AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
Younous Omarjee
Financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement

Proposal for a decision
Amendment 1
Mathilde Androuët

Proposal for a regulation

Proposal for rejection

The European Parliament rejects the Commission proposal.

Or. fr

Justification

This new Commission provision, giving rise to a fund directly affecting the survival of Europeans in catastrophic events, creates confusion about EU values. Is economic viability as important, if not more so, than human life for the Commission? This also implies the British referendum vote – the democratic expression of the will of the UK’s people – is tantamount to a natural disaster. The purpose of the fund must be ring-fenced and not misused for this event, which was admittedly unexpected but in no way poses a direct threat to human life.

Amendment 2
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte, Mathilde Androuët

Proposal for a regulation
Title 1

Text proposed by the Commission

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement

Amendment

Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement

Or. en
Amendment 3  
Rosa D'Amato  
Proposal for a regulation  
Title 1  

Text proposed by the Commission

Proposal for a  
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement

Amendment

Proposal for a  
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to modify the amount of advance payments

Or. en  

Justification

The increase in the number of natural disasters caused by climate change, along with the unpredictability of other disasters like earthquakes, calls for a more cautious approach in the Commission proposal, which should not completely change the rationale of EUSF and should be aimed at just increasing the amount of advance payments. We deem that there are other instruments - like EGF - which are more appropriate to tackle the consequences of a disorderly withdrawal of the UK.

Amendment 4  
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte, Mathilde Androuët  
Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 1  

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The European Union Solidarity Fund (the Fund) was established by Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002. The Fund was created to provide financial assistance to Member States following

Amendment

(1) The European Union Solidarity Fund was established by Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002. The Fund was created to provide financial assistance to Member States, to respond to
emergency situations as a concrete sign of European solidarity *in situations of distress.*

major natural disasters, and to express European solidarity *with disaster-stricken regions within Europe.*


Or. en

Amendment 5
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte, Mathilde Androuët

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1a The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established1a to show solidarity towards workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation and global financial and economic crises, and can also support beneficiaries in small labour markets or in exceptional circumstances, in particular with regard to collective applications involving small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), even if the number of redundancies is below the normal threshold for mobilisation of the EGF.


Or. en
Justification

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is considered a more suitable instrument to help those member states affected by the consequences of a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment 6
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom submitted the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). The Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom from the date of entry into force of a withdrawal agreement or failing that, two years after that notification, unless the European Council, in agreement with the United Kingdom, unanimously decides to extend that period.

Amendment 7
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom submitted the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). The Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom from the date of entry into force of a withdrawal agreement or failing that, two
years after that notification, unless the European Council, in agreement with the United Kingdom, unanimously decides to extend that period.

Amendment 8
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission  Amendment

(3) On 11 April 2019, following a request by the United Kingdom, the European Council agreed\(^9\) to extend further\(^10\) the period provided for in Article 50(3) TEU until 31 October 2019. Unless the United Kingdom ratifies the Withdrawal Agreement\(^11\) by 31 October 2019 or requests a third extension, to which the European Council agrees by unanimity, the United Kingdom will leave the Union without an agreement and will become a third country as of 1 November 2019.


Amendment 9
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) On 11 April 2019, following a request by the United Kingdom, the European Council agreed\(^9\) to extend further\(^10\) the period provided for in Article 50(3) TEU until 31 October 2019. Unless the United Kingdom ratifies the Withdrawal Agreement\(^11\) by 31 October 2019 or requests a third extension, to which the European Council agrees by unanimity, the United Kingdom will leave the Union without an agreement and will become a third country as of 1 November 2019.


Or. it

Amendment 10
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4
(4) To mitigate the economic impact of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement and to show solidarity with the most affected Member States in such exceptional circumstances, Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should be amended to support related public expenditure.

Or. en

Amendment 11
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

(4) To mitigate the economic impact of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement and to show solidarity with the most affected Member States in such exceptional circumstances, Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should be amended to support related public expenditure.

Or. it

Amendment 12
Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

(4) To mitigate the economic impact of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement and to show solidarity with the most affected Member States in such exceptional circumstances, Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should be amended to support related public expenditure.

(4) To mitigate the economic and social impact of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement and to show solidarity with
Member States in such exceptional circumstances, Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should be amended to support related public expenditure.

the most affected Member States in such exceptional circumstances, Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should be amended to support related public expenditure.

