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MANDATE¹ for opening inter-institutional negotiations adopted by the Committee on Regional Development at its meeting on 11 July 2012²

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific provisions concerning the European Regional Development Fund and the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006
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Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The ERDF shall contribute to the financing of support which aims to reinforce economic, social and territorial cohesion by redressing the main regional imbalances through support for the development and structural adjustment of regional economies, including the conversion of declining industrial regions **and** regions lagging behind.

Amendment

The ERDF shall contribute to the financing of support which aims to reinforce economic, social and territorial cohesion by redressing the main regional imbalances through support for the **sustainable** development and structural adjustment of regional economies, including the conversion of declining industrial regions, regions lagging behind, **and regions facing demographic challenges and handicaps**.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) productive investment, which contributes to creating and safeguarding sustainable jobs, through direct aid to investment in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs);

Amendment

(a) productive investment, which contributes to creating and safeguarding sustainable jobs, **primarily** through direct aid to investment in **micro-enterprises and** small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) **including social economy enterprises**;

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 - paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) investments in infrastructure providing basic services to citizens in the areas of energy, environment, transport, and information and communication technologies (ICT);

Amendment

(b) investments in **accessible** infrastructure providing basic services to citizens in the areas of energy, environment, **sustainable tourism and** transport, and information and communication technologies (ICT);

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) investments in social, health **and** educational infrastructure;

Amendment

(c) investments in **accessible** social, health, educational, **cultural, sport and tourism** infrastructure;

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point d – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) support for and services to enterprises, in particular SMEs;

Amendment

(ii) support for, and services to, enterprises, in particular **micro-enterprises and** SMEs, **including social economy enterprises**;

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point d – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) support to **public** research and innovation bodies and investment in technology and applied research in enterprises;

Amendment

(iii) support to research and innovation bodies and investment in technology and applied research in enterprises;

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point d – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) networking, cooperation and exchange of experience between **regions, towns,** and relevant social, economic and environmental actors;

Amendment

(iv) networking, cooperation and exchange of experience between **local and regional authorities and** relevant social, economic and environmental, **educational, science and research** actors, **including non-**

governmental organisations;

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 - paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 - point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) implementation of financial instruments such as loans, guarantees and equities or other forms of revolving assistance, as referred to in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR];

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) technical assistance.

(e) technical assistance ***including:***

(i) thematic training and information programmes for potential beneficiaries

(ii) capacity building of decision makers at national and regional level with regard to simplification and coordination of procedures

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 - paragraph 1 - subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In more developed regions, the ERDF shall not support investments in infrastructure providing basic services to citizens in the areas of environment, transport, and ICT.

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Amendment 11

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Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. In addition to subparagraph 1, the ERDF may support all types of cross-border infrastructure in regions involved in cross-border cooperation programmes referred to in Article 3 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 - paragraph 2 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in installations falling under Directive 2003/87/EC;

(b) **investment aimed at achieving** the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions **from activities** falling under **Annex I of** Directive 2003/87/EC;

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) in more developed regions **and transition regions**:

(a) in more developed regions:

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) at least 80% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be

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allocated to the thematic objectives set out in **points 1, 3 and 4 of** Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] ; and

allocated to **four of** the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] **of which three shall be thematic objectives set out in points 1, 3 and 4 of that Article** ; and

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) at least **20%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] ;

Amendment

(ii) at least **22%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] ;

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) in transition regions:

i) at least 60 % of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to four of the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation EU No [...] /2012 [CPR] of which three shall be thematic objectives set out in points 1,3 and 4 of that Article; and

ii) at least 22 % of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation EU No [...] /2012 [CPR];

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 - paragraph 1 - point b - point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) at least 50% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objectives set in out in **point 1, 3 and 4 of** Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR].

Amendment

(i) at least 50% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to **four of** the thematic objectives set in out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR], **of which three shall be thematic objectives set out in points 1,3 and 4 of that Article.**

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 - paragraph 1 - point b - point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) at least **6%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR].

Amendment

(ii) at least **12%** of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR].

The Cohesion Fund allocation to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] may be counted towards the achievement of the amount set out in this point. In such case, at least 15% of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to the thematic objective set out in point 4 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR].

