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Establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste *


(Consultation)

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2018)0467),

– having regard to Article 203 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C8-0314/2018),

– having regard to Rule 78c of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A8-0441/2018),

1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;

2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, in accordance with Article 293(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community;

3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend the Commission proposal;

5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.
Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) A dedicated spending financial programme can bring additional Union added value through becoming a benchmark within the Union for safely managing technological issues in nuclear decommissioning and disseminating knowledge. Such financial assistance should be provided on the basis of an ex ante evaluation identifying the specific needs and demonstrating the Union added value with the aim to support decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste.

Amendment

(2) A dedicated spending financial programme can bring additional Union added value through becoming a benchmark within the Union for safely managing technological issues in nuclear decommissioning and disseminating knowledge. Such financial assistance should be provided on the basis of an ex ante evaluation identifying the specific needs and demonstrating the Union added value with the aim to support decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste. Such financial assistance should not, however, set a defining precedent for the funding of future nuclear decommissioning at Union level. The initiative to undertake and finance the decommissioning of nuclear facilities should primarily remain the responsibility of the Member States.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The Programme should also ensure dissemination of knowledge on the decommissioning process in the Union, as such measures bring the greatest Union added value and contribute to the safety of the workers and the general public.

Amendment

(15) The Programme should also ensure dissemination of knowledge and the sharing of best practices and experiences gained between Member States with regard to the decommissioning process in the Union, as such measures bring the greatest Union added value and contribute to the safety of the workers and the general public, as well as to the protection of the environment.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(15 a) The JRC should lead a dedicated initiative to structure the gathering, development and sharing of knowledge in the field of decommissioning at Union level, without excluding international cooperation. The initiative should take into account multi-dimensional challenges, including research and innovation, standardisation, regulation, training and education, and industry.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) The decommissioning of the nuclear facilities covered by this Regulation should be carried out with recourse to the best available technical expertise, and with due regard to the nature and technological specifications of the installations to be decommissioned, in order to ensure safety and the highest possible efficiency, thus taking into account international best practices.

Amendment

(16) The decommissioning of the nuclear facilities covered by this Regulation should be carried out with recourse to the best available technical expertise, including from third countries, and with due regard to the nature and technological specifications of the installations to be decommissioned, in order to ensure safety and the highest possible efficiency, thus taking into account international best practices.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) Actions under the Kozloduy and Bohunice programmes should be conducted with a joint financial effort of the Union and Bulgaria and Slovakia respectively. A maximum Union co-financing threshold should be established in line with the co-financing practice

Amendment

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

This Regulation establishes the Dedicated Financial Programme for the 'Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and Management of Radioactive Waste' (the 'Programme'), with the focus on needs identified on a current basis. For the period of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, it will support Bulgaria and Slovakia to safely decommission their *first generation* nuclear reactors, and the implementation of the decommissioning process and management of radioactive waste of the Commission's own nuclear installations at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) sites.

*Amendment*

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

It lays down the objectives of the Programme, the budget for the period 2021 – 2027, the forms of the European Atomic Energy Community (the 'Community') funding and the rules for providing such funding.

*Amendment*

It lays down the objectives of the Programme, the *overall* budget for the period 2021 – 2027, *including the exact distribution of the amount among the three programmes*, the forms of the European Atomic Energy Community (the 'Community') funding and the rules for providing such funding.

Amendment 8
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) 'decommissioning plan' means the document containing detailed information on the proposed decommissioning and covering the following: the selected decommissioning strategy; the schedule, type and sequence of decommissioning activities; the waste management strategy applied, including clearance; the proposed end state; the storage and disposal of the waste from decommissioning; the timeframe for decommissioning; the cost estimates for the completion of decommissioning; and the objectives, expected results, milestones, target dates, as well as the corresponding key performance indicators, including earned value based indicators. The plan is prepared by the nuclear facility license holder and is reflected in the multiannual work programmes of the Programme;

Amendment

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(5 a) 'third country' means a country that is not a Member State of the Union.

Amendment

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

On the basis of the current needs for the period of 2021-2027 the Programme aims in particular to assist Bulgaria and Slovakia in implementing the Kozloduy decommissioning programme and the

Amendment

On the basis of the current needs for the period of 2021-2027 the Programme aims in particular to assist Bulgaria and Slovakia in implementing the Kozloduy decommissioning programme and the
Bohunice decommissioning programme respectively, with specific emphasis on managing the radiological safety challenges thereof and to support the JRC decommissioning and waste management programme, whilst ensuring broad dissemination to all EU Member States of knowledge thereby generated on nuclear decommissioning.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) to develop ties and exchanges among Union stakeholders on nuclear decommissioning, with a view to develop potential Union synergies.

*Amendment*

(c) to develop ties and exchanges among Union stakeholders, in particular the industry, on nuclear decommissioning and the management and disposal of radioactive waste, with a view to ensuring the dissemination of knowledge and exchanges of experiences in all relevant areas such as research and innovation, regulation, training and to develop potential Union synergies.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The *indicative* distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:

*Amendment*

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Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1
The Programme may finance eligible costs of an action *up to the maximum rate* as set out in Annexes I and II. The *maximum* Union co-financing rate applicable under the Kozloduy programme or the Bohunice programme shall be no *higher* than 50%. The remaining co-financing shall be provided by Bulgaria and Slovakia respectively.

**Amendment 14**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex I – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Projects and activities funded in the period 2021-2027 are subject to a *maximum EU* co-financing rate set at 50%.

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 15**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex II – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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