Amendment 13
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) As this is an exceptional use of the Fund, its assistance to mitigate serious financial burden, inflicted on the Member States as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, should be targeted and limited in time to safeguard the Fund’s original rationale and its capacity to respond to natural disasters.

Amendment

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Or. ro

Amendment 14
Rosa D’Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) As this is an exceptional use of the Fund, its assistance to mitigate serious financial burden, inflicted on the Member States as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, should be targeted and limited in time to safeguard the Fund’s original rationale

Amendment

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Or. it
and its capacity to respond to natural disasters.

Amendment 15
Pascal Arimont

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) As this is an exceptional use of the Fund, its assistance to mitigate serious financial burden, inflicted on the Member States as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, should be targeted and limited in time to safeguard the Fund’s original rationale and its capacity to respond to natural disasters.

Amendment

(5) As this is an exceptional use of the Fund, its assistance to mitigate serious financial burden, inflicted or to be inflicted on the Member States in direct preparation for a withdrawal and/or as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, should be targeted and limited in time to safeguard the Fund’s original rationale and its capacity to respond to natural disasters.

Or. de

Amendment 16
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) As this is an exceptional use of the Fund, its assistance to mitigate serious financial burden, inflicted on the Member States as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, should be targeted and limited in time to safeguard the Fund’s original rationale and its capacity to respond to natural disasters.

Amendment

(5) As this is an exceptional use of the Fund, its assistance to mitigate serious financial burden resulting from natural disasters inflicted on the Member States following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, should be targeted and limited in time to safeguard the Fund’s original rationale and its capacity to respond to

Or. en
natural disasters.

Amendment 17
Rosa D’Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) For the purposes of this exception use of the Fund, it is appropriate to establish a minimum amount of estimated damage above which a Member State may apply for assistance from the Fund due to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement. In addition, the eligibility rules need to be amended to include support for public expenditure incurred as a result of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment

(6) deleted

Amendment 18
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) For the purposes of this exception use of the Fund, it is appropriate to establish a minimum amount of estimated damage above which a Member State may apply for assistance from the Fund due to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement. In addition, the eligibility rules need to be amended to include support for public expenditure incurred as a result of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment

(6) deleted
eligibility rules need to be amended to include support for public expenditure incurred as a result of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment 19
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) For the purposes of this exceptional use of the Fund, it is appropriate to establish a minimum amount of estimated damage above which a Member State may apply for assistance from the Fund due to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement. In addition, the eligibility rules need to be amended to include support for public expenditure incurred as a result of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment

(6) For the purposes of this exceptional use of the Fund, it is appropriate to establish a minimum amount of estimated damage above which a Member State may apply for assistance from the Fund following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement. In addition, the eligibility rules need to be amended to include support for public expenditure incurred as a result of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, in circumstances constituting a natural disaster.

Amendment 20
Rosa D'Amato
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) To ensure equal treatment among the Member States, there should be one single deadline applicable to all Member

Amendment

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To ensure equal treatment among the Member States, there should be one single deadline applicable to all Member
States for the submission of applications for a financial contribution from the Fund, without possibility to extend an application after that deadline to cover additional expenditure.

Amendment 21
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) To ensure equal treatment among the Member States, there should be one single deadline applicable to all Member States for the submission of applications for a financial contribution from the Fund, without possibility to extend an application after that deadline to cover additional expenditure.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 22
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) To maintain the availability of the Fund for natural disasters, its original purpose, a budgetary ceiling for support related to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be established.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en
Amendment 23
Rosa D’Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) To maintain the availability of the Fund for natural disasters, its original purpose, a budgetary ceiling for support related to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be established.

Amendment

(8) deleted

Or. en

Amendment 24
Tsvetelina Penkova, Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) To maintain the availability of the Fund for natural disasters, its original purpose, a budgetary ceiling for support related to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be established.

Amendment

(8) Considering that a reasonable budget needs to be provided in order to maintain the availability of the European Union Solidarity Fund for natural disasters, other additional means need to be made available to Member States and regions to help them limit the impact of a potential withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement, for example by way of the EGF or other ad hoc financial instruments.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission  Amendment

(8) To maintain the availability of the Fund for natural disasters, its original purpose, a budgetary ceiling for support related to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be established.