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

By derogation from point (a) (i), in those regions whose GDP per capita for the

Amendment

By derogation from point (a) (i), in those regions whose GDP per capita for the

2007-13 period was less than 75 % of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period but which are eligible under the category of transition or more developed regions as defined in Article 82(2)(b) and (c) of Regulation (EU) No []/2012 [CPR] in the 2014-2020 period, at least 60 % of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to **each** of the thematic objectives set in out in **points 1, 3 and 4 of** Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR]

2007-13 period was less than 75 % of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the reference period **and for the regions designated with the phasing-out status in the 2007-2013 period** but which are eligible under the category of transition or more developed regions as defined in Article 82(2)(b) and (c) of Regulation (EU) No []/2012 [CPR] in the 2014-2020 period, at least 60 % of the total ERDF resources at national level shall be allocated to **four** of the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] **of which three shall be thematic objectives set out in points 1,3 and 4 of that Article.**

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 - paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Point (aa) of paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to capital regions of the Member States referred to in Article 82(3) of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR].

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The ERDF shall support the following investment priorities within the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR]:

The ERDF shall support the following investment priorities within the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] **in line with regional needs and potential as described in the Partnership Contracts:**

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) enhancing research and innovation infrastructure (R&I) and capacities to develop R&I excellence and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest;

Amendment

(a) enhancing research and innovation infrastructure (R&I), **technology and innovation services and** capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular, those of European interest **and if there are potential synergies with other European programmes, such as the establishment of centres of excellence competition under Horizon 2020;**

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) promoting business R&I investment, product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation and public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation;

Amendment

(b) promoting **private and public** business R&I investment, product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, **eco-innovation, cultural and creative industries**, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters, **science and technology parks**, and open innovation through smart specialisation;

Amendment 24

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) developing links and synergies between enterprises, enhancing R&D centres and higher education, including through business incubators;

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) supporting ***technological and applied*** research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production in Key Enabling Technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies;

Amendment

(c) supporting research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production in ***particular in*** Key Enabling Technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies;

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 - point 1 - point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) developing appropriate links and synergies with Horizon 2020;

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 - point 2 - point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) strengthening ICT applications for e-government, e-learning, e-inclusion and e-health;

(c) strengthening ICT applications for e-government, e-learning, ***e-culture***, e-inclusion and e-health;

Amendment 28

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) strengthening ICT applications for energy system management and control;

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms;

Amendment

(a) promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms ***including venture capital type investments***;

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 - point 3 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) developing new business models for SMEs, in particular for internationalisation;

Amendment

(b) developing ***and implementing*** new business models ***and business skills*** for SMEs, ***including for the development of local markets and*** for internationalisation;

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 3 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) promoting the provision of business support services including eco-innovation, resource efficiency and environmental performance management;

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 - point 4 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in SMEs;

Amendment

(b) promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in ***enterprises, primarily in*** SMEs;

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 - point 4 - point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in public infrastructures and in the housing sector;

Amendment

(c) supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in ***new and existing*** public infrastructures, ***in particular in public buildings, in historical buildings*** and in the ***public and private*** housing sector;

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – point 4 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas;

Amendment

(e) promoting low-carbon strategies for ***all types of territories, in particular for*** urban areas, ***and promotion of sustainable multi-modal urban mobility***;

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – point 4 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) promoting high efficiency cogeneration of heat and power including district heating and cooling and combined heat and sustainable power plants;

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 - point 4 - point e b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(eb) improving energy efficiency and increasing energy security through construction and modernisation of electricity transmission and distribution networks;

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) supporting dedicated investment for adaptation to climate change;

(a) supporting dedicated investment for ***ecosystem-based*** adaptation to climate change;

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 5 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems.

(b) promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring ***regional*** disaster resilience and developing ***regional*** disaster management systems, ***while respecting national competencies***;

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 - point 6 - point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) ***addressing the significant needs for investment*** in the waste sector to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis;

(a) ***investing*** in the waste sector, ***inter alia***, to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 - point 6 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **addressing the significant needs for investment** in the water sector to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis;

Amendment

(b) **investing** in the water sector, *inter alia*, to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis **and supporting integrated and resource-efficient territorial water management**;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – point 6 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) protecting, promoting and developing cultural heritage;

Amendment

(c) **conserving**, protecting, promoting and developing **natural and** cultural heritage;

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – point 6 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) protecting biodiversity, soil protection and promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures;

Amendment

(d) protecting **and restoring** biodiversity, soil protection and **restoration and** promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures;

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 - point 6 - point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) promoting innovative technologies to reduce air pollution;

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 6 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) developing and supporting the provision of environmental services promoting eco-innovation and improvement of environmental performance and resource efficiency in the public sector;

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 - point 6 - point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) action to improve the urban environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites ***and reduction of air pollution;***

