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I. INTRODUCTION

The rapporteur, Andrea COZZOLINO (S&D, IT), presented a report on the proposal for a Regulation on behalf of the Committee on Regional Development. The report contained 184 amendments to the proposal.

In addition, the following political groups tabled amendments to the report (amendments numbered 185 to 248): S&D, GUE/NGL, Verts/ALE, ECR, EFDD.

II. VOTE

When it voted on 27 March 2019, the plenary adopted amendments 1-18, amendment 19 first and second parts, amendments 20 to 81, amendments 83 to 99, amendment 100 first part, amendment 101 first part, amendments 102 to 184. It also adopted amendments 190 and 193.

The Commission's proposal as thus amended constitutes the Parliament's first-reading position which is contained in its legislative resolution as set out in the Annex hereto¹.

¹ The version of the Parliament's position in the legislative resolution has been marked up to indicate the changes made by the amendments to the Commission's proposal. Additions to the Commission's text are highlighted in ***bold and italics***. The symbol "■" indicates deleted text.

European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 27 March 2019 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund (COM(2018)0372 – C8-0227/2018 – 2018/0197(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2018)0372),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 177, 178 and 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0227/2018),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 17 October 2018 ²,
 - having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 5 December 2018 ³,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Development and also the opinion of the Committee on Budgets, the position in the form of amendments of the Committee on Budgetary Control, and the opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, of the Committee on Culture and Education, and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A8-0094/2019),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

² OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 90.

³ OJ C 86, 7.3.2019, p. 115.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Regulation (EU) 2018/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [new CPR]¹ sets out common rules applicable to various funds including the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund Plus ('ESF+'), the Cohesion Fund, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund ('EMFF'), the Asylum and Migration Fund ('AMIF'), the Internal Security Fund ('ISF') and the Border Management and Visa Instrument ('BMVI') which operate under a common framework ('the Funds').

¹ [Full reference - new CPR].

Amendment

(3) Regulation (EU) 2018/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [new CPR]¹ sets out common rules applicable to various funds including the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund Plus ('ESF+'), the Cohesion Fund, ***the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)***, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund ('EMFF'), the Asylum and Migration Fund ('AMIF'), the Internal Security Fund ('ISF') and the Border Management and Visa Instrument ('BMVI') which operate under a common framework ('the Funds').

¹ [Full reference - new CPR].

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Member States and the Commission shall ensure the coordination, complementarity and coherence between the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund (CF), the European Social Development Fund+ (ESF+), the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and the European Fund for Agricultural Development (EAFRD), so that they can complement each other where this is

beneficial for creating successful projects.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union ('TEU') and in Article 10 of the TFEU, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 of the TEU, should be respected in the implementation of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. ***Member States should also respect the obligations of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ensure accessibility in line with its article 9 and in accordance with the Union law harmonising accessibility requirements for products and services.*** Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating inequalities and ***at promoting equality between men and women and integrating the gender perspective, as well as at combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.*** The Funds should not support actions that contribute to any form of segregation. ***The objectives of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment as set out in Articles 11 and 191(1) of the TFEU, taking into account the polluter pays principle. In order to protect the integrity of the internal market, operations benefitting undertakings shall comply with State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU.***

Amendment

(5) Horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union ('TEU') and in Article 10 of the TFEU, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 of the TEU, should be respected in the implementation of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union ***and the European Pillar of Social Rights.*** Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating ***social and income*** inequalities, ***at furthering the fight against poverty, at the preservation and promoting the creation of quality jobs with attendant rights and at ensuring that the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund promote equal opportunities for all,*** combating discrimination based on ***gender***, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The funds should ***also promote the transition from institutional care to family and community-based care, in particular for those who face multiple discrimination.*** The Funds ***should*** not support actions that contribute to any form of segregation. ***Investments under the ERDF, in synergy with ESF+, should contribute to promoting social inclusion and fighting poverty, and to raising citizens' quality of life in line with the obligations of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) to contribute to children's rights.***

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) In an increasingly interconnected world and in view of the demographic and migration dynamics, it is clear that Union migration policy requires a common approach that relies on the synergies and complementarities of the different funding instruments. In order to ensure coherent, strong and consistent support for solidarity and **responsibility-sharing** efforts between Member States in managing migration, **the ERDF should provide support to facilitate the long-term** integration of migrants.

Amendment

(8) In an increasingly interconnected world and in view of the **internal and external** demographic and migration dynamics, it is clear that Union migration policy requires a common approach that relies on the synergies and complementarities of the different funding instruments. **The ERDF must pay more specific attention to demographic change as a key challenge and priority area in devising and implementing programmes.** In order to ensure coherent, strong and consistent support for solidarity and **responsibility as well as sharing** efforts between Member States in managing migration, **cohesion policy could contribute to** integration **processes of refugees and migrants under international protection by adopting an approach aimed at protecting the dignity and rights of them, not least in view of the mutually-reinforcing relationship between integration and local economic growth, especially by providing infrastructure support to cities and local authorities involved in implementing integration policies;**

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) In order to support the efforts of Member States and regions in facing new challenges and ensuring a high level of security **for their citizens** as well as the

Amendment

(9) In order to support the efforts of Member States and regions in **reducing disparities between levels of development and harmonise different situations of EU**

prevention of radicalisation, while relying on the synergies and complementarities with other Union policies, investments under the ERDF should contribute **to security** in areas where there is a need to ensure safe and secure public spaces and critical infrastructure, such as transport **and** energy.

regions, facing up to social disparities, new challenges and ensuring inclusive societies and a high level of security as well as the prevention of marginalisation and radicalisation, while relying on the synergies and complementarities with other Union policies, investments under the ERDF should contribute in areas where there is a need to ensure safe, modern, accessible and secure public spaces and critical infrastructure, such as communication, public transport, energy and universal, high-quality public services which are vital to address regional and social disparities, promote social cohesion and regional development and encourage enterprises and people to stay in their local area.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In addition, investments under the ERDF should contribute to the development of a comprehensive high-speed digital infrastructure network, and to promoting **clean** and sustainable multimodal **urban** mobility.

Amendment

(10) In addition, investments under the ERDF should contribute to the development of a comprehensive high-speed digital infrastructure network, **throughout the Union, including in rural areas where it is a vital contributor to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs),** and to promoting **pollution-free** and sustainable multimodal **mobility with a focus on walking, cycling, public transport and shared** mobility.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Many of the greatest challenges in Europe increasingly affect marginalised Roma communities, who often live in the most disadvantaged micro-regions which lack safe and accessible drinking water, sewage, electricity, and which do not enjoy transportation possibilities, digital connectivity, renewable energy systems or disaster resilience. Therefore, ERDF-CF shall contribute to improving the living conditions of Roma and fulfilling their true potential as EU citizens, and Member States shall safeguard that the benefits of all the five policy objectives of ERDF-CF will reach the Roma as well.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) In order to improve the overall administrative capacity of institutions and governance in Member States implementing programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, it is necessary to ***enable supporting*** measures ***under all of the*** specific objectives.