8. To maintain the availability of the Fund for natural disasters, its original purpose, a budgetary ceiling for support related to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be established. The Commission should introduce clear criteria regarding eligibility for support and ensure that the amount of expenditure incurred does not have a major impact on the budget earmarked by the Fund for initial measures.

Amendment 26
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission  Amendment

(8) To maintain the availability of the Fund for natural disasters, its original purpose, a budgetary ceiling for support related to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be established.

(8) To maintain the availability of the European Union Solidarity Fund and of the EGF for their original purposes, a budgetary ceiling for support related to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be established.

Or. en

Amendment 27
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9
(9) Assistance from the Fund to mitigate serious financial burden inflicted on the Member States as a consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be subject to the same rules for implementation, monitoring, reporting, control and audit as any other interventions of the Fund. In addition, given the broad scope of public expenditure potentially eligible for support, it is important to ensure that other provisions of EU law, in particular the State aid rules, are respected.

Or. it

Amendment 28
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

(9) Assistance from the Fund to mitigate serious financial burden inflicted on the Member States as a consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be subject to the same rules for implementation, monitoring, reporting, control and audit as any other interventions of the Fund. In addition, given the broad scope of public expenditure potentially eligible for support, it is important to ensure that other provisions of EU law, in particular the State aid rules, are respected.

Or. en
Amendment 29  
Pascal Arimont  
Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 9  

Text proposed by the Commission  

(9) Assistance from the Fund to mitigate serious financial burden inflicted on the Member States as a consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be subject to the same rules for implementation, monitoring, reporting, control and audit as any other interventions of the Fund. In addition, given the broad scope of public expenditure potentially eligible for support, it is important to ensure that other provisions of EU law, in particular the State aid rules, are respected.

Amendment  

(9) Assistance from the Fund to mitigate serious financial burden inflicted or which may be inflicted on the Member States in direct preparation for a withdrawal and/or as a consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be subject to the same rules for implementation, monitoring, reporting, control and audit as any other interventions of the Fund. In addition, given the broad scope of public expenditure potentially eligible for support, it is important to ensure that other provisions of EU law, in particular the State aid rules, are respected.

Or. de  

Amendment 30  
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea  
Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 9  

Text proposed by the Commission  

(9) Assistance from the Fund to mitigate serious financial burden inflicted on the Member States as a consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be subject to the same rules for implementation, monitoring, reporting, control and audit as any other interventions of the Fund. In addition, given the broad scope of public expenditure potentially eligible for support, it is important to ensure that other provisions of EU law, in particular the State aid rules, are respected.

Amendment  

(9) Assistance from the Fund to mitigate serious financial burden inflicted on the Member States following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement should be subject to the same rules for implementation, monitoring, reporting, control and audit as any other interventions of the Fund. In addition, given the broad scope of public expenditure potentially eligible for support, it is important to ensure that other provisions of Union law,
particular the State aid rules, are respected.

Or. es

Amendment 31
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) The Commission should be able to take a rapid decision to commit specific financial resources and to mobilise them as quickly as possible. The existing provisions for making advance payments should therefore be strengthened by increasing their amounts.

Amendment
deleted

Or. it

Amendment 32
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) This Regulation should enter into force as a matter of urgency on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and should apply from the day following that on which the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom pursuant to Article 50(3) TEU unless a withdrawal agreement concluded with the United Kingdom has entered into force by that date.

Amendment
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Or. it
Amendment 33
Rosa D’Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) This Regulation should enter into force as a matter of urgency on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and should apply from the day following that on which the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom pursuant to Article 50(3) TEU unless a withdrawal agreement concluded with the United Kingdom has entered into force by that date.

Amendment
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Or. en

Amendment 34
Stéphane Bijoux

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(11a) In order to ensure that the Fund begins to take effect as soon as the Member State begins to face a heavy financial burden – even if this is prior to the entry into force of this Regulation – as a direct consequence of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union without an agreement, under Article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union, the corresponding provisions must have retroactive effect.

Amendment

Or. fr
Justification

A specific justification needs to be given for the retroactive application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, as a result of the Amendment to Article 3(a)(3) (see Amendment 53).

Amendment 35
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should therefore be amended accordingly,

Amendment

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 36
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should therefore be amended accordingly,

Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly,

Amendment

and

Or. en

Amendment 37
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Articles 1, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 should therefore be amended accordingly,
Justification

The scope of the EUSF should not be extended to situations potentially caused by a disorderly withdrawal of the UK from the EU.

