:

(i) at least 80% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to ***two or more of*** the thematic objectives set out in points 1, **2**, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] ; and

(ii) at least 20% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] ;

(aa) in transition regions:

(i) at least 60% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to two or more of the thematic objectives set out in points 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2013 [CPR]; and

(ii) at least 15% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2013 [CPR];

(b) in less developed regions:

(i) at least 50% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to ***two or more of*** the thematic objectives set out in point 1, **2**, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] .

(ii) at least **12%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU)

[CPR].

By derogation from point (a) **(i)**, in those regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period but which are eligible under the category of **transition or** more developed regions as defined in Article 82(2)**(b) and** (c) of Regulation (EU) No []/2012 [CPR] in the 2014-2020 period, **at least 60% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to each of the thematic objectives set in out in points 1, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR].**

No [...]/2012 [CPR]

By derogation from point (a), those regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-13 period was less than 75% of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period, **and the regions designated with the phasing-out status in the 2007-2013 period** but which are eligible under the category of more developed regions as defined in Article 82(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) No []/2012 [CPR] in the 2014-2020 period, **shall be considered as transition regions for the purpose of this Article.**

By derogation from point (a) and (aa), all NUTS 2 level regions consisting solely of island Member States or of islands which are situated in Member States which receive support from the Cohesion Fund, or which are outermost regions, shall be considered as less developed regions for the purpose of this Article.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Catherine Bearder

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) at least **20%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] ;

Amendment

(ii) at least **22%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] ;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Karima Delli, Catherine Grèze, Elisabeth Schroedter

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) at least **20%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] ;

Amendment

(ii) at least **22%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] ;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Karima Delli, Catherine Grèze, Elisabeth Schroedter

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) in transition regions:

(i) at least 60% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to two or more of the thematic objectives set out in points 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2013 [CPR]; and

(ii) at least 17% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2013 [CPR];

Or. en

Amendment 100

Catherine Bearder

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) in transition regions:

(i) at least 60% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to two or more of the thematic objectives set out in points 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2013 [CPR]; and

(ii) at least 22% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2013 [CPR];

Or. en

Amendment 101
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) in transition regions:

(i) at least 60% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to two or more of the thematic objectives set out in points 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No (...) /2013 (CPR); and

(ii) at least 20% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No (...) /2013 (CPR);

Or. en

Amendment 102
Andrey Kovatchev

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) at least **6%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR].

Amendment

(ii) at least **10 %** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR].

Or. en

Amendment 103
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, François Alfonsi, Francesca Barracciu, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

By derogation from point (a) and (aa), all NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level regions consisting solely of islands or which are outermost regions, shall be considered as less developed regions for the purpose of this Article.

Or. en

Justification

The Council is planning to reduce the level of flexibility to island regions in the use of EU Funds by limiting this derogation only to those island regions belonging to Member States eligible to the Cohesion Fund. This would exclude Balearic Islands, Corsica, Sardinia and North Europe islands from a necessary degree of flexibility in the use of EU funds. Such measure should concern all EU islands, irrespective of whether their Member State is eligible to the Cohesion Fund or not.

Amendment 104
Giommaria Uggias, Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

By way of derogation from points (a) and (aa), all NUTS 2 regions and NUTS 3 regions consisting solely of one or more islands shall be considered less developed regions for the purposes of this article.

Or. it

Amendment 105
Karima Delli, Catherine Grèze, Elisabeth Schroedter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

By derogation from point (a) and (aa), all NUTS 2 level regions consisting solely of islands which are situated in Member States which receive support from the Cohesion Fund, or which are outermost regions, shall be considered as less developed regions for the purpose of this Article.

Or. en

Amendment 106
Francesca Barracciu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

By way of derogation from point (a), all

NUTS 2 regions consisting solely of one or more islands shall be considered less developed regions for the purposes of this article.

Or. it

Amendment 107
Andrey Kovatchev

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) In order to maximise their contribution to the objective of supporting employment friendly growth, activities supporting sustainable tourism, culture and natural heritage should be part of a territorial strategy for every region, including the conversion of declining industrial regions. Support for such activities should also contribute to strengthening innovation and the use of ICT, SMEs, environment and resource efficiency or the promotion of social inclusion.

Or. en

Amendment 108
Michael Theurer, Catherine Bearder

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors:

(4) supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy **and increasing resource efficiency** in all sectors:

Or. en

Amendment 109
Michael Theurer, Catherine Bearder

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in **SMEs**;

Amendment

(b) promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in **enterprises, primarily** in SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 5 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems;

Amendment

(b) promoting **collective infrastructure and** investment to address specific risks, ensuring **resistance to extreme phenomena**, disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems;

Or. pt

Amendment 111
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency:

(a) **addressing the significant needs for investment** in the waste sector to meet the

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(6) **preserving and** protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency **through**:

(a) **investing** in the waste sector to meet the requirements of the **Union's** environmental

requirements of the environmental *acquis*;

(b) ***addressing the significant needs for investment*** in the water sector to meet the requirements of the environmental *acquis*;

(c) protecting, promoting and developing cultural heritage;

(d) protecting biodiversity, soil protection and promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures;

(e) action to improve the urban environment, ***including*** regeneration of brownfield sites ***and*** reduction of air pollution;

acquis and to address needs, identified by Member States, for investment going beyond those requirements;

(b) ***investing*** in the water sector to meet the requirements of the *Union's* environmental *acquis and to address needs, identified by Member States, for investment going beyond those requirements;*