Amendment

(12) In order to ***contribute to an appropriate governance, enforcement, cross-border cooperation and spread of best practices and innovations in the field of smart specialization and circular economy*** improve the overall administrative capacity of ***the*** institutions and governance in ***the*** Member States, ***including at the regional and local levels on the principles of multilevel governance,*** implementing ***the*** programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, it is necessary to ***promote administrative reinforcement*** measures ***of a structural nature in support of all*** specific objectives. ***Being based on measurable objectives and notified to citizens and businesses as a means of simplifying and reducing the administrative burden imposed on beneficiaries and managing authorities, it is possible for these measures to strike the right balance between the result-orientation of the policy and the level of checks and controls.***

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to encourage and boost cooperation measures, within programmes implemented under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, it is necessary to enhance cooperation measures with partners within a given Member State or between different Member States in relation to support provided under all of the specific objectives. Such enhanced cooperation is additional to the cooperation under ETC/Interreg and should in particular support cooperation among structured partnerships with a view to implementing regional strategies as referred to in the Communication from the Commission ‘Strengthening Innovation in Europe’s Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth’¹. Partners may therefore come from any region in the Union, but may also include cross-border regions and regions which are all covered by a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy or a combination of the two.

¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions of 8 July 2017 - COM(2017) 376 final.

Amendment

(13) In order to encourage and boost cooperation measures, within programmes implemented under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, it is necessary to enhance cooperation measures with partners ***including those at local and regional level*** within a given Member State or between different Member States in relation to support provided under all of the specific objectives. Such enhanced cooperation is additional to the cooperation under ETC/Interreg and should in particular support cooperation among structured partnerships with a view to implementing regional strategies as referred to in the Communication from the Commission ‘Strengthening Innovation in Europe’s Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth’¹. Partners may therefore come from any region in the Union, but may also include cross-border regions and regions which are all covered by ***European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation***, a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy or a combination of the two.

¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions of 8 July 2017 - COM(2017) 376 final.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) The future cohesion policy may take

adequate consideration of and provide support to the regions of the Union that are most impacted by the consequences of the United Kingdom's exit from the Union, in particular those that will, as a result, find themselves situated on external sea or land borders of the Union;

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Funds will contribute to mainstream climate actions and ***to the achievement of an overall target of 25 %*** of the EU budget expenditure supporting climate objectives. Operations under the ERDF ***are expected to contribute 30 %*** of the overall financial envelope of the ERDF to climate objectives. Operations under the Cohesion Fund are expected to contribute ***37%*** of the overall financial envelope of the Cohesion Fund to climate objectives.

Amendment

(14) ***The objectives of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development, notably the highly importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, 2030 Agenda of the United Nations and the UN Sustainable Development Goals as well as and the Union's promotion of the aim of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment as set out in Articles 11 and 191(1) of the TFEU, taking into account the polluter pays principle as well as focusing on poverty, inequality and a just transition to a socially and environmentally sustainable economy in a participatory approach in cooperation with relevant public authorities, economic, and social partners as well as civil society organisations. Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change and loss of biodiversity in order to contribute to the financing of necessary actions to be taken at EU, national and local level to fulfil*** in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, ***as well as to ensure integrated disaster prevention support linking resilience and risk prevention, preparation and response,*** the Funds will

contribute to mainstream climate actions and ***biodiversity protection by targeting 30 % of the EU budget expenditure supporting climate objectives. The Funds must contribute substantially to the achievement of a circular and low-carbon economy in all territories of the Union and fully incorporating the regional dimension.*** Operations under the ERDF ***should contribute to at least 35 % of the overall financial envelope of the ERDF to climate objectives. Operations under the Cohesion Fund are expected to contribute 40 % of the overall financial envelope of the Cohesion Fund to climate objectives. These percentages should be respected throughout the programming period. Therefore, relevant actions will be identified during the preparation and implementation of these funds, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review procedures. These actions and the financial allocation reserved for their implementation are to be included in the national Integrated Energy and Climate Plans in accordance with Annex IV of Regulation (EU)2018/xxxx[new CPR] as well as long-term renovation strategy established under the revised Energy Performance of Building Directive (E) 2018/844 to contribute to the achievement of a decarbonised building stock by 2050, and attached to the Programmes. Specific attention should be paid to carbon-intensive areas facing challenges due to decarbonisation commitments, in view of assisting them in pursuing strategies consistent with the Union’s climate commitment and laid down in the Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans and under the ETS Directive 2018/410 and to protect workers also through training and reskilling opportunities.***

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) In order to enable the ERDF to provide support under ETC/Interreg in terms of both investments in infrastructure and the associated investments, training and integration activities, it is necessary to provide that the ERDF may also provide support for activities under the specific objectives of the ESF+, set up under Regulation (EU) 2018/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [new ESF+]¹.

¹ [Full reference - new ESF+].

Amendment

(15) In order to enable the ERDF to provide support under ETC/Interreg in terms of both investments in infrastructure and the associated investments, training and integration activities, ***for the improvement and development of administrative skills and competences***, it is necessary to provide that the ERDF may also provide support for activities under the specific objectives of the ESF+, set up under Regulation (EU) 2018/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [new ESF+]¹.

¹ [Full reference - new ESF+].

Amendment 190/rev

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) In order to concentrate the use of limited resources in the most efficient way, the support given ***to*** by the ERDF to productive investments under the relevant specific objective, should be ***limited*** to only micro, small and medium-sized enterprises ('SMEs') within the meaning of Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC¹⁹, ***except where investments involve cooperation with SMEs in research and innovation activities.***

Amendment

(16) In order to concentrate the use of limited resources in the most efficient way, the support given by the ERDF to productive investments under the relevant specific objective, should be ***directed*** to only micro, small and medium-sized enterprises ('SMEs') within the meaning of Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC¹⁹, ***and to enterprises other than SMEs, without prejudice to jobs related to the same or similar activity in other European regions, within the meaning of Article 60 of Regulation (EU)***

¹⁹ Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36).

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Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) The ERDF should help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union and to reduce disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions including those facing challenges due to the decarbonisation commitments. ERDF support under the Investment for jobs and growth goal should therefore be concentrated on key Union priorities in line with policy objectives laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/xxx [new CPR]. Therefore support from the ERDF should be concentrated on the policy objectives of 'a smarter Europe by promoting innovative **and** smart economic transformation' and 'a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management'. **That** thematic concentration should be attained at national level **while** allowing for flexibility at the level of individual programmes and between **the three groups of Member States formed according to respective gross national income**. In addition, the methodology to classify **Member States** should be set out in detail taking into account the specific situation of the outermost regions.

Amendment

(17) The ERDF should help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union and to reduce disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions including those facing challenges due to the decarbonisation commitments **through financial support for the transitional period. It should also foster resilience and prevent vulnerable territories from falling behind**. ERDF support under the Investment for jobs and growth goal should therefore be concentrated on key Union priorities in line with policy objectives laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/xxx [new CPR]. Therefore support from the ERDF should be concentrated **specifically** on the **two** policy objectives of **a** 'a smarter Europe by promoting innovative, smart **and inclusive** economic **development and** transformation, **regional connectivity in the area of technologies, developing the information and communication technologies (ICT), connectivity and efficient public administration** and 'a greener, low-carbon **and resilient** Europe **for all** by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management **while taking account of the overall policy objectives of a more cohesive and solidarity-based Europe helping reduce economic, social and territorial asymmetries**. **Said** thematic concentration

should be attained at national level, allowing **margins** for flexibility at the level of individual programmes and between **various categories of regions, taking account too of different levels of development**. In addition, the methodology to classify **the regions** should be set out in detail taking into account the specific situation of the outermost regions.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17a) In order to ensure the strategic importance of investments co-financed by the ERDF and CF, Member States could make a duly justified request for further flexibility within the current framework of Stability and Growth Pact for the public or equivalent structural expenditure.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) In order to concentrate the support on key Union priorities, it is also appropriate that thematic concentration requirements should be respected throughout the programming period, including in the case of transfer between priorities within a programme or between programmes.