Amendment 38
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a

Text proposed by the Commission
For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment
For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters in cases where the Member State struck by the disaster is particularly vulnerable owing the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union without an agreement, as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment 39
Mathilde Androuët

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a

Text proposed by the Commission
For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment
For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters in cases where the Member State struck by the disaster is particularly vulnerable owing the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union without an agreement, as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.
disasters as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Justification

If these provisions are to apply, the criteria for eligibility for the Fund must be made perfectly clear. The EU Solidarity Fund can only be used in response to natural disasters. If the EU is able to get away with conflating natural disasters with financial problems or crises, there will be nothing to stop the scope of the Fund from subsequently being extended to cover problems other than the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.

Amendment 40
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 1 - paragraph 1 - subparagraph 1 a

Text proposed by the Commission
“For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.”.

Amendment
“For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters.”.

Amendment 41
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a
For the purpose of this Regulation, for expenditures related to the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Raffaele Fitto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 1 - paragraph 1 - subparagraph 1 a

Text proposed by the Commission

“For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters as well as situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.”.

Amendment

“For the purpose of this Regulation, the notion of “major disasters” covers natural disasters as well as, exceptionally for the period between the date of withdrawal and 31 December 2020, situations where serious financial burden is inflicted on a Member State as a direct consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.”.

Or. it

Amendment 43
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Articles 3a, 3b
Amendment 44
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

(1) At the request of a Member State, assistance from the Fund may also be mobilised when serious financial burden is inflicted on this Member State as a direct consequence of the United Kingdom leaving the Union without an agreement in accordance with Article 50(2) TEU (“withdrawal without an agreement”). The assistance shall take the form of a financial contribution from the Fund.

Or. es

Amendment 45
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

1) At the request of a Member State, assistance from the Fund may also be mobilised when serious financial burden is inflicted on this Member State as a
direct consequence of the United Kingdom leaving the Union without an agreement in accordance with Article 50(2) TEU (“withdrawal without an agreement”). The assistance shall take the form of a financial contribution from the Fund.

Or. it

Amendment 46
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) At the request of a Member State, assistance from the Fund may also be mobilised when serious financial burden is inflicted on this Member State as a direct consequence of the United Kingdom leaving the Union without an agreement in accordance with Article 50(2) TEU (“withdrawal without an agreement”). The assistance shall take the form of a financial contribution from the Fund.

Amendment

(1) At the request of a Member State, assistance from the European Union Solidarity Fund may also be mobilised when serious financial burden is inflicted on this Member State as a direct consequence of the United Kingdom leaving the Union without an agreement in accordance with Article 50(2) TEU (“withdrawal without an agreement”). The assistance shall take the form of a financial contribution from the Fund.

(This amendment applies throughout the text.)

Or. en

Amendment 47
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a – paragraph 2
Text proposed by the Commission

2) The available appropriations for this goal shall be limited to half of the maximum available amount for the Fund intervention for the years 2019 and 2020.

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 48
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The available appropriations for this goal shall be limited to half of the maximum available amount for the Fund intervention for the years 2019 and 2020.

Amendment

(2) The available appropriations solely for this goal shall be limited to 5% of the maximum available amount for the Fund intervention for the years 2019 and 2020.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Tsvetelina Penkova, Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The available appropriations for this goal shall be limited to half of the maximum available amount for the Fund intervention for the years 2019 and 2020.

Amendment

(2) The available appropriations for this goal shall be limited to 30% of the maximum available amount for the Fund intervention for the years 2019 and 2020.

Or. en
Justification

In order to allow the EUSF to operate efficiently in line with its original purpose, namely assistance for natural disaster situations, no more than 30% of the maximum annual allocation of the EUSF should be available for Brexit assistance. Any additional assistance should come from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGAF), or other ad hoc financial instruments.

Amendment 50
Raffaele Fitto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2) The available appropriations for this goal shall be limited to half of the maximum available amount for the Fund intervention for the years 2019 and 2020.

Amendment

2) The available appropriations for this goal shall be limited to 30% of the maximum available amount for the Fund intervention for the years 2019 and 2020.

Or. it

Amendment 51
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3) Such assistance shall cover a part of the additional public expenditure caused directly by the withdrawal without an agreement and incurred exclusively between the date of the withdrawal without an agreement and 31 December 2020 ("financial burden").

