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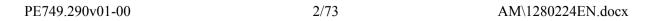
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Draft report Sandro Gozi(PE740.608v01-00)

Amending the proposed mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context ((2022/2194(INL))

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Amendment 1 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC), as amended by Regulation (EU) 1302/2013,

Or. en

Amendment 2 Alessandro Panza

Motion for a resolution Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

having regard to its resolution of 19 June 2020 on measures needed to protect cross-border and seasonal workers in the EU, in the context of COVID-19,

Or. en

Amendment 3 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. Whereas the persistency of crossborder obstacles of administrative and legal nature severely affects EU border regions' livelihood and their economic and social potential and limits the exercise of rights granted by the Treaties to border regions' citizens:

Amendment

A. Whereas the persistency of crossborder obstacles of administrative and legal nature *makes it possible to guarantee the sovereignty and security of the Member States*;

Amendment 4 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. Whereas the persistency of crossborder obstacles of administrative and legal nature severely affects EU border regions' livelihood and their economic and social potential and limits the exercise of rights granted by the Treaties to border regions' citizens;

Amendment

A. Whereas the persistency of crossborder obstacles of administrative and legal nature severely affects EU border regions' livelihood and their *sustainable* economic and social potential and limits the exercise of rights granted by the Treaties to border regions' citizens *and communities*;

Or en

Amendment 5 Stanislav Polčák

Motion for a resolution Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the existence of these obstacles and their effects undermine the confidence of people living in border regions in European integration and the effectiveness of public authorities in general;

Or. cs

Amendment 6 Maria Angela Danzì

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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- B. Whereas it was estimated that the setting up of a legislative tool at Union level to address cross-border obstacles, combined with existing tools, could bring about economic benefits of 123 billion euros, while removing all obstacles would bring up benefits up to 460 billion euros; whereas the removal of cross-border obstacles would as well bring about a positive impact on social rights, equal opportunities, and an improved access to high-quality public services for citizens living in border regions²⁰;
- Whereas it was estimated that the setting up of a legislative tool at Union level to address cross-border obstacles, combined with existing tools, could bring about economic benefits of 123 billion euros, while removing all obstacles would bring up benefits up to 460 billion euros; whereas internal border regions cover 40 % of the EU's territory, account for 30 % of its population (i.e. 150 million people) and are home to almost 2 million cross-border workers: whereas the removal of cross-border obstacles would as well bring about a positive impact on social rights, equal opportunities, and an improved access to high-quality public services for citizens living and working in border regions²⁰, and particularly crossborder workers:

Or. it

Amendment 7 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. Whereas it was estimated that the setting up of a legislative tool at Union level to address cross-border obstacles, combined with existing tools, could bring about economic benefits of 123 billion euros, while removing all obstacles would bring up benefits up to 460 billion euros; whereas the removal of cross-border obstacles would as well bring about a positive impact on social rights, equal opportunities, and an improved access to

Amendment

B. Whereas it was estimated that the setting up of a legislative tool at Union level to address cross-border obstacles, combined with existing tools, could bring about economic benefits of 123 billion euros, while removing all obstacles would bring up benefits up to 460 billion euros; whereas, however, the removal of cross-border obstacles would also have detrimental effects by increasing unfair economic competition between Member

²⁰ European Parliamentary Research Service (2023). "Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context". European added value assessment, p.48.

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high-quality public services for citizens living in border regions²⁰;

States, in particular by facilitating posted work, and by contributing to the limiting of Member States' sovereignty, in particular as regards borders;

²⁰ European Parliamentary Research Service (2023). "Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context". European added value assessment, p.48.

Or. fr

Amendment 8 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. Whereas it was estimated that the setting up of a legislative tool at Union level to address cross-border obstacles, combined with existing tools, could bring about economic benefits of 123 billion euros, while removing all obstacles would bring up benefits up to 460 billion euros; whereas the removal of cross-border obstacles would as well bring about a positive impact on social rights, equal opportunities, and an improved access to high-quality public services for citizens living in border regions²⁰;

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Or. en

Amendment

²⁰ European Parliamentary Research Service (2023). "Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context". European added value assessment, p.48.

²⁰ European Parliamentary Research Service (2023). "Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context". European added value assessment, p.48.

Amendment 9 Alessandro Panza

Motion for a resolution Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. Whereas the removal of crossborder obstacles would as well facilitates accessibility between neighbouring countries, e.g. by realising the still missing links between certain border regions. A better interconnection of border regions would make European integration more tangible and offer citizens the possibility of effective and environmentally friendly cross-border mobility;

Or. en

Amendment 10 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. Whereas some Member States have already concluded and can resort to bilateral or plurilateral treaties and agreements to set up structures and procedures for *the removal* of cross-border obstacles:

Amendment

C. Whereas some Member States have already concluded and can resort to bilateral or plurilateral treaties and agreements to set up structures and procedures for *limiting the burden* of cross-border obstacles;

Or. fr

Amendment 11 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Recital C

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Motion for a resolution

C. Whereas some Member States have already concluded and can resort to bilateral or *plurilateral* treaties and agreements to set up structures and procedures for the removal of cross-border obstacles:

Amendment

C. Whereas some Member States have already concluded and can resort to bilateral or *multilateral* treaties and agreements to set up structures and procedures for the removal of cross-border obstacles;

Or. en

Amendment 12 Alessandro Panza

Motion for a resolution Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. Whereas, in addition to the support provided by EU funds, there are numerous instruments to promote crossborder activities and reduce trade barriers: specific contractual agreements, declarations of intent, joint ventures or sectoral policy measures could also be used;

Or. en

Amendment 13 André Rougé

D.

Motion for a resolution Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Whereas a Union legislative act

laying down general provisions and procedural arrangements for Member States to address cross-border obstacles would benefit Member Staes by providing them with a wider array of policy options,

and the possibility to design tailor-made solutions depending on the specific

Amendment

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Or fr

Amendment 14 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. Whereas a Union legislative act laying down general provisions and procedural arrangements for Member States to address cross-border obstacles would benefit Member *Staes* by providing them with a wider array of policy options, and the possibility to design tailor-made solutions depending on the specific obstacle;

Amendment

D. Whereas a Union legislative act laying down general provisions and procedural arrangements for Member States to address cross-border obstacles would benefit Member *States and EU regions* by providing them with a wider array of policy options, and the possibility to design tailor-made solutions depending on the specific obstacle;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. Whereas it would also benefit communities and civil society actors in cross-border regions across the Union who would have a dedicated course of action open to them to signal and address cross-border obstacles:

Or. en

Amendment 16 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. Whereas the Commission issued a proposal for a regulation on a mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context ('ECBM proposal') in 2018;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 17 Peter Pollák

Motion for a resolution Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. Whereas the Commission issued a proposal for a regulation on a mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context ('ECBM proposal') in 2018;

Amendment

E. Whereas the Commission issued a proposal for a regulation on a mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context ('ECBM proposal') in 2018; however since then new challenges of unprecedented nature had emerged, such as BREXIT, COVID pandemic or war in Ukraine with an impact on cross-border context that should be reflected in its new amended version;

Or. en

Amendment 18 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. Whereas, nonetheless, Council has raised some understandable legal concerns *that should be addressed in the context of*

Amendment

H. Whereas, nonetheless, Council has raised some understandable legal concerns;

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Amendment 19 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. Whereas Parliament has made all necessary efforts to start inter-institutional negotiations with the Council in an open and constructive way; whereas Parliament has repeatedly called on the Commission to present a new amended legislative proposal in numerous resolutions and in formal and informal exchanges at the highest political level; whereas the adoption of such a legislative act is as well part of the proposals contained in the Final Report of the Conference on the future of Europe²²;

²² Final report of the Conference on the Future of Europe. Proposal 12, measure 15, p. 56.