(18) In order to concentrate the support on key Union priorities ***and in line with the objectives of social, economic and territorial cohesion set out in Article 174 TFEU and the policy objectives laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/xxx [new CPR]***, it is also appropriate that thematic concentration requirements should be respected throughout the programming period, including in the case of transfer between priorities within a programme or between programmes.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) The ERDF should address the problems of accessibility to, and remoteness from, large markets, faced by areas with an extremely low population density, as referred to in Protocol No 6 on special provisions for Objective 6 in the framework of the Structural Funds in Finland and Sweden to the 1994 Act of Accession. The ERDF should also address the specific difficulties encountered by certain islands, border regions, mountain regions and sparsely populated areas, the geographical situation of which slows down their development, with a view to supporting their sustainable development.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19) This Regulation should set out the different types of activities the costs of which may be supported by means of investments from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, under their respective objectives as set out in the TFEU. The Cohesion Fund should be able to support investments in the environment and in TEN-T. With regard to the ERDF, the list of activities should be simplified and it should be able to support investments in infrastructure, investments in relation to access to services, productive investments in SME's, equipment, software and intangible assets, as well as measures with regard to information, communication, studies, networking, cooperation, exchange

(19) This Regulation should set out the different types of activities the costs of which may be supported by means of investments from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, under their respective objectives as set out in the TFEU ***including crowdfunding***. The Cohesion Fund should be able to support investments in the environment and in TEN-T. With regard to the ERDF, the list of activities should ***take into account specific national and regional development needs as well as endogenous potential*** and be simplified and it should be able to support investments in infrastructure, ***including research and innovation infrastructure and facilities, cultural and heritage***

of experiences and activities involving clusters. In order to support the programme implementation, both funds should also be able to support technical assistance activities. Finally, in order to support provide for a broader range of interventions for Interreg programmes, the scope should be enlarged to also include the sharing a broad range of facilities and human resources and costs linked to measures within the scope of the ESF+.

*infrastructure, sustainable tourism infrastructure also through the tourist districts, services to enterprises, as well as investments in housing, investments in relation to access to services **with a particular focus on disadvantaged, marginalised and segregated communities**, productive investments in SME's, equipment, software and intangible assets, **incentives during the transition period of regions in the process of decarbonisation**, as well as measures with regard to information, communication, studies, networking, cooperation, exchange of experiences **between partners** and activities involving clusters. In order to support the programme implementation, both funds should also be able to support technical assistance activities. Finally, in order to support provide for a broader range of interventions for Interreg programmes, the scope should be enlarged to also include the sharing a broad range of facilities and human resources and costs linked to measures within the scope of the ESF+.*

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) Trans-European transport networks projects in accordance with Regulation (EU) **No 1316/2013** shall continue to be financed from the Cohesion Fund via both shared management and the direct implementation mode under the Connecting Europe Facility ('CEF').

Amendment

(20) Trans-European transport networks projects in accordance with Regulation (EU) **No1316/2013** shall continue to be financed from the Cohesion Fund, ***including tackling the missing links and bottlenecks, in a balanced manner as well as including for improving the safety of existing bridges and tunnels*** via both shared management and the direct implementation mode under the Connecting Europe Facility ('CEF'). ***These networks must boost public services in rural areas, especially in sparsely populated areas and in areas with largely***

ageing populations, in order to foster interconnectivity between cities and the countryside, promote rural development, bridge the digital divide.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) At the same time, it is important to clarify those activities which fall outside the scope of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, ***including investments to achieve the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from activities listed in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council***¹ in order to avoid duplication of available financing, ***which already exists as part of that Directive***. In addition, it should be explicitly set out that the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II of the TFEU are not eligible for support from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund.

¹ Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32).

Amendment

(21) At the same time, it is important to ***identify synergies on the one hand and*** clarify those activities which fall outside the scope of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund ***on the other hand; this*** in order to ***multiplication effects or*** avoid duplication of available financing. In addition, it should be explicitly set out that the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II of the TFEU are not eligible for support from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Pursuant to paragraph 22 and 23 of the Inter-institutional agreement for Better

Amendment

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Law-Making of 13 April 2016, there is a need to evaluate the Funds on the basis of information collected through specific monitoring requirements, while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, ***in particular on Member States***. These requirements, where appropriate, can include measurable indicators, as a basis for evaluating the effects of the Funds on the ground.

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Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) In order to maximise the contribution to territorial development, actions in this field should be based on integrated territorial strategies including ***in*** urban areas. Therefore, ***the ERDF*** support should be delivered ***through the forms set out in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR]*** ensuring appropriate involvement of local, regional and urban authorities.

Amendment

(24) In order to maximise the contribution to territorial development, ***and to address more effectively economic, demographic, environmental and social challenges, as envisaged in Article 174 TFEU, in areas with natural or demographic disadvantages including ageing, rural desertification and demographic decline but also demographic pressure or where it is difficult to access basic services,*** actions in this field should be based on ***programmes, axes or*** integrated territorial strategies including urban areas ***and rural communities. These actions should be the two sides of the same coin, based on both the central urban hubs and their surroundings as well as the more remote rural. These strategies may also benefit from a multifund and integrated approach involving the ERDF, ESF+, EMFF and EAFRD. A minimum target of 5% of ERDF resources should be earmarked at national level for integrated territorial development.*** Therefore, support should be delivered ensuring appropriate involvement of local, regional and urban authorities, ***economic and social partners and representatives of civil society and non-governmental organisations.***

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) Specific attention should be paid to carbon-intensive areas facing challenges due to decarbonisation commitments, in view of assisting them in pursuing strategies consistent with the Union's climate commitment under the Paris Agreement that protect workers and affected communities alike. Such areas should benefit from dedicated support to prepare and implement plans for decarbonisation of their economies taking into account the need for targeted vocational training and reskilling opportunities for the workforce.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25) Within the framework of sustainable urban development, it is considered necessary to support integrated territorial development in order to more effectively tackle the economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges affecting urban areas, including functional urban areas, while taking into account the need to promote urban-rural linkages. The principles for selecting the urban areas where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented, and the indicative amounts for those actions, should be set out in the programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal **with** a minimum target of **6%** of the ERDF resources **allocated** at

(25) Within the framework of sustainable urban development, it is considered necessary to support integrated territorial development in order to more effectively tackle the economic, environmental, climate, demographic, **technology** and social **and cultural** challenges affecting urban areas, including functional urban areas **and rural communities**, while taking into account the need to promote urban-rural linkages, **including through peri-urban areas where appropriate**. The principles for selecting the urban areas where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented, and the indicative amounts for those actions, should be set out in the

national level for *that purpose*. It should also be established that this percentage should be respected throughout the programming period in the case of transfer between priorities within a programme or between programmes, including at the mid-term review.

programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal. *Said actions may also benefit from a multifund and integrated approach involving the ERDF, ESF+, EMFF and the EAFRD*. A minimum target of **10 %** of the ERDF resources *should be earmarked* at national level for *the sustainable urban development priority*. It should also be established that this percentage should be respected throughout the programming period in the case of transfer between priorities within a programme or between programmes, including at the mid-term review.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In order to identify or provide solutions which address issues relating to sustainable urban development at Union level, the Urban Innovative Actions in the area of sustainable urban development should be ***replaced by*** a European Urban Initiative, ***to be implemented under direct or indirect management***. That initiative should ***cover all urban areas and*** support the Urban Agenda for the European Union¹.