(e) action to improve the urban environment, including ***revitalisation of cities, in particular of deprived urban neighbourhoods***, regeneration of brownfield sites, ***and conversion areas, rehabilitation of contaminated sites*** and ***rehabilitation of cultural infrastructure;***

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 6 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) supporting endogenous growth potential of specific areas by enhancing accessibility to, and use of, specific natural and cultural resources, and by developing sustainable regional and local tourism;

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 7 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) enhancing regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure;

Amendment

(b) enhancing regional **and local** mobility **in particular** through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure **and multimodal nodes**;

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 7 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) developing environment-friendly and low-carbon transport systems and promoting sustainable **urban** mobility;

Amendment

(c) developing **and improving** environment-friendly, **safe, low-noise, renewable energy-based** and low carbon transport systems and promoting sustainable **regional and local** mobility;

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 7 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) developing comprehensive, high quality and interoperable railway system;

Amendment

(d) developing **and rehabilitating a** comprehensive, high quality, **accessible** and interoperable railway system **and rail freight noise-reduction measures at the source, as well as the possibility of funding the purchase of rolling stock used for public transport**;

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 - point 7 - point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) developing environment friendly and sustainable inland waterways and maritime transport systems;

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 7 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) developing environmentally sustainable air transport systems;

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point 8 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) development of business incubators and investment support for self-employment and business creation;

(a) ***supporting the*** development of business incubators and investment support for self-employment, ***micro-enterprises*** and business creation;

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 - point 8 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) local development initiatives and aid for structures providing neighbourhood services to create ***new*** jobs, where such actions are outside the scope of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [ESF];

(b) ***supporting*** local development initiatives and aid for structures providing neighbourhood services to create jobs, where such actions are outside the scope of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [ESF];

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – point 8 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) investing in infrastructure for public employment services;

Amendment

(c) investing in infrastructure for public employment services, ***including professional learning centres and career counselling services;***

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – point 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) investing in health and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, and transition from institutional to community-based services;

Amendment

(a) investing in health, ***sporting, cultural*** and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development ***and to better management of demographic change***, reducing inequalities in terms of health ***and social*** status, ***enhancing cultural opportunities available to all***, and transition from institutional to community ***and family***-based services, ***and integration of marginalised communities;***

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 - point 9 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) support for physical ***and*** economic regeneration of deprived urban and rural ***communities;***

Amendment

(b) support for physical, economic ***and social*** regeneration of deprived ***communities in*** urban and rural ***areas, in particular with regard to the social inclusion of the most deprived groups;***

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 9 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) ensuring efforts to make the physical environment accessible for disadvantaged groups, in particular supporting the adaptation of housing to meet the requirements of disabled persons and the elderly;

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 9 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) support for social enterprises.

(c) support for social enterprises ***and social partners;***

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 - point 9 - point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) investing in culture, protection and digitalisation of cultural heritage, enhancing cultural education aimed at reducing inequalities with regard to access to culture, and enhancing social capital;

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – point 9 - point c b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cb) supporting measures that take account of the effects of an ageing

population;

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Common indicators, as set out in the Annex to this Regulation, shall be used where relevant and in accordance with Article 24(3) of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR]. For common indicators, baselines shall be set at zero and cumulative targets shall be fixed for 2022.

Amendment

The Commission shall adopt the list of common indicators in accordance with Article 24(3) of the Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] ***by means of implementing act. This implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).*** For common indicators, baselines shall be set at zero and cumulative targets shall be fixed for 2022.

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ERDF shall support, ***within operational programmes***, sustainable urban development through strategies setting out integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges affecting urban areas.

Amendment

1. The ERDF shall support sustainable urban development through strategies setting out integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate, ***demographic*** and social challenges affecting urban areas.

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 - paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Sustainable urban development shall be undertaken through Integrated Territorial Investments referred to in Article 99 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] or through a specific

operational programme, or a specific priority axis in accordance with Article 87(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR].

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 - paragraph 2 - subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Each Member State shall establish in its Partnership Contract a list of cities where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented and an indicative annual allocation for these actions at national level.

Amendment

2. Taking into account its specific territorial situation, each Member State shall establish in its Partnership Contract, **as defined in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR]**, a list of **criteria for the selection of functional urban areas** or cities where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented and an indicative annual allocation for these actions at national level.

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 - paragraph 2 - subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

At least 5% of the ERDF resources allocated at national level shall be allocated to integrated actions for sustainable urban development delegated to cities for management **through Integrated Territorial Investments referred to in Article 99** of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR].