Amendment

I. Whereas Parliament has made all necessary efforts to start inter-institutional negotiations with the Council in an open and constructive way; whereas Parliament has repeatedly called on the Commission to present a new amended legislative proposal in numerous resolutions and in formal and informal exchanges at the highest political level; whereas the adoption of such a legislative act is as well *unfortunately* part of the proposals contained in the Final Report of the Conference on the future of Europe²²;

Or. fr

Amendment 20 Peter Pollák

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Considers that, in order to face various* demographic challenges, and their ever-closer consequences, the Union needs to step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative

Amendment

1. Considering recent trends on intra EU-labour mobility that is obviously interlinked with cross border mobility, as well as the demographic challenges, and their ever-closer consequences, the Union

²² Final report of the Conference on the Future of Europe. Proposal 12, measure 15, p. 56.

obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument; needs to step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument:

Or. en

Amendment 21 Corina Cretu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that, in order to face various demographic challenges, and their ever-closer consequences, the Union needs to step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument;

Amendment

1. Considers that, in order to face various demographic challenges, *reduce disparities, impede brain drain, increase birth rate* and their ever-closer consequences, the Union needs to step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument:

Or. en

Amendment 22 Niyazi Kizilyürek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Considers that, in order to face various *social*, *economic*, *environmental and* demographic challenges, and their ever-closer consequences, the Union needs to step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative

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cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument; obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument;

Or. en

Amendment 23 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that, in order to face various demographic challenges, and their ever-closer consequences, the Union needs to step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument;

Amendment

1. Considers that, in order to face various *social*, demographic, *economic and climate* challenges, and their evercloser consequences, the Union needs to step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument;

Or. en

Amendment 24 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that, in order to face various demographic *challenges*, and their ever-closer consequences, the Union needs to *step up its efforts to address persisting cross-border legal and administrative obstacles in the broader context of cohesion through a far more efficient cooperation of border region authorities as well as a new effective instrument;*

Amendment

1. Considers that, in order to face various demographic, energy, economic and social challenges and their ever-closer consequences, the Union needs to promote the sovereignty of the Member States and the Union's self-sufficiency in key areas by supporting local economies, nuclear power, border protection and research;

Amendment 25 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that despite territorial crossborder activities developed over decades, supported and facilitated by the Union with legal and financial instruments, citizens from border regions more often face a discrimination by not having access to the closest public *service*, which happens to be on the other side of the border, or their businesses enjoy fewer opportunities;

Amendment

2. Notes that despite territorial cross-border activities developed over decades, supported and facilitated by the Union with legal and financial instruments, citizens from border regions more often face a discrimination by not having access to the closest *and most essential* public *services*, which happens to be on the other side of the border, or their businesses enjoy fewer opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 26 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that despite territorial crossborder activities developed over decades, supported and facilitated by the Union with legal and financial instruments, citizens from border regions more often face a discrimination by not having access to the closest public service, which happens to be on the other side of the border, or their businesses enjoy fewer opportunities;

Amendment

2. Notes that despite territorial cross-border activities developed over decades, supported and facilitated by the Union with legal and financial instruments, citizens of the Member States close to border regions are more often harmed by the Union's desire to promote unfair competition, including between Member States, which undermines national producers and businesses;

Or. fr

Amendment 27 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls that workers in border regions still face tax and administrative issues that require better coordination between Member States' administrations; stresses that the development of teleworking in particular leaves these workers and their businesses in legal uncertainty, which can lead to discrimination;

Or. fr

Amendment 28 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Supports the ongoing efforts of the b-solutions, an initiative promoted by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and managed by the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) as one of the actions proposed in the Commission's communication "Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions";

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Or. fr

Amendment 29 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

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Motion for a resolution

4. Considers the b-solutions initiative a success, but recognizes it also as just one of the technical tools, such as the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), Border Focal Point Network, or macro-regional strategies, that complements the Union's cross-border cooperation but does not, evidently, provide a comprehensive and effective response to the obstacles affecting border regions;

Amendment

4. Considers the b-solutions initiative *to be* one of the technical tools, such as the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), Border Focal Point Network, or macro-regional strategies, that complements the Union's cross-border cooperation;

Or. fr

Amendment 30 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that a Union-wide coordination framework is needed to ensure cohesion of the Union and to provide all border regions with a long-awaited solution that allows them to remove obstacles that require a higher degree of effort and cooperation between the Member States concerned;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 31 Peter Pollák

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that a Union-wide coordination framework is needed to

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ensure cohesion of the Union and to provide all border regions with a longawaited solution that allows them to remove obstacles that require a higher degree of *effort* and cooperation between the Member States concerned; ensure cohesion of the Union and to provide all border regions with a longawaited solution that allows them to remove obstacles that require a higher degree of *efforts* and cooperation between the Member States concerned *while complying with the subsidiarity principle*;

Or. en

Amendment 32 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that a Union-wide coordination framework is needed to ensure cohesion of the Union and to provide all border regions with a long-awaited solution that allows them to remove obstacles that require a higher degree of effort and cooperation between the Member States concerned:

Amendment

5. Stresses that a Union-wide coordination framework is needed to ensure cohesion of the Union and to provide all border regions with a long-awaited solution that allows them to remove obstacles that require a higher degree of effort, *due to administrative burdens or blockages*, and cooperation between the Member States concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 33 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that a Union-wide coordination framework is needed to ensure cohesion of the Union and to provide all border regions with a long-awaited solution that allows them to remove obstacles that require a higher degree of effort and cooperation between the Member States concerned;

Amendment

5. Stresses that a Union-wide coordination framework is needed to ensure cohesion of the Union and to provide all border regions with *equal access to* a long-awaited solution that allows them to remove obstacles that require a higher degree of effort and cooperation between the Member States

Amendment 34 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Maintains that the amendment to the ECBM proposal should concentrate on creating a simple and straightforward coordination framework allowing authorities at various levels to remove legal and administrative obstacles, while preventing the duplication of bodies and authorities, and the creation of unnecessary administrative burden; the scope of the revised ECBM proposal should focus on joint projects;

Amendment

6. Maintains that the amendment to the ECBM proposal should concentrate on creating a simple and straightforward *cooperation* framework;

Or fr

Amendment 35 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Maintains that the amendment to the ECBM proposal should concentrate on creating a simple and straightforward coordination framework allowing authorities at various levels to remove legal and administrative obstacles, while preventing the duplication of bodies and authorities, and the creation of unnecessary administrative burden; the scope of the revised ECBM proposal should focus on joint projects;

Amendment

6. Maintains that the amendment to the ECBM proposal should concentrate on creating a simple and straightforward coordination framework allowing authorities at various levels to remove legal and administrative obstacles, while preventing the duplication of bodies and authorities and the creation of unnecessary administrative burden, so as to contribute to the development of border areas while taking into account their specific characteristics; the scope of the revised

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ECBM proposal should focus on joint projects and facilitate their day-to-day management;

Or. fr

Amendment 36 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Believes that, in order to be a genuine cohesion instrument, such a coordination framework shall fully respect the constitutional and legislative prerogatives of the Member States and the allocation of competences between the Union and the Member States:

Amendment

7. Believes that, in order to be a genuine cohesion instrument, such a coordination framework shall fully respect the constitutional and legislative prerogatives of the Member States, taking into account the institutional differences as regards the areas of intervention of the national administrative bodies concerned, and the allocation of competences between the Union and the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 37 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Suggests to call the new coordination framework: "Border Regions' Instrument for Development and Growth in the EU" (BRIDGEU);

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 38 Ciarán Cuffe

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Suggests to call the new coordination framework: "Border Regions' Instrument for Development and Growth in the EU" (BRIDGEU);

Amendment

8. Suggests to call the new coordination framework: *the Cross-Border Cooperation Regulation (CBCR)*;

Or. en

Amendment 39 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 40 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Amendment

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation *and implementation* of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles, *and that local civil society actors and community groups should be consulted and kept duly informed of the process*;

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Amendment 41 Peter Pollák

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Amendment

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities *are key players and therefore they* should be *more* involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles *that also significantly contribute to territorial cohesion*;