Amendment

deleted

Or. it
(3) Such assistance shall cover a part of the additional public expenditure caused directly by the withdrawal without an agreement and incurred exclusively between the date of the withdrawal without an agreement and 31 December 2020 ("financial burden").

(3) Such assistance shall cover a part of the additional public expenditure caused directly and incurred exclusively between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020 in preparation for a withdrawal without an agreement and/or as a consequence of a withdrawal without an agreement ("financial burden").

Or. de

(3) Such assistance shall cover a part of the additional public expenditure caused directly by the withdrawal without an agreement and incurred exclusively between the date of the withdrawal without an agreement and 31 December 2020 ("financial burden").

(3) Such assistance shall cover a part of the additional public expenditure in response to natural disasters following the withdrawal without an agreement and incurred exclusively between the date of the withdrawal without an agreement and 31 December 2020 ("financial burden").

Or. es

Amendment 54

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Stéphane Bijoux

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 a – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Such assistance shall cover a part of the additional public expenditure caused directly by the withdrawal without an agreement and incurred exclusively between the date of the withdrawal without an agreement and 31 December 2020 ("financial burden").

Amendment

(3) Such assistance shall cover a part of the additional public expenditure caused directly by the withdrawal without an agreement and incurred exclusively between 19 July 2018 and 31 December 2020 ("financial burden").

Justification

A date earlier than that of a no-deal Brexit needs to be specified. Indeed, the Member States most concerned have already taken preparatory measures. 19 July 2018 is the date of the Commission’s first communication outlining ongoing work to prepare for all outcomes of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Union. In the communication, the Commission called on Member States and private parties to step up preparations, in line with an Article 50 request made by the European Council the previous month, to intensify preparedness at all levels and for all outcomes.

Amendment 55
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 a – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(3 a) Assistance shall be provided only in cases which would have been covered by the Withdrawal Agreement between the Union and the United Kingdom.

Amendment

(3 a) Assistance shall be provided only in cases which would have been covered by the Withdrawal Agreement between the Union and the United Kingdom.

Or. en
Amendment 56
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a - paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4) A Member State shall be eligible to apply for assistance under this Article, if the financial burden it has suffered is estimated to be either over EUR 1 500 000 000 in 2011 prices, or more than 0.3 % of its GNI.

Amendment

4) A Member State shall be eligible to apply for assistance under this Article, if the financial burden it has suffered is estimated to be either over EUR 1 500 000 000 in 2011 prices, or more than 0.3 % of its GNI.

Or. it

Amendment 57
Mathilde Androuët

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) A Member State shall be eligible to apply for assistance under this Article, if the financial burden it has suffered is estimated to be either over EUR 1 500 000 000 in 2011 prices, or more than 0.3 % of its GNI.

Amendment

(4) A Member State shall be eligible to apply for assistance under this Article, if the financial burden it has suffered is estimated to be either over EUR 1 500 000 000 in 2011 prices, or more than 0.3 % of its GNI, together with the loss of 2 % of jobs in a given sector of the economy.

Or. fr

Justification

This EU funding needs to be used with a view to saving jobs directly at risk from the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union. If the sole criterion is financial loss, this funding is
liable to be confined to the financial sector, whose fluctuations – however great they may be – affect only a small proportion of the real productive economy. Adding the notion of job losses also ensures that this funding is channelled to individuals rather than abstract entities.

Amendment 58
Pascal Arimont

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 a – paragraph 4

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Amendment 59
Stéphane Bijoux

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 a – paragraph 4

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Or. fr
Justification

The thresholds proposed by the European Commission need to be lowered so that the Member States most affected by a no-deal Brexit are eligible for the EUSF, thus ensuring solidarity between Member States.

Amendment 60
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3a - paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission
5) Only Member States may apply for assistance from the Fund under this Article.

Amendment
deleted

Or. it

Amendment 61
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 b – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission
(1) Assistance provided under Article 3a shall cover only the financial burden borne by a Member State compared to the situation where an agreement between the Union and the United Kingdom would have been concluded. Such assistance may be used, for example, to provide support to businesses affected by the withdrawal without an agreement, including support to State aid measures for those businesses and related interventions; measures to preserve existing employment; and to ensure the functioning of border,

Amendment
(1) Assistance provided under Article 3a shall cover only the financial burden borne by a Member State compared to the situation where an agreement between the Union and the United Kingdom would have been concluded.
customs, sanitary and phytosanitary controls, including additional personnel and infrastructure.