Amendment

2a. At least 5% of the ERDF resources allocated at national level shall be allocated to integrated actions for sustainable urban development **in functional urban areas including cities and** delegated to cities **or other existing bodies managing functional urban areas** for management **in accordance with Article 113(6)** of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR], **or, where appropriate, in accordance with Article 113(7) of that Regulation. The amount shall be set out in the Partnership Contract.**

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 - paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2b. The tasks to be delegated to a city, or an existing body managing a functional urban area, shall be agreed between the city and the managing authority or authorities. This delegation shall concern at least the tasks relating to the selection of operations. The managing authority may retain the right to undertake a final verification of eligibility of operations before approval.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 - paragraph 2 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2c. Where appropriate, mechanisms for strengthening existing and promoting new urban-rural linkages shall be supported in order to enhance interconnection factors which influence development of each region while assuring the complementarity of the CSF Funds.

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 - heading and title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 8

deleted

Urban development platform

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall ***establish, in accordance with Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR], an urban development platform to*** promote capacity-building and networking between cities and exchange of experience on urban policy at Union level in areas related to the investment priorities of the ERDF and to sustainable urban development.

Amendment

2d. The Commission shall promote capacity-building and networking between cities and exchange of experience on urban policy at Union level in areas related to the investment priorities of the ERDF and to sustainable urban development.

2e. The Commission shall use existing programmes and bodies to facilitate the capacity building, networking and exchange of experience as described in paragraph (2d).

(Paragraphs 2d and 2e will be part of Article 7.)

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. *The Commission shall adopt a list of cities to participate in the platform on the basis of the lists established in the Partnership Contracts, by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 14(2).*

The list shall contain a maximum number of 300 cities, with a maximum number of 20 per Member State. Cities shall be selected based on the following criteria:

(a) population, taking account of the specificities of national urban systems;

Amendment

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(b) the existence of a strategy for integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges affecting urban areas.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The **platform** shall also support networking between all cities which undertake innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission.

Amendment

2f. The **Commission** shall also support networking between all cities which undertake innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission.

(Paragraph 2f will be part of Article 7.)

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. At the initiative of the Commission, the ERDF may support innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development, subject to a ceiling of 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation. They shall include studies and pilot projects to identify or test new solutions to issues relating to sustainable urban development which are of relevance at Union level.

Amendment

1. At the initiative of the Commission, the ERDF may support innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development, subject to a ceiling of 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation. They shall include studies and pilot projects to identify or test new solutions to issues relating to sustainable urban development which are of relevance at Union level. ***The Commission shall ensure the close involvement of urban, rural, peri-urban, local, regional and civil society partners in all stages of the preparation and implementation of those actions;***

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 13 **concerning** procedures for the selection and implementation of innovative actions.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall **be empowered to** adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 13, **laying down detailed rules on the** procedures for the selection and implementation of innovative actions.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. By derogation from Article 4, the specific additional allocation for the northern sparsely populated regions referred to in Article 84(1) (e) of Regulation (EU) No. [...]/2012 [CPR] shall be allocated with a particular focus on the thematic objectives set out in points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 of Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR].

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 - paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. By derogation from Article 4, for all NUTS 2 level regions consisting solely of an island or of several islands, Article 4 (b) shall apply.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **freight** transport services and start-up aid for **transport** services;

Amendment

(b) **sustainable** transport **and mobility** services and start-up aid for **these** services;

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The specific additional allocation may also be used to help finance operating aid and expenditure covering public service obligations and contracts in the outermost regions.

Amendment

2. The specific additional allocation may also be used to help finance operating aid and expenditure covering public service obligations and contracts in the outermost regions. **Concerning operating aid, the Commission shall adopt the implementing rules for State aid in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 16 of Regulation (EC) 247/2006.**

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 - paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. All enterprises established in the outermost regions may benefit from the specific additional allocation and from any productive investment financed under the ERDF.

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The power **to adopt delegated acts** referred to in Article 9(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for **an**

Amendment

2. The **delegation of** power referred to in Article 9(3) shall be conferred on the Commission for **a** period of **three years**

indeterminate period of *time* from 1 January 2014.

from¹. *The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the three year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended until the review of this Regulation, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than 3 months before the end of that period.*

¹ *OJ: Please insert date of entry into force of this regulation.*

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 9(3) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision *to revoke* shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment

3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 9(3) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision *of revocation* shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 9(3) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of *two* months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the

Amendment

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Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by *two* months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.

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Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, **Article 4** of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Amendment

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, **Article 5** of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation Annex

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Annex deleted