Or. en

Amendment 42 Maria Angela Danzì

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Amendment

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities, and the educational, health and safety authorities, as well as NGOs operating on the ground, should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Or. it

Amendment 43 Stanislav Polčák

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Amendment

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities should be involved, *to the maximum extent possible*, in a meaningful and inclusive way in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Or. cs

Amendment 44 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities *should be involved in a meaningful and inclusive way* in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Amendment

9. Stresses that regional and local authorities *must be able to participate* in the formulation of measures aimed at removing cross-border obstacles;

Or fr

Amendment 45 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Believes that the establishment of Cross-border Coordination Points is crucial to provide public authorities and private bodies with an interlocutor capable of addressing legal or administrative obstacles hampering the implementation of a joint project;

Amendment

10. Believes that the establishment of Cross-border Coordination Points is crucial to provide public authorities, *civil society*, *citizens*, and private bodies with an interlocutor capable of addressing legal or administrative obstacles hampering the implementation of a joint project;

Or. en

Amendment 46 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Maintains that through Crossborder Coordination Points, Member States shall assess on a case-by-case basis whether and how to address the request for assistance in removing the obstacles;

Amendment

11. Maintains that through Crossborder Coordination Points, Member States shall assess on *a voluntary and* a case-bycase basis whether and how to address the request for assistance in removing the obstacles *and administrative burden*;

Or. en

Amendment 47 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Maintains that through Crossborder Coordination Points, Member States shall assess on a case-by-case basis whether and how to address the request for assistance in *removing* the obstacles;

Amendment

11. Maintains that through Crossborder Coordination Points, Member States shall assess on a case-by-case basis whether and how to address the request for assistance in *issues relating to* the obstacles;

Or. fr

Amendment 48 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is of the opinion that a way to boost multilevel governance, innovation, and *higher* cooperation between border regions is to enable Cross-border Coordination

Amendment

12. Is of the opinion that a way to boost multilevel governance, innovation, and *stronger* cooperation between border regions is to enable Cross-border

Points to establish Cross-border Committees when addressing a complex obstacle that requires higher cooperation among the relevant authorities of border regions; Coordination Points to establish Crossborder Committees when addressing a complex obstacle that requires higher cooperation among the relevant authorities of border regions *on all levels*;

Or. en

Amendment 49 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines that Member States are not obliged to trigger the instrument to address the obstacle, rather their response can vary from deciding not to address it, addressing it through the review of its administrative or legal framework through unilateral actions taken at the national level, soft-law instruments, or finally through the setting up of a Cross-border Committee tasked with the drafting of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more of the obstacles identified;

Amendment

13. Underlines that Member States are not obliged to trigger the instrument to address the obstacle, rather their response can vary from deciding not to address it, addressing it through the review of its administrative or legal framework through unilateral actions taken at the national level, soft-law instruments, *through existing bilateral or multilateral treaties*, or finally through the setting up of a Crossborder Committee tasked with the drafting of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more of the obstacles identified:

Or. en

Amendment 50 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines that Member States are not obliged to trigger the instrument to address the obstacle, rather their response can vary from deciding not to address it, addressing it through the review of its administrative or legal framework through

Amendment

13. Underlines that Member States' *response* to address *obstacles* can vary from addressing it through the review of its administrative or legal framework through unilateral actions taken at the *relevant* level, soft-law instruments, or finally

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unilateral actions taken at the *national* level, soft-law instruments, or finally through the setting up of a Cross-border Committee tasked with the drafting of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more of the obstacles identified;

through the setting up of a Cross-border Committee tasked with the drafting of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more of the obstacles identified;

Or. en

Amendment 51 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines that Member States are not obliged to trigger the instrument to address the obstacle, rather their response can vary from *deciding not to address it,* addressing it through the review of its administrative or legal framework through unilateral actions taken at the national level, soft-law instruments, or finally through the setting up of a Cross-border Committee tasked with the drafting of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more of the obstacles identified:

Amendment

13. Underlines that Member States are not obliged to trigger the instrument to address the obstacle, rather their response can vary from addressing it through the review of its administrative or legal framework through unilateral actions taken at the national level, soft-law instruments, or finally through the setting up of a Crossborder Committee tasked with the drafting of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more of the obstacles identified;

Or. en

Amendment 52 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Emphasises that the adoption of a decision on the implementation of any adhoc solution drafted by the Cross-border Committee shall remain at the discretion of the competent authorities at national level, and shall in any case be carried out by

Amendment

14. Emphasises that the adoption of a decision on the implementation of any adhoc solution drafted by the Cross-border Committee shall remain at the discretion of the competent authorities at national level, and shall in any case be carried out by

Member States in full compliance with their legislative framework; Member States in full compliance with their legislative framework *and their sovereignty*;

Or. fr

Amendment 53 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Emphasises that the adoption of a decision on the implementation of any adhoc solution drafted by the Cross-border Committee shall remain at the discretion of the competent authorities at *national* level, and shall in any case be carried out by Member States in full compliance with their legislative framework;

Amendment

14. Emphasises that the adoption of a decision on the implementation of any adhoc solution drafted by the Cross-border Committee shall remain at the discretion of the competent authorities at *the relevant* level, and shall in any case be carried out by Member States in full compliance with their legislative *and constitutional* framework;

Or. en

Amendment 54 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Emphasises that the adoption of a decision on the implementation of any adhoc solution drafted by the Cross-border Committee shall remain at the discretion of the competent authorities at national level, and shall in any case be carried out by Member States in full compliance with their legislative framework;

Amendment

14. Emphasises that the adoption of a decision on the implementation of any adhoc solution drafted by the Cross-border Committee shall remain at the discretion of the competent authorities at national level, and shall in any case be carried out by Member States in full compliance with their legislative *and constitutional* framework;

Or. en

Amendment 55 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that some Member States, for example, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg and Malta, which are single NUTS level 2 regions, are being excluded from Commission's proposal original geographical scope of NUTS 3 level, whereas in Germany NUTS 1 regions correspond to the federal States, NUTS 2 to governmental regions and NUTS 3 regions are generally districts; argues that in the case of cross-border obstacles. NUTS 3 level is not always the optimal level to solve legal and administrative obstacles in various cross-border situations:

Amendment

15 Notes that some Member States, for example, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg and Malta, which are single NUTS level 2 regions, are being excluded from Commission's proposal original geographical scope of NUTS 3 level, whereas in Germany NUTS 1 regions correspond to the federal States, NUTS 2 to governmental regions and NUTS 3 regions are generally districts; argues that in the case of cross-border obstacles. NUTS 3 level is not always the optimal level to solve legal and administrative obstacles in various cross-border situations; stresses, therefore, that the future coordination framework must allow for a certain flexibility in its implementation in order to be as relevant and effective as possible by targeting the most suitable territory in each case;

Or. fr

Amendment 56 Alessandro Panza

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Notes that the revised ECBM proposal should also include those crossborder areas characterised by a border outside the EU, such as the Austria, France, Germany and Italy border with Switzerland;

Amendment 57 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Requests that the Commission submit, on the basis of third paragraph of Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a proposal for a regulation on a Border Regions' Instrument for Development and Growth in the EU, following the recommendations set out in the Annex hereto;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 58 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Requests that the Commission submit, on the basis of third paragraph of Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a proposal for a regulation on a Border Regions' Instrument for Development and Growth in the EU, following the recommendations set out in the Annex hereto;

Amendment

16. Requests that the Commission submit, on the basis of third paragraph of Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a proposal for a regulation on a Border Regions' Instrument for Development and Growth in the EU, following the recommendations set out in the Annex hereto; stresses that any legislative proposal on this matter must clearly define the entities concerned, in order to ensure the necessary legal certainty for local actors;

Or. fr

Amendment 59 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Requests that the Commission submit, on the basis of third paragraph of Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a proposal for a regulation on *a Border Regions' Instrument for Development and Growth in the EU*, following the recommendations set out in the Annex hereto;

Amendment

16. Requests that the Commission submit, on the basis of third paragraph of Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a proposal for a Regulation on *Cross-Border Cooperation (CBCR)*, following the recommendations set out in the Annex hereto:

