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Draft opinion

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The proposal for a Council regulation establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2004)0465 – C6-0098/2004 – 2004/0145(CNS) – amending act)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 6
Recital 6

(6) In accordance with Article 2 of Council Decision 1999/468 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission, measures for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted by use of the *advisory* procedure provided in Article 3 of that Decision.

(6) In accordance with Article 2 of Council Decision 1999/468 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission, measures for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted by use of the *management* procedure provided in Article 3 of that Decision, *owing to the foreseeable substantial budgetary implications thereof.*

Or. el

Justification

The Commission is proposing an overall amount of 259 million euros. Article 2(a) of Decision 1999/468 provides that measures relating to the implementation of programmes

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with substantial budgetary implications should be adopted by use of the management procedure.

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 7
Article 3, paragraph 3

3. The Committee shall give its opinion on draft financing decisions, where they are in excess of € 5 million. The Commission may approve, without seeking the opinion of the Committee, financing decisions on supporting activities falling under Article 4 (3) of this Regulation, and amendments to financing decisions complying with the objective of the programme and not exceeding 15 % of the financial envelope.

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Or. el

Justification

Maximum possible transparency is required for the funding of measures to attain the objectives of the Regulation.

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 8
Article 3, paragraph 5

5. For the purposes of this Regulation, the **advisory** procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 (3) thereof.

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Or. el

Justification

The Commission is proposing an overall amount of 259 million euros. Article 2(a) of Decision 1999/468 provides that measures relating to the implementation of programmes with substantial budgetary implications should be adopted by use of the management procedure.

Amendment by Antonis Samaras

Amendment 9
Article 4, paragraph 2

2. Assistance may be financed in full by the budget where it is justified and necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation.

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This applies in particular to the funding of actions seeking to improve contacts between the two communities, actions promoting reconciliation and confidence-building measures.

Or. el

Justification

These are essential objectives which need special support.

Amendment by Jan Mulder

Amendment 10
Article 4, paragraph 2

2. ***Assistance*** may be financed in full by the budget ***where it is justified and necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation.***

2. ***In principle a financial contribution to each programme or project is required from the recipients of the assistance. The contribution shall depend on the nature of the programme or project. In exceptional cases, for programmes or projects aimed at the promotion of civil society development, the contribution may be in kind.***

Only where justified and necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation assistance may be financed in full by the budget.

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Justification

A key element to successful economic development is ownership and involvement of projects by the people concerned. It is therefore necessary to establish as a principle the condition of co-financing for all projects aimed at encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community. The proposed article is similar to Article 4 (1) of regulation 2500/2001/EC concerning pre-accession financial assistance for Turkey.