Amendment 62
Raffaele Fitto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3b - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1) Assistance provided under Article 3a shall cover only the financial burden borne by a Member State compared to the situation where an agreement between the Union and the United Kingdom would have been concluded. Such assistance may be used, for example, to provide support to businesses affected by the withdrawal without an agreement, including support to State aid measures for those businesses and related interventions; measures to preserve existing employment; and to ensure the functioning of border, customs, sanitary and phytosanitary controls, including additional personnel and infrastructure.

Amendment

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Amendment 63
Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3b - paragraph 1
Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Assistance provided under Article 3a shall cover only the financial burden borne by a Member State compared to the situation where an agreement between the Union and the United Kingdom would have been concluded. Such assistance may be used, for example, to provide support to businesses affected by the withdrawal without an agreement, including support to State aid measures for those businesses and related interventions; measures to preserve existing employment; and to ensure the functioning of border, customs, sanitary and phytosanitary controls, including additional personnel and infrastructure.

Amendment

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Or. ro

Amendment 64
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 b – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(1 a) Assistance provided under Article 3a shall be used only in the regions of the Member State concerned which are most affected by the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Amendment

(1 a) Assistance provided under Article 3a shall be used only in the regions of the Member State concerned which are most affected by the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 b – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

 Amendmenent

(1 b) Member States shall ensure sound
and balanced measures in accordance
with the needs of their most affected
regions.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 3 b – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

 Amendmenent

(6 a) Expenditure eligible for financing
under the European Globalisation
Adjustment Fund shall not be financed
under this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 67
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4 a

Text proposed by the Commission

 Amendmenent

[...] deleted
Amendment 68
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

[...] deleted

Or. es

Amendment 69
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a - title

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

Article 4a deleted

Or. it

Amendment 70
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

1) The responsible national deleted
authorities of a Member State may submit a single application to the Commission for

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a financial contribution from the Fund in accordance with Article 3a by 30 April 2020 at the latest. The application shall include, as a minimum, all relevant information on the financial burden inflicted on that Member State. It shall describe the public measures taken in response to the withdrawal without an agreement specifying their net cost until 31 December 2020 and the reasons why they could not have been avoided through preparedness measures. It should also include the justification concerning direct effect of the withdrawal without an agreement.

Amendment 71
Pascal Arimont

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4 a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The responsible national authorities of a Member State may submit a single application to the Commission for a financial contribution from the Fund in accordance with Article 3a by 30 April 2020 at the latest. The application shall include, as a minimum, all relevant information on the financial burden inflicted on that Member State. It shall describe the public measures taken in response to the withdrawal without an agreement specifying their net cost until 31 December 2020 and the reasons why that net cost could not have been avoided through preparedness measures. It should also include the justification concerning direct effect of the withdrawal without an agreement.

Amendment

(1) The responsible national authorities of a Member State may submit a single application to the Commission for a financial contribution from the Fund in accordance with Article 3a by 30 June 2020 at the latest. The application shall include, as a minimum, all relevant information on the financial burden inflicted on that Member State. It shall describe the public measures taken in response to the withdrawal without an agreement specifying their net cost until 31 December 2020. It should also include the justification concerning direct effect of the withdrawal without an agreement.
Amendment 72
Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4 a – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission
(1) The responsible national authorities of a Member State may submit a single application to the Commission for a financial contribution from the Fund in accordance with Article 3a by 30 April 2020 at the latest. The application shall include, as a minimum, all relevant information on the financial burden inflicted on that Member State. It shall describe the public measures taken in response to the withdrawal without an agreement specifying their net cost until 31 December 2020 and the reasons why they could not have been avoided through preparedness measures. It should also include the justification concerning direct effect of the withdrawal without an agreement.

Amendment
(1) The responsible national authorities of a Member State may submit a single application to the Commission for a financial contribution from the Fund in accordance with Article 3a by 30 April 2020 at the latest. The application shall include, as a minimum, all relevant information on the effects on the Member States and the financial burden inflicted on that Member State. It shall describe the public measures taken in response to the withdrawal without an agreement specifying their net cost until 31 December 2020 and the reasons why they could not have been avoided through preparedness measures. It should also include the justification concerning direct effect of the withdrawal without an agreement.

