DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Regional Development

for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development


Rapporteur for opinion: Herbert Dorfmann
SHORT JUSTIFICATION

As the legislative framework governing the common agricultural policy beyond 2020 is still under negotiation, it is necessary, in order to guarantee a smooth transition, to adopt transitional measures allowing the extension of the applicability of existing regulations until the implementation of the new system,

The regulations in force must be modified, in particular to include the applicable amounts / ceilings, which have to be fixed for the new MFF 2021-2027.

The first amendment tabled intend to prolong the Member states notification period from 10 to 30 days.

The second amendment make it possible to use the EAFRD 2022-2027 allocations for measures already committed which involve payments beyond 31 December 2021, in case the funds are fully used up (as it was the case in article 3 of Regulation 1310/2013). As the sole EAFRD 2021 annual budget will not be sufficient to fund the commitments from the 2014-2021 programming and for which EAFRD appropriations have been completely spent, the Commission should be able to set aside 2022-2027 programming appropriations for new commitments in order to guarantee the continuity of the 2014-2021 commitments.

In line with the MFF position of the European Parliament, amendment 3 to 6 aim to state in the crisis reserve article that the initial capital of the reserve should be additional to the CAP budget and should be placed in the reserve at the beginning of the programming period. Moreover, in order do not lose this money, the reform of the functioning of the reserve should be anticipated to allow the carryover of non-committed funds from 2021 to the following years.

Amendment 7 reinforces Member States obligations regarding internal convergence.

Finally, in amendments 8 to 15 the rapporteur reinstated the resources for agriculture, in line with the MFF position of the EP.
AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Regional Development calls on the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

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<td>Member States that decide to make use of the possibility provided in the first subparagraph shall notify the Commission of their decision within 10 days after the entry into force of this Regulation. Where Member States have submitted a set of regional programmes in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, that notification shall also contain information on which of the regional programmes are to be extended and on the corresponding budgetary allocation within the annual breakdown for the year 2021 as set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013.</td>
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Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

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<td>2 a. Expenditure relating to legal commitments to beneficiaries incurred under the measures referred to in Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 may be eligible for an EAFRD contribution in the period 2022-2027: (a) for payments to be made between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2023 or 31 December 2024 in Member States that have decided to extend the 2014-2020 period in accordance with Article 1(1) of this Regulation, where the financial</td>
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allocation for the relevant measure of the respective program adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 and, where applicable, Article 1(1) of this Regulation, has already been used up; and

(b) for payments to be made after 31 December 2023 or 31 December 2024 in member States that have decided to extend the 2014-2020 period in accordance with Article 1(1) of this Regulation.

Amendment 3
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point -1 (new)
Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013
Article 25 – paragraph 1

Present text

A reserve intended to provide additional support for the agricultural sector in the case of major crises affecting the agricultural production or distribution("the reserve for crises in the agricultural sector") shall be established by applying, at the beginning of each year, a reduction to direct payments with the financial discipline mechanism referred to in Article 26.

Amendment

(-1) in Article 25, the first paragraph is replaced by the following:

"A reserve intended to provide additional support for the agricultural sector for the purpose of market management or stabilisation and to respond promptly in the case of crises affecting the agricultural production or distribution ("the reserve for crises in the agricultural sector") shall be established at the beginning of each year inthe EAGF."

Amendment 4
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point 1
Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013
Article 25 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

For 2021, the amount of the reserve shall be EUR 400 million (at 2011 prices) and shall be included under Heading 3 of the Multiannual Financial Framework as set out in the Annex to Council Regulation (EU) [xxxx/xxxx][MFF].

Amendment

For 2021, the amount of the reserve shall be EUR 400 million (at 2011 prices) in addition to the EAGF and EAFRD budgets and shall be included under Heading 3 of the Multiannual Financial Framework as set out in the Annex to Council Regulation (EU) [xxxx/xxxx][MFF].

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* Council Regulation (EU) […] of […] [laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (OJ …..)’

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)

Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013

Article 25 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(1 a) in Article 25, the following paragraph is added:

"At the beginning of the following years, the amount of the reserve shall be at least equal to the initial amount allocated in 2021 and shall be adjusted through the annual budgetary procedure or during the year when appropriate in view of market crisis developments or perspectives in the current or following year and taking into account available revenues assigned to the EAGF or margins available appropriations under the EAGF sub-ceiling. In the event that such available appropriations are not sufficient, financial discipline may be used to fund the reserve up to the initial amount referred to in the first paragraph."

Amendment

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point 1 b (new)
Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013
Article 25 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(1 b) in Article 25, the following paragraph is added:

"By way of derogation from point (d) of Article 12(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council*, non-committed appropriations of the reserve shall be carried over without time limitation to finance the reserve in the following financial years.

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point 7
Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013
Article 25 – paragraph 12

Text proposed by the Commission

12. For calendar year 2021, Member States may decide to apply further internal

Amendment

12. For calendar year 2021, Member States shall apply further internal
convergence by applying paragraph 11 to the respective year.;

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 228/2013
Article 30 – paragraph 2 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— in the French overseas departments: EUR 267 580 000,

Amendment

— in the French overseas departments: EUR 278 410 000,

Or. en

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 228/2013
Article 30 – paragraph 2 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

— Azores and Madeira: EUR 102 080 000,

Amendment

— Azores and Madeira: EUR 106 210 000,

Or. en

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 228/2013
Article 30 – paragraph 2 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

— Canary Islands: EUR 257 970 000.

Amendment

— Canary Islands: EUR 268 420 000.

Or. en
Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 228/2013
Article 30 – paragraph 3 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission                  Amendment
— in the French overseas departments:       — in the French overseas departments:
EUR 25 900 000,                             EUR 26 900 000,
                   Or. en

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 228/2013
Article 30 – paragraph 3 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission                  Amendment
— Azores and Madeira: EUR 20 400 000,         — Azores and Madeira: EUR 21 200 000,
                   Or. en

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 228/2013
Article 30 – paragraph 3 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission                  Amendment
— Canary Islands: EUR 69 900 000.            — Canary Islands: EUR 72 700 000.
                   Or. en

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 229/2013
Article 18 – paragraph 2
2. The Union shall finance the measures provided for in Chapters III and IV up to an amount of EUR 23 000 000.

Amendment

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1
Regulation (EU) No 229/2013
Article 18 – paragraph 3

3. The amount allocated to finance the specific supply arrangements referred to in Chapter III shall not exceed EUR 6 830 000.’.

Amendment

3. The amount allocated to finance the specific supply arrangements referred to in Chapter III shall not exceed EUR 7 110 000

Or. en