(c) ***conserving***, protecting, promoting and developing ***natural and*** cultural heritage;

(d) protecting ***and restoring*** biodiversity, soil protection and ***restoration and*** promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures;

(e) action to improve the urban environment, ***revitalisation of cities***, regeneration ***and decontamination of*** brownfield sites (***including conversion areas***), reduction of air pollution ***and promotion of noise-reduction measures;***

(ea) promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector, soil protection or to reduce air pollution;

(eb) supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the public and private sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Dimitar Stoyanov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 6 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) action to improve the urban

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(e) action to improve the urban

environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites and reduction of air pollution;

environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites, **support for managing recreational areas between apartment blocks**, rehabilitation of cultural infrastructures and reduction of air pollution;

Or. bg

Amendment 113

Salvatore Caronna, Andrea Cozzolino, Francesca Barracciu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 7 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(ba) enhancing the regional and local mobility, by investing in the improvement of existing road infrastructure, in order to ensure an effective and efficient network safety management;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) promoting employment and supporting labour mobility:

(a) development of business incubators and investment support for self-employment and business creation;

(8) promoting **sustainable and quality** employment and supporting labour mobility **through**:

(a) **supporting the** development of business incubators and investment support for self-employment, **micro-enterprises** and business creation;

(aa) supporting employment friendly growth through the development of endogenous potential as part of a

(b) local development initiatives and aid for structures providing neighbourhood services to create new jobs, where such actions are outside the scope of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [ESF];

(c) investing in infrastructure for **public** employment services;

territorial strategy for specific areas, including the conversion of declining industrial regions and enhancement of accessibility to and development of specific natural and cultural resources;

(b) ***supporting*** local development initiatives and aid for structures providing neighbourhood services to create new jobs, where such actions are outside the scope of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [ESF];

(c) investing in infrastructure for employment services;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) promoting social inclusion and combating poverty:

(a) investing in health and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, and transition from institutional to community-based services;

(b) support for physical ***and*** economic regeneration of deprived urban and rural ***communities***;

(c) support for social enterprises;

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(9) promoting social inclusion and combating poverty ***and any discrimination through***:

(a) investing in health and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, ***promoting social inclusion through improved access to social, cultural and recreational services*** and ***the*** transition from institutional to community-based services;

(b) support for physical, economic ***and social*** regeneration of deprived ***communities in*** urban and rural ***areas***;

(c) support for social enterprises;

(ca) investments undertaken in the context of Community-led local development strategies;

Amendment 116
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) investing in health and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, **and** transition from institutional to community-based services;

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(a) investing in health, **sporting, cultural** and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health **and social** status, **promoting social inclusion through improved access to social, cultural and recreational services and the** transition from institutional to community-based services;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) investing in education, skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure;

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(10) investing in education, **training and vocational training for** skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration by strengthening of institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions in institutional capacity and in the efficiency of public administration supported by the ESF.

Amendment

(11) enhancing institutional capacity *of public authorities and stakeholders* and an efficient public administration by strengthening of institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions in institutional capacity and in the efficiency of public administration supported by the ESF.

Or. en

Amendment 119
Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ERDF shall support, within operational programmes, sustainable urban development through strategies setting out integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges affecting urban areas.

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1. The ERDF shall support, within operational programmes, sustainable urban development through strategies setting out integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate, *water*, and social challenges affecting urban areas.

Or. en

Amendment 120
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 9

Amendment

Article 8

Innovative Actions in the field of
Sustainable Urban Development

1. At the initiative of the Commission, the ERDF may support innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development, **subject to a ceiling of 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation**. They shall include studies and pilot projects to identify or test new solutions to issues relating to sustainable urban development which are of relevance at Union level.

2. By derogation to Article 4 **above**, innovative actions may support all activities necessary to achieve the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] and corresponding investment priorities.

3. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 13 concerning **procedures** for the selection and implementation of innovative actions.

Innovative Actions in the field of
Sustainable Urban Development

1. At the initiative of the Commission, the ERDF may support innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development **in accordance with Article 84(7) of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2013 [CPR]**. They shall include studies and pilot projects to identify or test new solutions to issues relating to sustainable urban development which are of relevance at Union level. **The Commission shall encourage the involvement of relevant partners from the categories referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2013 [CPR] in the preparation and implementation of innovative actions.**

2. By derogation to Article 4 **of this regulation**, innovative actions may support all activities necessary to achieve the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] and corresponding investment priorities.

3. The Commission shall **be empowered to** adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 13, **laying down detailed rules** concerning **the principles** for the selection and **management** of innovative actions **to be supported**.

Or. en

Amendment 121
Jan Olbrycht

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4b. The ERDF part of the special allocation for the outermost region of Mayotte shall not be subject to Article 4 of this Regulation, and at least 50% shall be allocated to the thematic objectives set out

*in points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of Article 9 of
Regulation (EU) No [...] /2013 [CPR].*

Or. en

Amendment 122
Dimitar Stoyanov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 9(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for ***an indeterminate*** period of ***time*** from 1 January 2014.

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2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 9(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for ***a*** period of ***three years*** from 1 January 2014, ***and the Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power no later than nine months before the end of that three-year period.***

Or. bg

Justification

It would be appropriate for a time limit to be set on the delegation of power and for it to be obligatory for the Commission to draw up a report on its management of the power it has been delegated, so that regular appraisals are received on how this has been done.