Or. en

Amendment 60 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls the commitment of the Commission President to Parliament's right of initiative and of her pledge to follow up Parliament's own-initiative legislative reports with a legislative act, in line with principles of Union law, contained in the Political Guidelines for the next European Commission 2019-2024; expects, therefore, the Commission to follow up this resolution with a legislative proposal;

Amendment

17. Recalls the commitment of the Commission President to Parliament's right of initiative and of her pledge to follow up Parliament's own-initiative legislative reports with a legislative act, in line with principles of Union law, contained in the Political Guidelines for the next European Commission 2019-2024;

Or. fr

Amendment 61 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Is of the view that sufficient funding for the proposals set out herein is required and considers that the financial implications of the requested proposals should be covered by the relevant Union budgetary allocation. Calls in this regard on the Commission to assess whether the implementation of the new Regulation could be facilitated through the mobilisation of Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission (TAIEX) or of the Technical Support Instrument, with a view to promote capacity-building of Member States' authorities at all levels;

Amendment

deleted

Or fr

Amendment 62 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

18. Is of the view that sufficient funding for the proposals set out herein is required, particularly regarding capacity building in the relevant local and regional authorities, and national authorities where these take on the role of Cross Border Coordination Points, and considers that the financial implications of the requested proposals should be covered by the relevant Union budgetary allocation. Calls in this regard on the Commission to assess whether the implementation of the new Regulation could be facilitated through the mobilisation of Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission

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(TAIEX) or of the Technical Support Instrument, with a view to promote capacity-building of Member States' authorities at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 63 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the accompanying recommendations to the Commission and the Council

Amendment

19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution.

Or. fr

Amendment 64 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the accompanying recommendations to the Commission and the Council.

Amendment

19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the accompanying recommendations to the Commission and the Council *and to the European Committee of the Regions*.

Or. en

Amendment 65 André Rougé

Motion for a resolution Annex I

[...] deleted

Or fr

Amendment 66 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Annex I – subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

Amendment

DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL [for the sake of legal consistency of this legislative act and motion for a resolution, the concerned notion should apply consequently and precisely throughout the entirety of the text]

Or. en

Amendment 67 Niyazi Kizilyürek

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the third paragraph of Article 175 thereof,

Amendment

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular *Article 174*, the third paragraph of Article 175 thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 68 Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 1

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Motion for a resolution

The third paragraph of Article 175 (1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) provides for specific actions to be adopted outside the Funds which are the subject of the first paragraph of that Article, in order to achieve the objective of economic, social and territorial cohesion set out in the TFEU. The harmonious development of the entire Union territory and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion imply the strengthening of territorial cooperation. To this end, it is appropriate to adopt the measures necessary to improve the implementation conditions for actions of territorial cooperation.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 69 Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- (1a) To this end, measures shall be taken to improve the implementation conditions for actions of territorial cooperation, including:
- (a) Enhancing the exchange of best practices and knowledge-sharing among Member States, regions, and local authorities involved in territorial cooperation initiatives;
- (b) Facilitating and promoting crossborder, transnational, and interregional cooperation projects that contribute to the harmonious development of the Union territory;
- (c) Providing financial support and technical assistance to territorial cooperation initiatives, ensuring that

adequate resources are allocated to support their implementation;

- (d) Strengthening the coordination mechanisms and governance structures for territorial cooperation, including the involvement of relevant stakeholders at all levels;
- (e) Promoting the integration of territorial cooperation objectives into relevant EU policies and strategies, such as regional development, transport, environment, and employment.

Or. en

Amendment 70 Corina Cretu

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1b) The European Union institutions, Member States, and regional and local authorities shall work together to ensure the effective implementation and monitoring of actions of territorial cooperation, with a view to achieving a more cohesive and integrated Union territory.' The same level of cooperation shall be done, on voluntary basis, between EU Member States and candidate states neighbouring the MS frontier.

Or. en

Amendment 71 Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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- (4) The Commission also highlighted that numerous legal barriers still exist in border regions, especially those related to health services, labour regulation, taxes, business development, and barriers linked to differences in administrative cultures and national legal frameworks. Neither European Territorial Cooperation funding nor the institutional support to cooperation by the European groupings of territorial cooperation (EGTCs) is sufficient on its own to address the resolution of those barriers which constitute real obstacles to effective cooperation.
- (4) The Commission also highlighted that numerous legal barriers still exist in border regions, especially those related to health services, *cross-border health crisis*, labour regulation, taxes, business development, and barriers linked to differences in administrative cultures and national legal frameworks. Neither European Territorial Cooperation funding nor the institutional support to cooperation by the European groupings of territorial cooperation (EGTCs) is sufficient on its own to address the resolution of those barriers which constitute real obstacles to effective cooperation.

Or. en

Amendment 72 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 4

Motion for a resolution

(4) The Commission also highlighted that numerous legal barriers still exist in border regions, especially those related to health services, labour regulation, taxes, business development, and barriers linked to differences in administrative cultures and national legal frameworks. Neither European Territorial Cooperation funding nor the institutional support to cooperation by the European groupings of territorial cooperation (EGTCs) is sufficient on its own to address the resolution of those barriers which constitute real obstacles to effective cooperation.

Amendment

The Commission also highlighted **(4)** that numerous legal barriers still exist in border regions, especially those related to health services, labour regulation, environmental protection, taxes, business development, and barriers linked to differences in administrative cultures and national legal frameworks. Neither European Territorial Cooperation funding nor the institutional support to cooperation by the European groupings of territorial cooperation (EGTCs) is sufficient on its own to address the resolution of those barriers which constitute real obstacles to effective cooperation.

Or. en

Amendment 73 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 11

Motion for a resolution

In its assessment of data between 2014-2019, the relevant European Added Value Assesment (EAVA) study by the European Parliamentary Research Service found that removing obstacles would bring significant benefits for NUTS3 border regions and to the entire Union economy. More precisely, a total Gross Value Added (GVA) benefit of a complete removal of legal and administrative barriers would yield around €457 billion, representing 3, 8 % of total 2019 EU GVA. Removing 20% of obstacles for all border regions, would result in a total GVA benefit of €123 billion, representing around 1% of total 2019 EU GVA, as well as total employment benefit of 1 million jobs representing around 0.5% of total employment at *Enion* level³.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 74 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 11

Motion for a resolution

(11) In its assessment of data between 2014-2019, the relevant European Added Value Assesment (EAVA) study by the European Parliamentary Research Service found that removing obstacles would bring significant benefits for NUTS3 border

Amendment

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³ EPRS, Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context: European added value assessment, PE 740.233, May 2023.

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Or. en

Amendment 75 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 14

Motion for a resolution

Even though a number of effective treaties, agreements and instruments for cross-border cooperation already exist at inter-governmental, regional and local level in certain regions of the Union, they do not cover all border regions of the Union. Furthermore, the financing instruments (mainly Interreg) and the legal instruments (mainly EGTCs) provided so far at Union level have not been sufficient to resolve cross-border obstacles throughout the Union. In order to complement the existing systems, it is therefore necessary to set up a voluntary coordination framework laying down general provisions and procedural arrangements Member States may use in order to address obstacles hampering the

Amendment

Even though a number of effective (14)treaties, agreements and instruments for cross-border cooperation already exist at inter-governmental, regional and local level in certain regions of the Union, they do not cover all border regions of the Union. Furthermore, the financing instruments (mainly Interreg) and the legal instruments (mainly EGTCs) provided so far at Union level have not been sufficient to resolve cross-border obstacles throughout the Union. In order to complement the existing systems, while removing procedural obstacles to the development of border areas, it is therefore necessary to set up a voluntary coordination framework laying down general provisions and *clear* procedural

³ EPRS, Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context: European added value assessment, PE 740.233, May 2023.