¹ Council Conclusions on an Urban Agenda for the EU of 24 June 2016.

Amendment

(26) In order to identify or provide solutions which address issues relating to sustainable urban development at Union level, the Urban Innovative Actions in the area of sustainable urban development should be ***continued and developed into*** a European Urban Initiative. That initiative should support the Urban Agenda for the European Union¹ ***aiming to stimulate growth, liveability and innovation and to identify and successfully tackle social challenges***.

¹ Council Conclusions on an Urban Agenda for the EU of 24 June 2016.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27) Specific attention should be paid to outermost regions, namely by adopting measures under Article 349 of the TFEU providing for an additional allocation for the outermost regions to offset the additional costs incurred in these regions as a result of one or several of the permanent restraints referred to in Article 349 of the TFEU, namely remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate, economic dependence on a few products, the permanence and combination of which severely restrain their development. This allocation can cover investments, operating costs and public service obligations aimed at offsetting additional costs caused by such restraints. Operating aid may cover expenditure on freight transport services and start-up aid for transport services as well as expenditure on operations linked to storage constraints, the excessive size and maintenance of production tools, and the lack of human capital in the local market. In order to protect the integrity of the internal market, and as is the case for all operations co-financed by the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, any ERDF support to the financing of operating and investment aid in the outermost regions should comply with State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU.

(27) Specific attention should be paid to outermost regions, namely by adopting measures under Article 349 of the TFEU providing for an additional allocation for the outermost regions to offset the additional costs incurred in these regions as a result of one or several of the permanent restraints referred to in Article 349 of the TFEU, namely remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate, economic dependence on a few products, the permanence and combination of which severely restrain their development. This allocation can cover investments, operating costs and public service obligations aimed at offsetting additional costs caused by such restraints. Operating aid may cover expenditure on freight transport services, ***green logistics, mobility management*** and start-up aid for transport services as well as expenditure on operations linked to storage constraints, the excessive size and maintenance of production tools, and the lack of human capital in the local market. ***This allocation shall not be subject to the thematic concentration provided for in this Regulation.*** In order to protect the integrity of the internal market, and as is the case for all operations co-financed by the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, any ERDF support to the financing of operating and investment aid in the outermost regions should comply with State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to reinforce economic, social and territorial cohesion by redressing the main regional imbalances in the Union, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, by reason of the extent of the disparities between the

Amendment

(29) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to reinforce economic, social and territorial cohesion by redressing the main regional imbalances in the Union ***through citizens oriented approach aimed at supporting community led development and fostering active citizenship***, cannot be

levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions and the limit on the financial resources of the Member States and regions, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the TEU. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, by reason of the extent of the disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions and the limit on the financial resources of the Member States and regions, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the TEU. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1a

Tasks of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund

The ERDF and the Cohesion Fund (CF) shall contribute to the overall objective of strengthening the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion.

The ERDF shall contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions within the Union, and to reducing the backwardness of the least favoured regions including environmental challenges, through sustainable development and structural adjustment of regional economies.

The Cohesion Fund shall contribute to projects in the field of trans-European networks and environment.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

- (a) 'a smarter Europe by promoting innovative **and** smart economic transformation' ('PO 1') by:

Amendment

- (a) 'a smarter Europe by promoting innovative, smart **and inclusive** economic **development and** transformation, **regional connectivity in the area of technologies, developing the information and communication technologies (ICT), connectivity and efficient public administration**' ('PO 1') by:

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

- (i) **enhancing** research and innovation capacities **and** the uptake of advanced technologies;

Amendment

- (i) **supporting the development and enhancement of** research and innovation capacities, **investments and infrastructure,** the uptake of advanced technologies **and supporting and promoting the clusters for innovation between business, research, academia and public authorities;**

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

- (ii) reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies **and** governments;

Amendment

- (ii) **enhancing digital connectivity and** reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, **scientific establishments,** companies, governments **and public administration at regional and local level**

including smart cities and smart villages;

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs;

Amendment

(iii) enhancing **sustainable** growth and competitiveness of SMEs **and providing support for the creation and safeguarding of jobs and support technological upgrade and modernization;**

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) developing skills for smart specialisation, **industrial** transition **and** entrepreneurship;

Amendment

(iv) developing skills **and strategies, and building capacities** for smart specialisation, **just** transition, **circular economy, social innovation,** entrepreneurship, **tourism sector and transition to industry 4.0;**

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) 'a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management ('PO 2') by:

Amendment

(b) 'a greener, low-carbon **and resilient** Europe **for all** by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management ('PO 2') by:

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

- (i) promoting energy efficiency measures;

Amendment

- (i) promoting energy efficiency, **savings and energy poverty** measures;

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

- (ii) promoting renewable energy;

Amendment

- (ii) promoting **sustainable** renewable energy;

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

- (iii) developing smart energy systems, grids and storage **at local level**;

Amendment

- (iii) developing smart energy systems, grids and storage;

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

- (iv) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and **disaster** resilience;

Amendment

- (iv) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention, **management of** and resilience **to extreme weather events and natural disasters including earthquakes, forest fires, flooding and drought, taking**

into account eco-system based approaches;

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

(v) promoting sustainable water management;

Amendment

(v) promoting ***universal access to water and*** sustainable water management;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vi

Text proposed by the Commission

(vi) promoting the transition to a circular economy;

Amendment

(vi) promoting the transition to a circular economy economy ***and improving resource efficiency***;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vi a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(via) supporting regional transformation processes towards decarbonisation as well as the transition towards low-carbon energy generation

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) enhancing biodiversity, **green infrastructure in the urban environment**, and reducing pollution;

(vii) **protecting and** enhancing biodiversity **and natural heritage, preserving and highlighting protected natural areas, natural resources** and reducing **every form of pollution such as air, water, soil, noise and light** pollution;

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(viiia) enhancing green infrastructure in functional urban areas, developing small-scale multimodal urban mobility as part of a net zero emission economy;

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) 'a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility **and regional ICT connectivity**' ('PO 3') by:

(c) 'a more connected Europe **for all** by enhancing mobility' ('PO 3') by:

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) **enhancing digital connectivity;**

deleted

(This amendment will require

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

- (ii) developing a **sustainable**, climate resilient, intelligent, secure and intermodal TEN-T;