Or. ro

Amendment 73
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission
2) The Commission shall prepare deleted guidance on how to access and implement

Amendment
the Fund effectively. The guidance shall provide detailed information on the preparation of the application, and the information to be submitted to the Commission, including on the evidence to be provided concerning the financial burden inflicted. The guidance shall be made public on the websites of the relevant Directorate Generals of the Commission and the Commission shall ensure its wider dissemination to the Member States.

Amendment 74
Tamás Deutsch
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4 a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The Commission shall prepare guidance on how to access and implement the Fund effectively. The guidance shall provide detailed information on the preparation of the application, and the information to be submitted to the Commission, including on the evidence to be provided concerning the financial burden inflicted. The guidance shall be made public on the websites of the relevant Directorate Generals of the Commission and the Commission shall ensure its wider dissemination to the Member States.

Amendment

(2) The Commission shall prepare guidance by 31 December 2019 on how to access and implement the Fund effectively. The guidance shall provide detailed information on the preparation of the application, and the information to be submitted to the Commission, including on the evidence to be provided concerning the financial burden inflicted. The guidance shall be made public on the websites of the relevant Directorate Generals of the Commission and the Commission shall ensure its wider dissemination to the Member States.

Amendment 75
Andrea Cozzolino
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3) After 30 April 2020, the
Commission shall assess on the basis of
the information referred to in paragraphs
1 and 2, for all applications received,
whether the conditions for mobilising the
Fund are met in each case and shall
determine the amounts of any possible
financial contribution from the Fund
within the limits of the financial resources
available.

Or. it

Amendment 76
Pascal Arimont

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) After 30 April 2020, the
Commission shall assess on the basis of the
information referred to in paragraphs 1 and
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amounts of any possible financial
contribution from the Fund within the
limits of the financial resources available.

Or. de

Amendment 77
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4) Assistance from the Fund shall be awarded to the Member States meeting the eligibility criteria, taking into account the thresholds specified in Article 3a(4), at a rate of up to 5% of the inflicted financial burden, and within the limits of the budget available. In the event that the budget available should prove insufficient, the aid rate shall be proportionately reduced.

Amendment

4) Assistance from the Fund shall be awarded to the Member States meeting the eligibility criteria, taking into account the thresholds specified in Article 3a(4), at a rate of up to 10% of the inflicted financial burden, and within the limits of the budget available. In the event that the budget available should prove insufficient, the aid rate shall be proportionately reduced.

Or. it

Amendment 78
Pascal Arimont

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Assistance from the Fund shall be awarded to the Member States meeting the eligibility criteria, taking into account the thresholds specified in Article 3a(4), at a rate of up to 5% of the inflicted financial burden, and within the limits of the budget available. In the event that the budget available should prove insufficient, the aid rate shall be proportionately reduced.

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Or. de
Amendment 79
Stéphane Bijoux

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4 a – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Assistance from the Fund shall be awarded to the Member States meeting the eligibility criteria, taking into account the thresholds specified in Article 3a(4), at a rate of up to 5 % of the inflicted financial burden, and within the limits of the budget available. In the event that the budget available should prove insufficient, the aid rate shall be proportionately reduced.

Amendment

(4) Assistance from the Fund shall be awarded to the Member States meeting the eligibility criteria, taking into account the thresholds specified in Article 3a(4), at a rate of up to 20 % of the inflicted financial burden, and within the limits of the budget available. In the event that the budget available should prove insufficient, the aid rate shall be proportionately reduced.

Justification

The threshold proposed by the European Commission needs to be increased to enable the Member States most affected by a no-deal Brexit to benefit from genuine assistance from the EUSF. A threshold that is too low offers no incentive to mobilise the EUSF.

Amendment 80
Raffaele Fitto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a - paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6) The decision to mobilise the Fund shall be taken jointly by the European Parliament and the Council as soon as possible after the submission of the proposal by the Commission. The Commission, on the one hand, and the European Parliament and the Council, on the other hand, shall endeavour to minimise the time taken to mobilise the

Amendment

6) The decision to mobilise the Fund shall be taken jointly by the European Parliament and the Council as soon as possible after the submission of the proposal by the Commission. The Commission, on the one hand, and the European Parliament and the Council, on the other hand, shall endeavour to minimise the time taken to mobilise the
Fund. and shall commit to proposing, in as short a time as possible, an purpose-made instrument to tackle such emergency.