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implementation of a joint project in a cross-border context. Any decision on whether and how to address potential obstacles should fall within the remit of the Member States concerned arrangements Member States may use in order to address obstacles hampering the implementation of a joint project in a cross-border context. Any decision on whether and how to address potential obstacles should fall within the remit of the Member States concerned.

Or. fr

Amendment 76 Corina Cretu

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(15a) To improve the life of citizens in cross-border regions between the Member States and candidate countries and to strengthen cooperation, a Member States may on a voluntary basis apply this Regulation and its provisions to resolve legal and administrative obstacles to border regions of the Union with candidate countries, while respecting Union law;

Or. en

Amendment 77 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 16

Motion for a resolution

(16) In order to coordinate the tasks of different authorities, which in some Member States will include national and regional legislative bodies, within a given Member State and between those of one or more neighbouring Member States, each Member State should be required to

Amendment

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establish or designate a national Crossborder Coordination Point either as a separate body, or within an existing national authority or body or by entrusting the task to an appropriate authority or body. The tasks of the Cross-border Coordination Points are set out in this Regulation. establish or designate a national Crossborder Coordination Point either as a separate body, or within an existing national authority or body or by entrusting the task to an appropriate authority or body. The tasks of the Cross-border Coordination Points are set out in this Regulation *in accordance with national* competences.

Or. fr

Amendment 78 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 16

Motion for a resolution

In order to coordinate the tasks of (16)different authorities, which in some Member States will include national and regional legislative bodies, within a given Member State and between those of one or more neighbouring Member States, each Member State should be required to establish or designate a national Crossborder Coordination Point either as a separate body, or within an existing national authority or body or by entrusting the task to an appropriate authority or body. The tasks of the Cross-border Coordination Points are set out in this Regulation.

Amendment

(16) In order to coordinate the tasks of different authorities, which in some Member States will include national and regional legislative bodies, within a given Member State and between those of one or more neighbouring Member States, each Member State should be required to establish or designate a national Crossborder Coordination Point either within an existing national authority or body, or by entrusting the task to an appropriate *existing* authority or body. The tasks of the Cross-border Coordination Points are set out in this Regulation.

Or en

Amendment 79 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- (16) In order to coordinate the tasks of different authorities, which in some Member States will include national and regional legislative bodies, within a given Member State and between those of one or more neighbouring Member States, each Member State should be required to establish or designate a *national* Crossborder Coordination Point either as a separate body, or within an existing *national* authority or body or by entrusting the task to an appropriate authority or body. The tasks of the Cross-border Coordination Points are set out in this Regulation.
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Or. en

Amendment 80 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 16

Motion for a resolution

(16)In order to coordinate the tasks of different authorities, which in some Member States will include national and regional legislative bodies, within a given Member State and between those of one or more neighbouring Member States, each Member State should be required to establish or designate a national Crossborder Coordination *Point* either as *a* separate **body**, or within **an** existing national authority or body or by entrusting the task to *an* appropriate *authority or* body. The tasks of the Cross-border Coordination Points are set out in this Regulation.

Amendment

(16) In order to coordinate the tasks of different authorities, which in some Member States will include national and regional legislative bodies, within a given Member State and between those of one or more neighbouring Member States, each Member State should be required to establish or designate Cross-border Coordination *Points* either as separate *bodies*, or within existing *authorities or bodies* or by entrusting the task to appropriate *authorities or bodies*. The tasks of the Cross-border Coordination Points are set out in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 81 Ciarán Cuffe

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Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 19

Motion for a resolution

(19)Following the receipt of an initiative document, the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should liaise with all relevant national, regional and local authorities in its Member State and with the Cross-border Coordination Point in the bordering Member State(s) concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should provide the initiator with a preliminary assessment regarding whether the initiative document complies with the requirements set out in this Regulation, and whether the obstacle exists. The Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should then be able to decide whether a procedure leading to the conclusion of an ad-hoc solution is to be launched, whether a solution is to be found at national level, or that it considers the removal of one or more obstacles hampering the implementation of a joint project falls within the remit of existing international arrangements. It should also be recalled that the Member State may decide not to address the obstacles. Any decision remains within the discretion of the Member States concerned and should be duly justified and communicated in due time to all the stakeholders involved.

Amendment

(19)Following the receipt of an initiative document, the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should liaise with all relevant national, regional and local authorities in its Member State and with the Cross-border Coordination Point in the bordering Member State(s) concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should provide the initiator with a preliminary assessment regarding whether the initiative document complies with the requirements set out in this Regulation, and whether the obstacle exists. This preliminary assessment should be made publicly available upon request. The Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should then be able to decide whether a procedure leading to the conclusion of an ad-hoc solution is to be launched, whether a solution is to be found at national level, or that it considers the removal of one or more obstacles hampering the implementation of a joint project falls within the remit of existing international arrangements. It should also be recalled that the Member State may decide not to address the obstacles. Any decision remains within the discretion of the Member States concerned and should be duly justified and communicated in due time to all the stakeholders involved, and made publicly available upon request.

Or. en

Amendment 82 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 19

Motion for a resolution

(19)Following the receipt of an initiative document, the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should liaise with all relevant national, regional and local authorities in its Member State and with the Cross-border Coordination **Point** in the bordering Member State(s) concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should provide the initiator with a preliminary assessment regarding whether the initiative document complies with the requirements set out in this Regulation, and whether the obstacle exists. The Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact should then be able to decide whether a procedure leading to the conclusion of an ad-hoc solution is to be launched, whether a solution is to be found at national level, or that it considers the removal of one or more obstacles hampering the implementation of a joint project falls within the remit of existing international arrangements. It should also be recalled that the Member State may decide not to address the obstacles. Any decision remains within the discretion of the Member States concerned and should be duly justified and communicated in due time to all the stakeholders involved.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 83 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Annex I – paragraph 8 – point 23

Motion for a resolution

(23) The conditions for territorial cooperation should be created in accordance with the subsidiarity principle enshrined in Article 5(3) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and with the principle of proportionality, as set out in

Amendment

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Article 5(4) TEU whereby the content and form of Union action should not exceed what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Treaties. Therefore, the adoption of this Regulation should not undermine the application of any existing or future bilateral or *plurilateral* treaties or agreements concluded by Member States under international law

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Or. en

Amendment 84 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. This Regulation sets up a coordination framework that lays down general provisions and procedural arrangements for Member States to address an obstacle that hampers the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project in a cross-border context.

Amendment

1. This Regulation sets up a coordination framework that lays down general provisions and procedural arrangements for Member States, *in close cooperation with their competent local and regional authorities*, to address an obstacle that hampers the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project in a cross-border context

Or. en

Amendment 85 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. This Regulation sets up a coordination framework that lays down general provisions and procedural arrangements for Member States to address an obstacle that hampers the planning,

Amendment

1. This Regulation sets up a coordination framework that lays down general provisions and procedural arrangements for Member States, *in cooperation with their local and regional*

development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project in a crossborder context. *authorities*, to address an obstacle that hampers the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project in a cross-border context.

Or. en

Amendment 86 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. This *Regulation* sets up a coordination framework that lays down general provisions *and procedural arrangements* for Member States to address an obstacle that hampers the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project in a cross-border context.

Amendment

1. This *Directive* sets up a coordination framework that lays down general provisions for Member States to address an obstacle that hampers the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project in a cross-border context.