Amendment

- (ii) developing a climate resilient, intelligent, secure and **sustainable road and railway and** intermodal TEN-T **and cross-border links focussing on noise reduction measures, environmentally friendly public transport and rail networks**;

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

- (iii) developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T **and** cross-border mobility;

Amendment

- (iii) developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T, cross-border mobility **and environmentally friendly public transport networks**;

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

- (iv) **promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility**;

Amendment

deleted

(This amendment will require consequential adjustments to Annex I and Annex II)

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) 'a more social Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights' ('PO 4') by:

Amendment

(d) 'a more social **and inclusive** Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights' ('PO 4') by:

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social innovation and infrastructure;

Amendment

(i) enhancing the effectiveness **and inclusiveness** of labour markets and access to **high** quality employment through developing social innovation and infrastructure **and promoting the social economy and innovation**;

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) improving access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and life long learning through developing infrastructure;

Amendment

(ii) improving **equal** access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and life long learning **and sport** through developing **accessible** infrastructure **and services**;

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point ii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iia) investment in housing, when owned by public authorities or non-profit operators for use as housing designated for low-income households or people with special needs;

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) increasing the socioeconomic ***integration*** of marginalised communities, ***migrants and disadvantaged*** groups, through integrated ***measures*** including housing and social services;

(iii) promoting the socioeconomic ***inclusion*** of marginalised communities ***and deprived communities such as Roma and disadvantage*** groups, through integrated ***actions*** including housing and social services;

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) promoting long-term socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants under international protection through integrated actions including housing and social services by providing infrastructure support to cities and local authorities involved;

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) ensuring equal access to health care through developing infrastructure, including primary care;

(iv) ensuring equal access to health care through developing **health care** infrastructure **and other assets**, including primary care **and preventive measures and advancing the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care**;

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iv a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iva) providing support for physical, economic and social regeneration in deprived communities;

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point e – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) 'a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, **rural and coastal** areas and local initiatives' ('PO 5') by:

(e) 'a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban **and all other** areas and local initiatives' ('PO 5') by:

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point e – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) fostering **the** integrated social, economic and environmental development, **cultural** heritage and security in urban

(i) fostering integrated **and inclusive** social, economic and environmental development, **culture, natural** heritage, **sustainable tourism also through the**

areas;

tourist districts, sports and security in urban areas, including functional urban areas;

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point e – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) fostering *the* integrated social, economic and environmental *local* development, *cultural* heritage and security, *including for* rural and coastal areas *also* through *community-led* local development.

Amendment

(ii) fostering integrated *and inclusive* social, economic and environmental development, *culture, natural* heritage, *sustainable tourism also through the tourist districts, sports and security, all at local level, rural, mountain, islands and coastal regions, isolated and sparsely populated and all other areas that have difficulty accessing basic services including also on NUTS 3 level, through territorial and local development strategies, through the forms set out in points (a) (b) and (c) of Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR].*

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Enhancing small-scale multimodal urban mobility as referred to in point b (vii a) of this Article, which shall be considered eligible for support if ERDF contribution to the operation shall not exceed EUR 10 000 000.

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

With regard to the specific objectives set out in **paragraph 1**, the ERDF or the Cohesion Fund, **as appropriate**, may also **support activities under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, where they either:**

Amendment

With regard to **achieving** the specific objectives set out in **paragraph 1**, the ERDF or the Cohesion Fund may also:

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) improve the capacity of programme authorities, and bodies linked to the implementation of the Funds;

Amendment

(a) improve the capacity of programme authorities, and bodies linked to the implementation of the Funds, **and support public authorities, local and regional administrations responsible for implementation of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, through specific administrative capacity-building plans aimed at localising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), simplifying procedures and cutting implementation time for actions, provided these are structural in nature and the programme itself has measurable objectives;**

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Support of capacity-building, referred to point (a) of this Article, may be complemented by additional support from the Reform Support Programme established under regulation EU (2018/xxx (Reform Support Programme));

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Cooperation referred to in point (b) shall include cooperation with partners from cross-border regions, from non-contiguous regions or from regions located in the territory covered by a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy or a combination thereof.

Amendment

Cooperation referred to in point (b) shall include cooperation with partners from cross-border regions, from non-contiguous regions or from regions located in the territory covered by a ***European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation***, a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy or a combination thereof.

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Meaningful participation of regional and local authorities, civil society organisations including beneficiaries in all stages of the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Programmes under ERDF shall be ensured in line with principles, set in the European Code of Conduct on Partnership.

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall be classified, in terms of their gross ***national income ratio***, as follows:

Amendment

Regions at NUTS 2 level shall be classified, in terms of their gross ***domestic product (GDP) per capita***, as follows:

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) those with a **gross national income ratio equal to or above** 100 % of the **EU** average ('group 1');

Amendment

(a) those with a **GDP per capita** above 100 % of the average **GDP of the EU27** ('group 1');

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) those with a **gross national income ratio equal to or above 75 % and below** 100 % of the **EU** average ('group 2');

Amendment

(b) those with a **GDP per capita between 75 % and** 100 % of the average **GDP of the EU27** ('group 2');

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) those with a **gross national income ratio below** 75 % of the **EU** average ('group 3').

Amendment

(c) those with a **GDP per capita less than** 75 % of the **average GDP of the EU27** average ('group 3').

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

For the purposes of this Article, the **gross**

Amendment

For the purposes of this Article, the

national income ratio means the ratio between the gross **national income** per capita of *a Member State*, measured in purchasing power standards and calculated on the basis of Union figures for the period from 2014 to 2016, and the average **gross national income per capita in purchasing power standards** of the **27 Member States** for that same reference period.

classification of a region under one of the three categories of regions shall be determined on the basis of the ratio between the gross **domestic product** per capita of *each region*, measured in purchasing power standards (**PPS**) and calculated on the basis of Union figures for the period from 2014 to 2016, and the average **GDP** of the **EU27** for that same reference period.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) *Member States of group 1* shall allocate **at least 85 % of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1 and PO 2, and at least 60 % to PO 1;**

Amendment

(a) **For the more developed regions category (group 1) they** shall allocate

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point a – point i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) **at least 50 % of total ERDF resources at national level to PO 1; and**

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point a – point ii (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) at least 30 % of total ERDF resources at national level to PO 2.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **Member States of group 2** shall allocate **at least 45 % of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1, and at least 30 % to PO 2;**

Amendment

(b) **For the transition regions category (group 2) they** shall allocate:

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point b – point i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) at least 40 % of total ERDF resources at national level to PO 1 and

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point b – point ii (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) at least 30 % of total ERDF resources at national level to PO 2.

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) **Member States of group 3** shall allocate **at least 35 % of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1, and at least 30 % to PO 2.**

(c) **For the less developed regions category (group 3) they** shall allocate:

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point c – point i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) **at least 30 % of total ERDF resources at national level to PO 1 and**

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point c – point ii (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) **at least 30 % of total ERDF resources at national level to PO 2.**

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. In duly justified cases, the Member State concerned may request that the concentration level for resources at regional category level be decreased by no more than 5 percentage points, or 10 percentage points in the cases of outermost regions, for the thematic objective determined in accordance with Article 3(4)(a)(i), Article 3(4)(b)(i) and

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Where the ERDF allocation **with regard to** PO 1 or PO 2 or both of a given programme is reduced following a decommitment under Article [99] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR], or due to financial corrections by the Commission in accordance with Article [98] of that Regulation, compliance with the thematic concentration requirement set out in paragraph 4 shall not be re-assessed.

