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# Proposal for a regulation Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) In view of the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, the commitment regarding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the increased ambition of the Union as proposed in the European Green Deal, the JTF should provide a key contribution to mainstream climate actions. Resources from the JTF own envelope are additional and come on top of the investments needed to achieve the overall target of 25% of the Union budget expenditure contributing to climate objectives. Resources transferred from the ERDF and ESF+ will contribute fully to the achievement of this target.

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(6) In view of the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, the commitment regarding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the increased ambition of the Union as proposed in the European Green Deal, the JTF should provide a key contribution to mainstream climate and environmental actions. Resources from the JTF own envelope are additional and come on top of the investments needed to achieve the overall target of 50 % of the Union budget expenditure contributing to climate objectives. Resources transferred on a voluntary basis from the ERDF and ESF+ could contribute fully to the achievement of this target.

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11 b) To address the specific situation and role of women in the transition, gender equality should be promoted.

Or. en

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# Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12)In order to enhance the economic diversification of territories impacted by the transition, the JTF should provide support to productive investment in SMEs. Productive investment should be understood as investment in fixed capital or immaterial assets of enterprises in view of producing goods and services thereby contributing to gross-capital formation and employment. For enterprises other than SMEs, productive investments should only be supported if they are necessary for mitigating job losses resulting from the transition, by creating or protecting a significant number of jobs and they do not lead to or result from relocation. Investments in existing industrial facilities, including those covered by the Union Emissions Trading System, should be allowed if they contribute to the transition to a climate-neutral economy by 2050 and go substantially below the relevant benchmarks established for free allocation under Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>14</sup> and if they result in the *protection* of a significant number of jobs. Any such investment should be justified accordingly in the relevant territorial just transition plan. In order to protect the integrity of the internal market and cohesion policy, support to undertakings should comply with Union State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 TFEU and, in

#### Amendment

(12)In order to enhance the economic diversification of territories impacted by the transition, the JTF should provide support to productive investment in SMEs including those SMEs that are partly or completely owned by local municipalities. Productive investment should be understood as investment in fixed capital or immaterial assets of enterprises in view of producing goods and services thereby contributing to gross-capital formation and employment. For enterprises other than SMEs, productive investments should only be supported if they are necessary for mitigating job losses resulting from the transition, by creating or protecting a significant number of decent and sustainable jobs and they do not lead to or result from relocation. Investments in existing industrial facilities, including those covered by the Union Emissions Trading System, should be allowed if they contribute to the transition to a climateneutral economy by 2050 and go substantially below the relevant benchmarks established for free allocation under Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>14</sup> and if they result in the creation and maintenance of a significant number of decent and sustainable jobs. Any such investment should be justified accordingly in the relevant territorial just transition plan, be sustainable and, where

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particular, support to productive investments by enterprises other than SMEs should be limited to enterprises located in areas designated as assisted areas for the purposes of points (a) and (c) of Article 107(3) TFEU.

applicable, be consistent with the polluter pays principle and the energy efficiency first principle. In order to protect the integrity of the internal market and cohesion policy, support to undertakings should comply with Union State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 TFEU.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 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).

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# Proposal for a regulation Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14)The JTF support should be conditional on the effective implementation of a transition process in a specific territory in order to achieve a climate-neutral economy. In that regard, Member States should prepare, in cooperation with the relevant stakeholders and supported by the Commission, territorial just transition plans, detailing the transition process, consistently with their National Energy and Climate Plans. To this end, the Commission should set up a Just Transition Platform, which would build on the existing platform for coal regions in transition to enable bilateral and multilateral exchanges of experience on lessons learnt and best practices across all affected sectors.

#### Amendment

(14)The JTF support should be conditional on the effective and *measurable* implementation of a transition process in a specific territory in order to achieve a climate-neutral economy. A legally binding date for phasing-out of coal enshrined in national law should be a precondition for receiving funding from the JTF. It is important that the phase-out date is built on public discourse and as broad as possible consent. In that regard, Member States should prepare, in social *dialogue and* cooperation with the relevant stakeholders in accordance with the partnership principle established by Article 6 of Regulation (EU) .../... [new **CPR**, and supported by the Commission, territorial just transition plans, detailing the transition process, consistently with, and possibly going further than, their National Energy and Climate Plans. To this end, the Commission should set up a Just Transition Platform, which would build on the existing platform for coal regions in transition to enable bilateral and multilateral exchanges of experience on lessons learnt and best practices across all affected sectors.

#### **Amendment 82**

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Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. This Regulation establishes the Just Transition Fund ('JTF') to provide support to territories *facing* serious socio-economic challenges deriving from the transition process towards *a climate-neutral economy* of the *Union by 2050*.

#### Amendment

1. This Regulation establishes the Just Transition Fund ('JTF') to provide support to the people, economy and environment of territories that face serious socioeconomic challenges deriving from the transition process towards the achievement of the Union's 2030 targets for energy and climate, and of the Union's climate neutrality objective as defined in Regulation (EU) .../... [European Climate Law].

#### **Amendment 83**

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# Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) investments in the deployment of technology and infrastructures for affordable clean energy, in greenhouse gas emission reduction, energy efficiency *and* renewable energy;

Amendment

(d) investments in the deployment of technology and infrastructures for affordable clean energy and its systems, in greenhouse gas emission reduction, energy efficiency, electricity storage technologies and sustainable renewable energy, where it leads to job creation and maintenance of sustainable employment at a considerable scale;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 84**

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## Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d c) investments in energy renovation of buildings, in line with the Renovation Wave initiative;

Or. en

**Amendment 85** 

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d d) investments in projects fighting energy poverty, particularly in social housing, and promoting energy efficiency, a climate- neutral approach and zeroemission district heating in most affected regions;

**Amendment 86** 

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Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) upskilling *and* reskilling of workers;

(h) upskilling, reskilling and training of workers and jobseekers, particularly those with under-exploited or low educational levels and having unequal access to traditional education and training opportunities and the youth who are neither in employment nor in education or training (NEETs), with the aim of bridging the skills gap necessary for the just transition to a green and resource-efficient society;

#### **Amendment 87**

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point j b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j b) promotion of gender equality, equal opportunities and women's labour market participation and entrepreneurship;