Or. en

Amendment 87 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 1 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Member States shall assess on a case-by-case basis whether to trigger the procedural arrangements laid down in Chapter II to address an obstacle as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Amendment

2. Member States shall assess on a *voluntary and* case-by-case basis whether to trigger the procedural arrangements laid down in Chapter II to address an obstacle as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Or. en

Amendment 88 Corina Cretu

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Motion for a resolution Article 1 – point 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Member States may on a voluntary basis apply this Regulation and its provisions to resolve legal and administrative obstacles to border regions of the Union with candidate countries, while respecting Union law;

Or. en

Amendment 89 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) 'cross-border region' means the territory covered by bordering land or maritime border regions in two or more Member States at NUTS level 2 and 3 regions;

Amendment

(1) 'cross-border region' means the territory covered by bordering land or maritime border regions in two or more Member States at NUTS level 2 and 3 regions *or any other relevant level depending on the project concerned*;

Or. fr

Amendment 90 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

(2) 'joint project' means any item of infrastructure with an impact in a given cross-border region or any service of general economic interest provided in a given cross-border region, regardless of whether this impact appears on both sides

Amendment

(2) 'joint project' means any item of infrastructure with an impact in a given cross-border region or any service of general economic interest provided in a given cross-border region;

Amendment 91 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Motion for a resolution

(3) 'obstacle' means any legal or administrative provision with regard to the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project that obstructs the inherent potential of a border region when interacting across the border;

Amendment

(3) 'obstacles in a cross-border context' means any legal or administrative provision with regard to the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project that obstructs the inherent potential of a border region when interacting across the border;

[for the sake of legal consistency of this legislative act and motion for a resolution, the concerned definition should apply consequently and precisely throughout the entirety of the text whenever any form of 'obstacles' are adressed]

Or. en

Amendment 92 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Motion for a resolution

(3) 'obstacle' means any *legal* or administrative provision with regard to the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project that obstructs the inherent potential of a border region when interacting across the border;

Amendment

(3) 'obstacle' means any *legislative* or administrative provision with regard to the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project that obstructs the inherent potential of a border region when interacting across the border;

Or. en

Amendment 93 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Motion for a resolution

(4) 'initiator' means the actor who identifies one or more obstacles and triggers the coordination framework by submitting an initiative document;

Amendment

(4) 'initiator' means the actor who identifies one or more obstacles and triggers the coordination framework by submitting an initiative document, and can be a local or regional authority, a civil society organisation or citizen initiative, or other bodies with or without legal personality such as a public service operator^{1a};

^{1a} 'Public service operator' Within the meaning of REGULATION (EC) No 1370/2007 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 October 2007 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road

Or. en

Amendment 94 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Motion for a resolution

(6) 'area of application' means the area in one or more Member States where an ad hoc legal solution shall apply, limited to what is strictly necessary for the implementation of the joint project;

Amendment

(6) 'area of application' means the area in one or more Member States where an ad hoc legal *or administrative* solution shall apply, limited to what is strictly necessary for the implementation of the joint project;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Motion for a resolution

(6) 'area of application' means the area in one or more Member States where an ad hoc legal solution shall apply, limited to what is strictly necessary for the implementation of the joint project;

Amendment

(6) 'area of application' means the *territorial* area in one or more Member States where an ad hoc legal solution shall apply, limited to what is strictly necessary for the implementation of the joint project;

Or. en

Amendment 96 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) designate, at national level, a Cross-border Coordination Point, as a separate body; Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 97 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) designate, at *national* level, a Cross-border Coordination Point, as a separate body;

Amendment

(a) designate, at the relevant governance level determined by the Member State constitutional framework, a Cross-border Coordination Point, as a separate body;

Or. en

Amendment 98 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) designate, at *national* level, *a* Cross-border Coordination *Point*, as a separate body;

Amendment

(a) designate, at *the relevant governance* level, Cross-border Coordination *Points*, as a separate body;

Or. en

Amendment 99 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) establish a Cross-border Coordination Point within an existing *national* authority or body; Amendment

(b) establish a Cross-border Coordination Point within an existing authority or body;

Or. en

Amendment 100 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) establish a Cross-border Coordination **Point** within an existing national authority or body; Amendment

(b) establish Cross-border Coordination *Points* within existing *authorities or bodies*;

Or. en

Amendment 101 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) entrust *an* appropriate *authority or body* with the additional tasks as *national* Cross-border Coordination *Point*.

Amendment

(c) entrust appropriate *authorities or bodies* with the additional tasks as Crossborder Coordination *Points*.

Or. en

Amendment 102 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) entrust an appropriate authority or body with the additional tasks as *national* Cross-border Coordination Point.

Amendment

(c) entrust an appropriate authority or body with the additional tasks as Crossborder Coordination Point.

Or. en

Amendment 103 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the identity of the Crossborder Coordination Point within three months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Amendment

2. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the identity of the Crossborder Coordination Point *or Points* within three months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 104 Herbert Dorfmann

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Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the identity of the Crossborder Coordination *Point* within three months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Amendment

2. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the identity of the Crossborder Coordination *Points* within three months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 105 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the identity of the Crossborder Coordination Point within *three* months of the date of entry into force of this *Regulation*.

Amendment

2. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the identity of the Crossborder Coordination Point within *nine* months of the date of entry into force of this *Directive*.

Or. en

Amendment 106 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 4 – point 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. The Member States shall ensure that the authority or body which is established as, or takes on the additional tasks of, a Cross-Border Coordination Point receives the necessary capacity building and support to carry out the tasks described in Article 5.

Amendment 107 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 1 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

1. Each Cross-border Coordination Point shall *carry out the tasks and* procedures established in Chapter II, *and in particular*:

Amendment

1. Each Cross-border Coordination Point shall *abide to* procedures established in Chapter II *and carry out at least the following tasks*:

Or. en

Amendment 108 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) carry out a preliminary analysis of all initiative documents received;

Amendment

(a) carry out a preliminary analysis of all initiative documents received, *and maintain records of same*;

Or. en

Amendment 109 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) coordinate the preparation, conclusion, and implementation for all adhoc solutions concerning the territory of its Member State;

Amendment

(b) coordinate the preparation, *consultation*, conclusion, and implementation for all ad-hoc solutions concerning the territory of its Member State;

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Amendment 110 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ca) maintains contacts with citizens seeking solutions in cases of cross-border administrative blockages;

Or. fr

Amendment 111 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 1 – point d a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(da) identify and liaise with relevant non-governmental organisations and civil society representatives in the respective field;

Or. en

Amendment 112 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 1 – point e a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ea) liaise with the initiator and ensure transparency and access to documentation

Or. en

Amendment 113 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 2 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

2. Each Member State may decide to entrust the Cross-border Coordination *Point* with the following additional tasks:

Amendment

2. Each Member State may decide to entrust the Cross-border Coordination *Points* with the following additional tasks:

Or. en

Amendment 114
Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 2 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) *monitor* the implementation of all ad-hoc solutions concerning the territory of its Member State;

Amendment

(a) *coordinate* the implementation of all ad-hoc solutions concerning the territory of its Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 115 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 5 – point 2 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) **monitor** the implementation of all ad-hoc solutions concerning the territory of its Member State;

Amendment

(a) *coordinate* the implementation of all ad-hoc solutions concerning the territory of its Member State;

Or. fr

Amendment 116 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 6 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Member States shall decide by mutual agreement, and on the basis of a case-by-case assessment pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), and to Article 12, to set up a Cross-border committee tasked with the formulation of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more obstacles identified through an initiative document.

Amendment

1. Together with their their competent local and regional authorities concerned Member States shall decide by mutual agreement, and on the basis of a case-by-case assessment pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), and to Article 12, to set up a Cross-border committee tasked with the formulation of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more obstacles identified through an initiative document.

Or. en

Amendment 117 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 6 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Member States shall decide by mutual agreement, and on the basis of a case-by-case assessment pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), and to Article 12, to set up a Cross-border committee tasked with the formulation of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more obstacles identified through an initiative document.

Amendment

1. Member States shall decide by mutual agreement, together with the local and regional authorities concerned, and on the basis of a case-by-case assessment pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), and to Article 12, to set up a Cross-border committee tasked with the formulation of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more obstacles identified through an initiative document.

Or. en

Amendment 118 Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution

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Article 6 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Member States shall decide by mutual agreement, and on the basis of a case-by-case assessment pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), and to Article 12, to set up a Cross-border committee tasked with the formulation of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more obstacles identified through an initiative document.

Amendment

1. Member States shall decide by mutual agreement, and on the basis of a case-by-case assessment pursuant to Article 11(1), point (d), and to Article 12, to set up a Cross-border committee tasked with the formulation of an ad-hoc solution to address one or more obstacles identified through an initiative document.