Amendment

6. Where the ERDF allocation **concerning** PO 1 or PO 2, **the main policy objectives**, or both of a given programme is reduced following a decommitment under Article [99] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR], or due to financial corrections by the Commission in accordance with Article [98] of that Regulation, compliance with the thematic concentration requirement set out in paragraph 4 shall not be re-assessed.

Amendments 83 and 191/rev

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) investments in research, development and innovation (R&D&I);

Amendments 84 and 192/rev

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) productive investments in SMEs;

(c) productive investments **and investments which help to safeguard existing jobs and create new jobs** in SMEs **and any support in SMEs in the form of**

grants and financial instruments;

Amendment 193/rev

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In addition, productive investments in enterprises other than SMEs can be supported when they involve cooperation with SMEs in research and innovation activities supported under point (a)(i) of Article 2 (1).

Amendment

Productive investments in enterprises other than SMEs can be supported when they involve cooperation with SMEs ***or business infrastructure that benefits SMEs.***

In addition, productive investments in enterprises other than SMEs can also be supported in research and innovation activities supported under point (a)(i) of Article 2 (1) ***and in energy efficiency and renewable energy activities under points (b)(i) and (ii) of Article 2 (1) respectively, in accordance with point (a) of Article 59(1) and Article 60 of Regulation (EU) .../...[new CPR].***

Amendments 87 and 194/rev

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to contribute to the specific objective under PO 1 set out in point (a) (iv) of Article 2(1), the ERDF shall also support training, life long learning and education activities.

Amendment

In order to contribute to the specific objective under PO 1 set out in point (a) (iv) of Article 2(1), the ERDF shall also support training, ***mentoring***, life long learning, ***reskilling*** and education activities.

Amendment 88

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) investments in the environment, including investments related to sustainable development and energy presenting environmental benefits;

(a) investments in the environment, including investments related to ***circular economy***, sustainable development and ***renewable*** energy presenting environmental benefits;

Amendment 89

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) investments in TEN-T;

(b) investments in TEN-T ***core and comprehensive network***;

Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) technical assistance.

(c) technical assistance, ***including improvement and development of administrative skills and competences of local authorities in managing these funds.***

Amendment 91

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) information, communication, studies, networking, cooperation, exchange of experience and activities involving clusters;

Amendment 92

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure an appropriate balance between investments under points (a) and (b).

Amendment

Member States shall ensure an appropriate balance between investments under points (a) and (b), ***based on the investments and specific requirements of each Member State.***

Amendment 93

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The amount of the Cohesion Fund transferred to the Connecting Europe Facility²³ shall be used for TEN-T projects.

Amendment

2. The amount of the Cohesion Fund transferred to the Connecting Europe Facility²³ shall be ***proportional and shall be*** used for TEN-T projects.

²³ Reference

²³ Reference

Amendment 94

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) investment in airport infrastructure except for ***outermost regions***;

Amendment

(e) investment ***in new regional airport and*** in airport infrastructure, except for:

Amendment 95

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) investment related to outermost regions;

Amendment 96

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(eb) support linked to core TEN-T networks;

Amendment 97

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ec) Investment related to environmental protection and aimed to mitigate or reduce its negative environmental impact.

Amendment 98

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) investment in disposal of waste in landfill;

(f) investment in disposal of waste in landfill, ***except in the outermost regions and for support for decommissioning, reconverting or making safe existing facilities and without prejudice to Article 4(2) of Directive (EU) 2008/98 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹***;

¹ *Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3).*

Amendment 99

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) investment in facilities for the treatment of residual waste;

Amendment

(g) investment in facilities for the treatment of residual waste ***with the exception of outermost regions and in case of state-of-the-art recycling solutions in line with the principles of the circular economy and the waste hierarchy fully respecting the targets laid down in Art 11(2) of Directive (EU) 2008/98 and provided that Member States have established their waste management plans according to Art. 29 of Directive (EU) 2018/851. Residual waste should be understood as primarily non separately collected municipal waste and rejects from waste treatment;***

Amendment 100

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) investment related to production, processing, distribution, storage or combustion of fossil fuels, ***with the exception of investment related to clean vehicles as defined in Article 4 of Directive 2009/33/EC of the European***

Amendment

(h) investment related to production, processing, ***transport***, distribution, storage or combustion of fossil fuels;

*Parliament and of the Council*²⁶;

²⁶ *Directive 2009/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles (OJ L 120, 15.5.2009, p. 5).*

Amendment 101

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The exceptions mentioned in point h shall be limited to an amount up to 1 % of the total ERDF-CF resources at national level.

Amendment 102

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) investment in broadband infrastructure in areas in which there are at least two broadband networks of equivalent category;

deleted

Amendments 103 and 245

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j) funding for the purchase of rolling stock for use in rail transport, except if it

deleted

is linked to the:

(i) discharge of a publicly tendered public service obligation under Regulation 1370/2007 as amended;

(ii) provision of rail transport services on lines fully opened to competition, and the beneficiary is a new entrant eligible for funding under Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [Invest EU regulation].

Amendment 104

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point j a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ja) investments in the construction of institutional care facilities that segregate or infringe on personal choice and independence;

Amendment 105

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. In addition, the Cohesion Fund shall not support investment in housing unless related to the promotion of energy efficiency or renewable energy use.

2. In addition, the Cohesion Fund shall not support investment in housing unless related to the promotion of energy **and resource** efficiency or renewable energy use **and accessible living conditions for older people and persons with disabilities and seismic retrofitting**.

Amendment 106

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6 a

Partnership

1. Each Member State shall ensure the meaningful and inclusive participation of social partners, civil society organisations and service users in the management, programming, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of activities and policies supported by the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund under shared management, according to Article 6 of the proposed CPR Regulation “Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014.

Amendment 107

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Common output and result indicators, as set out in the Annex I with regard to the ERDF and to the Cohesion Fund, and, where **necessary**, programme-specific output and result indicators shall be used in accordance with point (a) of the second subparagraph of Article [12(1)], point (d)(ii) of Article [17(3)] and point (b) of Article [37(2)] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR].

1. Common output and result indicators, as set out **and defined** in the Annex I with regard to the ERDF and to the Cohesion Fund, and, where **relevant**, programme-specific output and result indicators shall be used in accordance with point (a) of the second subparagraph of Article [12(1)], point (d)(ii) of Article [17(3)] and point (b) of Article [37(2)] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR].

Amendment 108

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. Member States may make a duly justified request for further flexibility

within the current framework of Stability and Growth Pact for the public or equivalent structural expenditure, supported by the public administration by way of co-financing of investments activated as part of ERDF and CF. When defining the fiscal adjustment under either the preventive or the corrective arm of the Stability and Growth Pact, the Commission shall carefully assess this request in a manner reflecting the strategic importance of investments co-financed by the ERDF and CF.

Amendment 109

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ERDF **may** support integrated territorial development within programmes under both goals referred to in Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR] in accordance with Chapter II of Title III of that Regulation[new CPR].