Or. it

Amendment 81
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 7
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4a

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

... deleted

Or. es

Amendment 82
Raffaele Fitto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 7
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002
Article 4b - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

3) The amount of an advance shall not exceed 25 % of the amount of the financial contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed EUR 100 000 000. Once the definitive amount of the financial contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the financial contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover unduly paid advances.

3) The amount of an advance shall not exceed 25 % of the amount of the financial contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed EUR 100 000 000. Once the definitive amount of the financial contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the financial contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover unduly paid advances. The amount of an advance shall not exceed 10 % of the amount of the financial contribution anticipated in the event that the reason for submitting an
application for a financial contribution from the Fund is the serious financial burden caused by the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement.

Or. it

Amendment 83
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**Amendment**

Article 1 a

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 is amended as follows:

Article 4a is replaced by the following:

“Article 4a

(1) When submitting an application for a financial contribution from the Fund to the Commission, for a damage caused by a natural disaster, a Member State may request the payment of an advance. The Commission shall make a preliminary assessment of whether the application fulfils the conditions laid down in Article 4(1) and verify the availability of budgetary resources. Where those conditions are fulfilled and sufficient resources are available, the Commission may adopt a decision, by means of an implementing act, awarding the advance and pay it out without delay before the decision referred to in Article 4(4) has been taken. The payment of an advance shall be made without prejudice to the final decision on the mobilisation of the Fund.

(2) The amount of an advance shall not exceed 25% of the amount of the financial contribution anticipated and
shall in no case exceed EUR 100 000 000. Once the definitive amount of the financial contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the financial contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover unduly paid advances.

(3) Any repayment due to be made to the general budget of the Union shall be effected before the due date indicated in the order for recovery drawn up in accordance with the Article 101 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The due date shall be the last day of the second month following the issue of the order.

(4) When adopting the draft general budget of the Union for a given financial year, the Commission shall, where necessary in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources, propose to the European Parliament and the Council to mobilise the Fund in an amount up to a maximum of EUR 100 000 000 for the payment of advances and propose to enter the corresponding appropriations into the general budget of the Union. The budgetary arrangements shall comply with the ceilings referred to in Article 10(1) of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013.

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Or. en

Justification

As well detailed in the explanatory statement of the proposal, which quotes the example of the earthquake in Abruzzo, an increase in the advance payments of the EUSF is pivotal. With this amendment, we reproduce then the new article 4b increasing the amount of the advance, deleting however the reference to the case of the withdrawal of the UK.

Amendment 84
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 a (new)

Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1 a

Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 is amended as follows:

(1) In Article 2, the following point is added after point b:

"(c) workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) without an agreement."

(2) In Article 3, the following point is added after point b:

"(c) a worker or a self-employed person whose activity ceased as a consequence of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement."

(3) Article 4, paragraph 2, is replaced by the following:

""
"2. In small labour markets or in exceptional circumstances, such as a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union pursuant to Article 50 TEU without an agreement, in particular with regard to cases involving SMEs, where duly substantiated by the applicant Member State, an application for a financial contribution under this Article may be considered admissible even if the criteria laid down in points (a) or (b) of paragraph 1 are not entirely met, when the redundancies have a serious impact on employment and the local, regional or national economy. The applicant Member State shall specify which of the intervention criteria set out in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 are not entirely met. The aggregated amount of contributions in exceptional circumstances may not exceed 10 % of the annual maximum amount of the EGF."

(4) In Article 7, the following paragraph is added after paragraph 4:

"5. The available appropriations for the actions referred to in point (c) of Article 2 shall be limited to 75 % of the maximum available amount of the EGF for the years 2019 and 2020, after which the exceptional intervention measure set out therein shall end. For those actions, the mobilisation of the EGF shall cover the costs of the measures under points (a), (b) and (c) of Article 7(1) for those workers or self-employed persons directly affected from the date of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union pursuant to Article 50 TEU without an agreement until 31 December 2020."

Or. en

Justification

The budget of this exceptional measure, aimed to cover the burden inflicted on Member States following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU without an agreement, should be
covered by the European Solidarity Fund with only a very small amount (5%). The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund should be the preferable instrument dedicated to this issue.

Amendment 85
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, André Rougé, Rosanna Conte

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – title

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Amendment 86
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2

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Amendment 87
Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 3

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