Or. en

Amendment 119 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 6 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. The draft ad-hoc solution shall lay down legal or administrative arrangements to address solely the obstacle set out in an initiative document. The conclusion and implementation of the ad-hoc solution shall be entrusted to the competent authorities of the Member States concerned, in full compliance with their legislative *framework*.

Amendment

2. The draft ad-hoc solution shall lay down legal or administrative arrangements to address solely the obstacle set out in an initiative document. The conclusion and implementation of the ad-hoc solution shall be entrusted to the competent authorities of the Member States concerned, in full compliance with their legislative *and constitutional frameworks*.

Or. en

Amendment 120 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 6 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. The draft ad-hoc solution shall lay down legal or administrative arrangements to address solely the obstacle set out in an

Amendment

2. The draft ad-hoc solution shall lay down legal or administrative arrangements to address solely the obstacle set out in an

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initiative document. The conclusion and implementation of the ad-hoc solution shall be entrusted to the competent authorities of the Member States concerned, in full compliance with their legislative framework.

initiative document. The conclusion and implementation of the ad-hoc solution shall be entrusted to the competent authorities of the Member States concerned, in full compliance with their legislative *and constitutional* framework.

Or. en

Amendment 121 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 6 – point 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Cross-border Committees shall be composed of representatives of the national, regional or local authorities designated by the Cross-border Coordination Points of the Member States concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Points shall make all necessary efforts to allow the participation of regional and local authorities to the Cross-border Committee where the removal of the obstacle falls within their competences or within their territory.

Amendment

3. Cross-border Committees shall be composed of representatives of the national, regional or local authorities designated by the Cross-border Coordination Points of the Member States concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Points shall make all necessary efforts to allow the participation of regional and local authorities to the Cross-border Committee where the removal of the obstacle falls within their competences or within their territory. Failing their participation, the Cross-border Coordination Points will ensure to keep the relevant local and regional authorities informed of the outcomes of Cross-border Committee meetings.

Or. en

Amendment 122 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 6 – point 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Cross-border Committees shall be

Amendment

3. Cross-border Committees shall be

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composed of representatives of the national, regional or local authorities designated by the Cross-border Coordination Points of the Member States concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Points shall *make all necessary efforts to allow* the participation of regional and local authorities to the Cross-border Committee where the removal of the obstacle falls within their competences or within their territory.

composed of representatives of the national, regional or local authorities designated by the Cross-border Coordination Points of the Member States concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Points shall *ensure* the participation of regional and local authorities to the Cross-border Committee where the removal of the obstacle falls within their competences or within their territory.

Or. en

Amendment 123 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 6 – point 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Cross-border Committees shall be composed of representatives of the national, regional or local authorities designated by the *Cross-border*Coordination Points of the Member States concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Points shall make all necessary efforts to allow the participation of regional and local authorities to the Cross-border Committee where the removal of the obstacle falls within their competences or within their territory.

Amendment

3. Cross-border Committees shall be composed of representatives of the national, regional or local authorities designated by the *respective authorities* of the Member States concerned. The Cross-border Coordination Points shall make all necessary efforts to allow the participation of regional and local authorities to the Cross-border Committee where the removal of the obstacle falls within their competences or within their territory.

Or. en

Amendment 124 Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution Article 7 – point 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) provide practical information and

Amendment

(b) provide, *if requested*, practical

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interpretation of the subject area and the thematic focus of this Regulation;

information and interpretation of the subject area and the thematic focus of this Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 125 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 7 – point 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) create, publish and keep an updated database of all national Cross-border Coordination Points, and of all ad-hoc solutions.

Amendment

(e) create, publish and keep an updated *public* database of all national Crossborder Coordination Points *and their contact details*, and of all ad-hoc solutions.

Or. en

Amendment 126 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 7 – point 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) create, publish and keep an updated database of all *national* Cross-border Coordination Points, and of all ad-hoc solutions.

Amendment

(e) create, publish and keep an updated database of all Cross-border Coordination Points, and of all ad-hoc solutions.

Or en

Amendment 127 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 8 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- 1. The initiator shall identify *any obstacle* with regard to the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project.
- 1. The initiator shall identify *relevant cross-border obstacles* with regard to the planning, development, staffing, financing or functioning of a joint project.

Or. en

Amendment 128 Maria Angela Danzì

Motion for a resolution Article 8 – point 2 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) one or more local or regional authorities in a given cross-border region;

Amendment

(b) one or more local or regional authorities, *including the educational*, *health and safety authorities*, in a given cross-border region;

Or. it

Amendment 129 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 8 – point 3

Motion for a resolution

3. The initiator shall prepare an initiative document drafted in accordance with Article 9.

Amendment

3. The initiator shall prepare an initiative document drafted in accordance with Article 9. *In doing so, the initiator shall take into account the requests of the natural and legal persons concerned.*

Or. fr

Amendment 130 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 8 – point 4

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Motion for a resolution

4. The initiator shall submit the initiative document to the Cross-border Coordination *Point* of its Member State and send a copy to the Cross-border Coordination *Point* of the bordering Member State or States concerned. In cases referred to in Article 8(2), points (c) and (d), the initiator shall be free to decide to which Cross-border Coordination *Point* of the Member States concerned it shall send the initiative document

Amendment

4. The initiator shall submit the initiative document to the Cross-border Coordination *Points* of its Member State and send a copy to the Cross-border Coordination *Points* of the bordering Member State or States concerned. In cases referred to in Article 8(2), points (c) and (d), the initiator shall be free to decide to which Cross-border Coordination *Points* of the Member States concerned it shall send the initiative document.

Or. en

Amendment 131 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 9 – point 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ca) a list of the legislative and administrative provisions that should be taken into account for the envisaged adhoc solution

Or. en

Amendment 132 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 10 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Within one month of receipt of an initiative document, the Cross-border Coordination *Point* of the bordering Member State concerned shall send its preliminary reaction to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact.

Amendment

2. Within one month of receipt of an initiative document, the Cross-border Coordination *Points* of the bordering Member State concerned shall send its preliminary reaction to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact.

Amendment 133 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 10 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Within *one* month of receipt of an initiative document, the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned shall send its preliminary reaction to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact.

Amendment

2. Within *six* month of receipt of an initiative document, the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned shall send its preliminary reaction to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact.

Or. en

Amendment 134 Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution Article 10 – point 3 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) in cases where the initiative document was prepared in accordance with Article 9, inform the initiator within one month that it is admissible;

Amendment

(a) in cases where the initiative document was prepared in accordance with Article 9, inform the initiator within one month that it is admissible, *and therefore that an obstacle exists*;

Or. en

Amendment 135 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 10 – point 3 – point b – point ii

Motion for a resolution

(ii) where it considers that the revised initiative document is still not prepared in

Amendment

(ii) where it considers that the revised initiative document is still not prepared in

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accordance with Article 9 or that the additional specific information is still not sufficient, it shall, within one month after receipt of the revised initiative document, inform the initiator in writing about its decision to terminate the procedure; this decision shall set out its reasons;

accordance with Article 9 or that the additional specific information is still not sufficient, it shall, within one month after receipt of the revised initiative document, inform the initiator in writing about its decision to terminate the procedure; this decision shall set out its reasons and shall be kept on record to be made publicly available upon request;

Or. en

Amendment 136 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 10 – point 3 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) inform the initiator within three months about its assessment that there is no obstacle, while setting out in writing the reasons for its decision, the means of review available at national level to challenge its decision, and, where relevant, recommendations on how to proceed.

Amendment

(c) inform the initiator within three months about its assessment that there is no obstacle, while setting out in writing the reasons for its decision, the means of review available at national level to challenge its decision, and, where relevant, recommendations on how to proceed; this decision shall be kept on record to be made publicly available upon request.