Amendment

1. The ERDF **shall** support integrated territorial development within programmes under both goals referred to in Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR] in accordance with Chapter II of Title III of that Regulation[new CPR].

Amendment 110

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. At least 5% of the ERDF resources available at national level under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, other than for technical assistance, shall be allocated to integrated territorial development in non-urban areas with natural, geographic or demographic handicaps or disadvantages or which have difficulty accessing basic services. Out of

this amount, at least 17,5 % shall be allocated to rural areas and communities taking into account provisions of a Smart Villages Pact to develop projects such as smart villages.

Amendment 111

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall implement integrated territorial development, ***supported by the ERDF, exclusively*** through the forms referred to in Article [22] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR].

Amendment

2. Member States shall implement integrated territorial development, ***through a specific axis or programme or*** through the ***other*** forms referred to in Article [22] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR], ***and may benefit from a multifund and integrated approach involving the ERDF, ESF+, EMFF and EAFRD.***

Amendment 112

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ERDF shall support integrated territorial development based on territorial strategies in accordance with Article [23] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR] focused on urban areas ('sustainable urban development') within programmes under both goals referred to in Article 4(2) of that Regulation.

Amendment

1. ***To address economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges,*** the ERDF shall support integrated territorial development based on territorial strategies in accordance with Article [23] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR], ***which may also benefit from a multifund and integrated approach involving the ERDF and the ESF+, and*** focused on ***functional*** urban areas ('sustainable urban development') within programmes under both goals referred to in Article 4(2) of that Regulation.

Amendment 113

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

At least **6%** of the ERDF resources at national level under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, other than for technical assistance, shall be allocated to sustainable urban development in the form of community-led local development, integrated territorial investments or **another** territorial **tool** under PO5.

Amendment

At least **10%** of the ERDF resources at national level under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, other than for technical assistance, shall be allocated to sustainable urban development in the form of **a specific programme, a specific priority axis**, community-led local development, integrated territorial investments or **other** territorial **tools, as set out in point (c) of Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx (new CPR). The ‘urban authorities’ referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2018/XXXX [new CPR] shall be empowered to choose the measures and projects involved. Operations carried out under POs other than PO5 may, if consistent, contribute to reaching the 10% minimum threshold for sustainable urban development. Investments made under PO5 (i) should count as contributing to this earmarking of 10%, as well as operations carried out under other POs, if consistent with sustainable urban development.**

Amendment 114

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

This initiative shall cover all urban areas and shall support the Urban Agenda of the Union.

Amendment

This initiative shall cover all **functional** urban areas and shall support the **partnerships and organisational costs of the** Urban Agenda of the Union. **Local authorities should be actively involved in**

Amendment 115

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

- (a) support of capacity-building;

Amendment

- (a) support of capacity-building,
***including actions of exchange for
regional and local representatives at
subnational level;***

Amendment 116

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

- (b) support of innovative actions;

Amendment

- (b) support of innovative actions ***which
may receive additional co-funding for
regulation (EU) 2018/xxx (European
Agricultural Fund for Rural
Development) and be provided jointly with
the European Network for Rural
Development in particular with regard to
rural and urban links and projects
supporting the development of urban and
functional urban areas;***

Amendment 117

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

- (c) support of knowledge, policy
development and communication.

Amendment

- (c) support of knowledge, ***territorial
impact assessments,*** policy development
and communication.

Amendment 118

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Upon request from one or more Member States, the European Urban Initiative may also support inter-governmental cooperation on urban matters.

Amendment

Upon request from one or more Member States, the European Urban Initiative may also support inter-governmental cooperation on urban matters ***such as the reference framework on sustainable cities, the territorial agenda of the European Union and the adjustment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals to the local level circumstances.***

Amendment 119

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall submit an annual report to the European Parliament on developments in connection with the European Urban Initiative.

Amendment 120

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 10a

Areas facing natural or demographic handicaps and challenges

1. In programmes that are co-funded by the ERDF and cover areas facing severe and permanent natural or

demographic handicaps and challenges such as those referred to in Article 174 TFEU, special attention shall be paid to addressing the challenges faced by those areas.

In particular, NUTS level 3 areas or clusters of local administrative units (LAUs) with a population density of below 12.5 inhabitants per km² for sparsely populated areas or below 8 inhabitants per km² for very sparsely populated areas, or with an average population decrease of more than 1% between 2007 and 2017 shall be subject to specific regional and national plans to enhance attractiveness, increase business investment and boost the accessibility of digital and public services, including a fund in the cooperation agreement. A dedicated funding may be earmarked in the Partnership Agreement.

Amendment 121

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. **The** specific additional allocation for the outermost regions shall be used to offset the additional costs incurred in these regions as a result of one or several of the permanent restraints to their development listed in Article 349 of the TFEU.

Amendment

1. **Article 3 shall not apply to the specific additional allocation for the outermost regions. This** specific additional allocation for the outermost regions shall be used to offset the additional costs incurred in these regions as a result of one or several of the permanent restraints to their development listed in Article 349 of the TFEU.

Amendment 122

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 3 a (new)

3a. By way of derogation from Article 4(1), the ERDF may support productive investment in enterprises in the outermost regions, irrespective of their size.

Amendment 123

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 7(4) shall be conferred on the Commission **for an indeterminate period of time** from the date of the entry into force of this Regulation.

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 7(4) shall be conferred on the Commission from the date of the entry into force of this Regulation **until 31 December 2027.**

Amendment 124

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 13a

Repeal

Without prejudice to Article 12 of this Regulation, Regulations (EC) No 1301/2013 and (EC) No 1300/2013 are repealed with effect from 1 January 2021.

Amendment 125

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 13b

Review

The European Parliament and the Council shall review this Regulation by 31 December 2027, in accordance with Article 177 TFEU.

Amendment 126

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 1– title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation

1. A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation ***regional connectivity in the area of technologies, developing the information and communication technologies (ICT), connectivity and efficient public administration' ('PO 1') by:***

Amendment 127

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO -01 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO -01 - Regional average income

Amendment 128

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 10a - Enterprises supported to transform their products and services into circular economy

Amendment 129

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 14a - Additional socio-economic hubs with broadband access of very high capacity

Amendment 130

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCR 14 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 14b - Socio-economic hubs with broadband subscriptions to a very high capacity network

Amendment 131

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 2 – Results – RCR -01 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR -01 - Increase of regional income

ratio as defined in Article 3(3)

Amendment 132

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 2 – Results – RCR 14

Text proposed by the Commission

RCR 14 - ***Enterprises using*** public digital services*

Amendment

RCR 14 - ***Users of*** public digital services*

Amendment 133

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Column 1 – Policy objective 2 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

2. A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

Amendment

2. A greener, ***low-carbon and resilient*** Europe ***for all*** by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

Amendment 134

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 18a - The percentage of annual energy savings for the entire building stock (compared to a baseline) in line with the objective of reaching a high-efficient and decarbonised building stock as included in the national long term

*renovation strategy to support renovation
of the national stock of residential and
non-residential buildings*

Amendment 135

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 18 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCO 18b - Households with improved
energy performance of their dwellings,
reaching at least 60% energy savings***