Or. en

Amendment 137 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 10 – point 3 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) inform the initiator within three months about its assessment that there is no obstacle, while setting out in writing the reasons for its decision, the means of review available at national level to challenge its decision, and, where relevant,

Amendment

(c) inform the initiator within three months about its assessment that there is no obstacle, while setting out in writing the reasons for its decision, the means of review available at national level to challenge its decision, and, where relevant,

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recommendations on how to proceed.

recommendations on how to proceed or a statement that no further action should be taken.

Or. en

Amendment 138 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 10 – point 3 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) inform the initiator within three months about its assessment that there is no obstacle, while setting out in writing the reasons for its decision, the means of review available at national level *to challenge its decision*, and, where relevant, recommendations on how to proceed.

Amendment

(c) inform the initiator within three months about its assessment that there is no obstacle, while setting out in writing the reasons for its decision, the means of review available at national level, and, where relevant, recommendations on how to proceed.

Or. en

Amendment 139 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 1 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

1. Following the receipt of an initiative document complying with the requirements set out by Article 9, and the notification of its positive preliminary analysis pursuant to Article 10(3), points (a) and (b), the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact shall, within *three* months of that receipt, take one of the following actions:

Amendment

1. Following the receipt of an initiative document complying with the requirements set out by Article 9, and the notification of its positive preliminary analysis pursuant to Article 10(3), points (a) and (b), the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact shall, within *six* months of that receipt, take one of the following actions:

Or. en

Amendment 140 Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 1 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aa) The information transmitted under paragraph 1 shall be made public.

Or fr

Amendment 141 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) *express* its commitment to *the initiator* to remove the *obstacle* by triggering the procedures to formulate an ad-hoc solution with the relevant authorities of the bordering Member State concerned by setting up a Cross-border Committee; the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact shall inform in writing the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member States, listing the national, regional and local authorities of the Member State of first contact which would take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution;

Amendment

(d) expresses its commitment to do utmost, within its competence, to remove the *obstacles* by triggering the procedures to formulate an ad-hoc solution with the relevant authorities of the bordering Member State concerned by setting up a Cross-border Committee; the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact shall inform in writing the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member States, listing the national, regional and local authorities of the Member State of first contact which would take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution;

Or. en

Amendment 142 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 1 – point d

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Motion for a resolution

(d) express its commitment to the initiator to remove the obstacle by triggering the procedures to formulate an ad-hoc solution with the relevant authorities of the bordering Member State concerned by setting up a Cross-border Committee; the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact shall inform in writing the Cross-border Coordination *Point* of the bordering Member States, listing the national, regional and local authorities of the Member State of first contact which would take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution;

Amendment

(d) express its commitment to the initiator to remove the obstacle by triggering the procedures to formulate an ad-hoc solution with the relevant authorities of the bordering Member State concerned by setting up a Cross-border Committee; the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact shall inform in writing the Cross-border Coordination *Points* of the bordering Member States, listing the national, regional and local authorities of the Member State of first contact which would take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution;

Or. en

Amendment 143 Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) inform the initiator about its commitment to address the obstacle by taking all necessary measures in compliance within its own legislative framework.

Amendment

(e) inform the initiator that the implementation of the project is hampered by an obstacle that is legal in nature, namely that can be resolved via a legislative procedure, and take one of the following measures:

Or. en

Amendment 144 Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 1 – point e – point i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

i) Commit to address the obstacle by taking all necessary measures in full

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compliance with its legislative framework, and liaise with the competent national, regional or local authority to that end;

Or. en

Amendment 145 Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 1 – point e – point ii (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

ii) decide not to address the obstacle while setting out in writing the grounds of its decision, and the means of review available at national level to challenge its decision;

Or. en

Amendment 146 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 11 – point 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Member States shall inform the Commission of any decision taken under this Article by the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact.

Amendment

3. Member States shall inform the Commission of any decision taken under this Article by the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact, and shall keep such decisions on record to be made publicly available upon request.

Or. en

Amendment 147 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 12 – point 1

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Motion for a resolution

1. Upon notification of the Cross-Border Coordination point of first contact of its request to draft an ad-hoc solution in the context of a Cross-border Committee pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned shall decide whether to initiate the procedures referred to in Article 13 within one month of that notification, and communicate its decision in writing to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact. If the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned decides to follow the procedures referred to in Article 13, *it* shall list the national, regional and local authorities which shall take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution.

Amendment

Upon notification of the Cross-1. Border Coordination point of first contact of its request to draft an ad-hoc solution in the context of a Cross-border Committee pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), the Cross-border Coordination *Points* of the bordering Member State concerned shall decide whether to initiate the procedures referred to in Article 13 within one month of that notification, and communicate its decision in writing to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact. If the Cross-border Coordination Points of the bordering Member State concerned decide to follow the procedures referred to in Article 13, *they* shall list the national, regional and local authorities which shall take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution.

Or. en

Amendment 148 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 12 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Upon notification of the Cross-Border Coordination point of first contact of its request to draft an ad-hoc solution in the context of a Cross-border Committee pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned shall decide whether to initiate the procedures referred to in Article 13 within one month of that notification, and communicate its decision in writing to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact. If the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned decides to follow the procedures referred to in

Amendment

1. Upon notification of the Cross-Border Coordination point of first contact of its request to draft an ad-hoc solution in the context of a Cross-border Committee pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned shall decide whether to initiate the procedures referred to in Article 13 within *four months* of that notification, and communicate its decision in writing to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact. If the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned decides to follow the procedures

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Article 13, it shall list the national, regional and local authorities which shall take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution.

referred to in Article 13, it shall list the national, regional and local authorities which shall take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution.

Or. en

Amendment 149 Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution Article 12 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Upon notification of the Cross-Border Coordination point of first contact of its request to draft an ad-hoc solution in the context of a Cross-border Committee pursuant to Article 11(1), point (c), the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned shall decide whether to initiate the procedures referred to in Article 13 within one month of that notification, and communicate its decision in writing to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact. If the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned decides to follow the procedures referred to in Article 13, it shall list the national, regional and local authorities which shall take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution.

Amendment

1. Upon notification of the Cross-Border Coordination point of first contact of its request to draft an ad-hoc solution in the context of a Cross-border Committee pursuant to Article 11(1), point (d), the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned shall decide whether to initiate the procedures referred to in Article 13 within one month of that notification, and communicate its decision in writing to the Cross-border Coordination Point of first contact. If the Cross-border Coordination Point of the bordering Member State concerned decides to follow the procedures referred to in Article 13, it shall list the national, regional and local authorities which shall take part in the preparation of the ad-hoc solution.

Or. en

Amendment 150 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Article 12 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Where the Cross-border Coordination *Point* of the bordering

Amendment

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Member State concerned communicates *their* decision not to initiate the procedures referred to in Article 13, *they* shall set out the reasons for its decision in writing. The Cross-border Coordination Point of the Member State of first contact shall inform the initiator that one or more of the Member States concerned have decided not to resolve the obstacles identified by the initiator.

Or. en

Amendment 151 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 13 – point 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 152 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 13 – point 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) the date of entry into force of the ad-hoc solution as agreed by the competent authorities.

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Or. en

Amendment 153

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Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 14 – point 2

Motion for a resolution

2. A copy shall be sent for information to the initiator by the Crossborder Coordination Point of first contact.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 154 Ciarán Cuffe

Motion for a resolution Article 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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Article15a

Third countries or Accession countries participation

- 1. This Regulation would apply in the same conditions to Third countries or Accession countries if they decide to trigger the procedural arrangements laid down in Chapter II to address an obstacle as referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 1.
- 2. The country concerned shall in that case inform the Commission and the Member States concerned in the form of a letter about its intention laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Or. en

Amendment 155 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 17 – title

Motion for a resolution

Entry into force and *application* Entry into force and *transposition*

Or. en

Amendment 156 Waldemar Tomaszewski

Motion for a resolution Article 17 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Amendment

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[enter date], Member States shall adopt and publish the measures necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

They shall apply those measures from [enter date].

When Member States adopt the measures referred to in paragraph 1, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 157 Herbert Dorfmann

Motion for a resolution Annex II – point 3 – paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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