Amendment 136

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 18 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCO 18c - Households with improved
energy performance of their dwellings,
reaching Nearly Zero Energy Buildings
(nZEB) standard level after renovation***

Amendment 137

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 19 - **Public** buildings supported to
improve energy performance

RCO 19 – Buildings supported to improve
energy performance (***of which: residential,
private non- residential, public non-
residential***)

Amendment 138

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 19 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCO 19b - Number of energy
poor/vulnerable consumers supported to
improve the energy performance of their
dwelling***

Amendment 139

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCO 20a – Buildings supported to
improve their smart readiness***

Amendment 140

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 22 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCO 22a - Total final renewable energy
consumption and consumption per sector
(heating and cooling, transport,
electricity)***

Amendment 141

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 22 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 22b - Share of total renewable energy produced

Amendment 142

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 22 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 22c - Reduction of annual import of non-renewable energy

Amendment 143

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 97a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 97a - Share of renewable self-consumers in the total electricity capacity installed

Amendment 144

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 98a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCO 98a - Support transitional period
regions effected by decarbonisation***

Amendment 145

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 24 - New or upgraded ***disaster***
monitoring, preparedness, warning and
response systems*

RCO 24 - New or upgraded monitoring,
preparedness, warning and response
systems ***for natural disasters such as
earthquakes, forest fires, floods or
droughts****

Amendment 146

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 28

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 28 - Areas covered by protection
measures against forest fires

RCO 28 - Areas covered by protection
measures against forest fires, ***earthquakes,
floods or droughts***

Amendment 147

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 32a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 32a - Total fossil fuels replaced by

Amendment 148

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 34

Text proposed by the Commission

RCO 34 - Additional capacity for waste recycling

Amendment

RCO 34 - Additional capacity for waste ***prevention and*** recycling

Amendment 149

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCO 34a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 34a – Number of converted jobs

Amendment 150

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Column 3 – Results – RCR 27

Text proposed by the Commission

RCR 27 Households with improved energy performance of their dwellings

Amendment

RCR 27 Households with improved energy performance of their dwellings ***reaching at least 60 % energy savings***

Amendment 151

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Column 3 – Results – RCR 28 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 28 a Buildings with improved energy performances resulting from contractual arrangements which guarantee verifiable energy savings and improved efficiency, such as energy performance contracting as defined in point (27) of Article 2 of Directive 2012/27/EU^{1a}

^{1a} Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1).

Amendment 152

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR 30 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 30a – Buildings with improved smart readiness

Amendment 153

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR -43

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 43 - Water losses

RCR 43 - ***Reduction of*** water losses

Amendment 154

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR -46 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR -46a – Waste generation per capita

Amendment 155

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR -46 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR -46b – Per capita waste sent to disposal and energy recovery

Amendment 156

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR -47 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR -47a – Biowaste recycled

Amendment 157

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR 48 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 48a – Population served by waste preparing for re-use facilities

Amendment 158

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR 48 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 48b – Circular material use rate

Amendment 159

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR 49

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 49 - Waste ***recovered***

RCR 49 - Waste ***reused***

Amendment 160

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Results – RCR 49 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR 49a – Waste prepared for re-use

Amendment 161

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 3 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. A more connected Europe by

3. A more connected Europe ***for all*** by

Amendment 162

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 43

Text proposed by the Commission

RCO 43 - Length of new roads supported - TEN-T¹

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1).

Amendment

RCO 43 - Length of new roads supported - TEN-T¹ (*core and comprehensive networks*)

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1).

Amendment 163

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 45

Text proposed by the Commission

RCO 45 - Length of roads reconstructed or upgraded - TEN-T

Amendment

RCO 45 - Length of roads reconstructed or upgraded - TEN-T (*core and comprehensive networks*)

Amendment 164

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 47

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 47 - Length of new rail supported -
TEN-T³

RCO 47 - Length of new rail supported -
TEN-T³ (*core and comprehensive
networks*)

Amendment 165

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 2 – Outputs – RCO 49

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCO 49 - Length of rail reconstructed or
upgraded - TEN-T⁴

RCO 49 - Length of rail reconstructed or
upgraded - TEN-T⁴ (*core and
comprehensive networks*)

Amendment 166

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 3 – Results – RCR - 55 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCR -55a - Ratio of completion of the
TEN-T corridor on the national territory***

Amendment 167

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 3 – Results – RCR - 57 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***RCR -57a - Ratio of completion of the
TEN-T corridor on the national territory***

Amendment 168

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 1– title

Text proposed by the Commission

4. A more social Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

Amendment

4. A more social ***and inclusive*** Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

Amendment 169

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 3 – Results – RCR -68 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR -68a - Members of marginalised communities and disadvantaged groups through integrated actions including housing and social services (other than Roma)

Amendment 170

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 3 – Column 3 – Results – RCR -68 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

RCR -68b - Members of marginalised communities and disadvantaged groups through integrated actions including housing and social services (Roma)

Amendment 171

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Table 1 – Policy objective 1 – Column 1 – Title

Text proposed by the Commission

5. A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, **rural** and **coastal** areas and local initiatives

Amendment

5. A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban and **all other** areas and local initiatives

Amendment 172

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Column 1 – Policy objective 1 – Title

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation

Amendment

1. A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation **regional connectivity in the area of technologies, developing the information and communication technologies (ICT), connectivity and efficient public administration' by:**

Amendment 173

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 1 – Column 3 – Outputs – CCO -01 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

CCO -01a - Enterprises supported for sustainable economical activity

Amendment 174

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 1 – Column 3 – Outputs – CCO 04

Text proposed by the Commission

CCO 04 - SMEs supported to create jobs and growth

Amendment

CCO 04 - SMEs supported to create jobs and **sustainable** growth

Amendment 175

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 1 – Column 4 – Results – CCR -01 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

CCR -01a - Increase of regional income ratio

Amendment 176

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Column 1 – Policy objective 2 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

2. A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

Amendment

2. A greener, low-carbon **and resilient** Europe **for all** by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the (circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

Amendment 177

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Outputs – CCO 08 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

CCO 08a - Development of new enterprises

Amendment 178

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 2 – Column 3 – Outputs – CCO 09 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

CCO 09a - Increased climate change adaptation, increased natural disasters risk prevention and better resilience to disasters and extreme weather events

Amendment 179

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 2 – Column 4 – Results – CCR 07 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

CCR 07a - Number of jobs created

Amendment 180

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 3 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility ***and regional ICT connectivity***

3. A more connected Europe ***for all*** by enhancing mobility

Amendment 181

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 3 – Column 3 – Outputs – CCO 14

Text proposed by the Commission

CCO 14 – Road TEN-T: New and upgraded roads

Amendment

CCO 14 – Road TEN-T: New and upgraded roads **and bridges**

Amendment 182

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 3 – Column 4 – Results – CCR 13

Text proposed by the Commission

CCR 13 - Time savings due to improved road infrastructure

Amendment

CCR 13 - Time savings due to improved road **and bridge** infrastructure

Amendment 183

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 4 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

4. A more social Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

Amendment

4. A more social **and inclusive** Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

Amendment 184

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – Policy objective 5 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

5. A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated

Amendment

5. A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated

development of urban, *rural* and *coastal*
areas *and local initiatives*

development of urban and *all other* areas
