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## **AMENDMENTS 001-060**

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### **Report**

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Additional resources in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: REACT-EU

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2020)0451 – C9-0149/2020 – 2020/0101(COD))

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### **Amendment 1**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Title 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013  
as regards exceptional additional resources  
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and resilient recovery of the economy  
(REACT-EU)

### **Amendment 2**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States have been affected by **the** crisis due to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in an unprecedented manner. The crisis hampers growth in Member States, which in turn aggravates the serious liquidity shortages due to the sudden and important increase in public investments needed in their health systems and other sectors of their economies. This has created an exceptional situation which needs to be addressed **with** specific measures.

*Amendment*

(1) Member States have been affected by **a social, economic and health** crisis due to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in an unprecedented manner. The crisis hampers growth in Member States, which in turn aggravates the serious liquidity shortages due to the sudden and important increase in public investments needed in their health systems and other sectors of their economies, **exacerbating the situation of people at risk of poverty, deepening social cleavages and increasing unemployment rates. The closure of the internal borders also had a severe impact on economic cooperation in border areas, affecting the commuting of workers and the functioning of SMEs. In addition, there is a feasible concern that patients' access to health care services will be limited in the medium and longer term. It also needs to be considered that profound health inequalities across and within the Union exist, especially in border regions, thus deepening unmet medical needs and reducing the overall social cohesion in Member States.** This has created an exceptional situation which needs to be addressed **through** specific, **immediate and extraordinary** measures **that reach the real economy quickly to stimulate investment, economic growth and job creation and preservation of business fabric.**

**Amendment 3**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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#### Amendment 4

##### Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) In order to redress huge shocks to the economy stemming from the exceptional restrictions put in place by Member States to contain the COVID-19 ***spreading*** and the risks of an asymmetric recovery stemming from the different national means available in different Member States ***resulting*** in serious impacts on the functioning of the Internal Market, the European Council endorsed on 23 April 2020 the “Roadmap for recovery” with a strong investment component, called for the establishment of the European Recovery Fund and mandated the Commission to analyse the needs so that the resources would be targeted towards the sectors and geographical parts of the Union most affected, while clarifying also the link with the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027.

###### *Amendment*

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while clarifying also the link with the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027.

## Amendment 5

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) In accordance with Regulation [European Recovery Instrument] and within the limits of resources allocated therein, recovery and resilience measures under the European Investment and Structural Funds should be carried out to address the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 crisis. ***Such additional resources should be used to ensure compliance with the time limits provided for in Regulation [ERI].*** Moreover, additional resources for economic, social and territorial cohesion should be made available through a revision of the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020.

#### *Amendment*

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## Amendment 6

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 5

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) An additional exceptional amount of EUR 58 272 800 000 (in current prices) for budgetary commitment from the Structural Funds under the Investment for growth and jobs goal, for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 should be made available to support Member States and regions most impacted in crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic ***or*** preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy, with a view to deploying resources quickly to the real economy

#### *Amendment*

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through the existing operational programmes. Resources for 2020 stem from an increase in the resources available for economic, social and territorial cohesion in the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020 whereas resources for 2021 and 2022 stem from the European Union Recovery Instrument. Part of the additional resources should be allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. The Commission should set out the breakdown of the remaining additional resources for each Member State on the basis of an allocation method based on the latest available objective statistical data concerning Member States' relative prosperity and the extent of the effect of the current crisis on their economies and societies. The allocation method should include a dedicated additional amount for the outermost regions given the specific vulnerability of their economies and societies. In order to reflect the evolving nature of the effects of the crisis, the breakdown should be revised in 2021 on the basis of the same allocation method using the latest statistical data available by 19 October 2021 to distribute the 2022 tranche of the additional resources.

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## Amendment 7

## Proposal for a regulation

### Recital 6

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) Horizontal financial rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of Article 322 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union apply to this Regulation. These rules are laid down in the Financial Regulation and determine in particular the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget through grants, procurement, prizes, indirect implementation, and provide for checks on the responsibility of financial actors. Rules adopted on the basis of Article 322 TFEU also concern the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States, as the respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for sound financial management and effective EU funding.

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## Amendment 8

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 7

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) In order to allow maximum flexibility to Member States for tailoring crisis repair actions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic ***or*** preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy, allocations should be established by the Commission at Member State level. Furthermore, the possibility for using any additional resources to support aid for the most deprived should also be provided for. In addition, it is necessary to establish ceilings concerning the allocation to technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States while allowing maximum

#### *Amendment*

(7) In order to allow maximum flexibility to Member States for tailoring crisis repair actions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic ***and its socio-economic consequences and*** preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of ***health systems and*** the economy, allocations should be established by the Commission at Member State level ***taking into account those regions most affected.*** Furthermore, the possibility for using any additional resources to support aid for the most deprived ***and Youth Employment Initiative*** should also be provided for. In

flexibility to the Member States as to its allocation within operational programmes supported by the ERDF or the ESF. ***It should be clarified that there is no need to respect the ESF minimum share for the additional resources.*** Taking account of the expected quick spending of the additional resources, the commitments linked to those additional resources should only be decommitted at the closure of the operational programmes.

addition, it is necessary to establish ceilings concerning the allocation to technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States while allowing maximum flexibility to the Member States as to its allocation within operational programmes supported by the ERDF or the ESF. ***The operational strength of the ESF should be maintained.*** Taking account of the expected quick spending of the additional resources, the commitments linked to those additional resources should only be decommitted at the closure of the operational programmes.

## Amendment 9

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 7 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(7a) As the COVID-19 pandemic has affected regions and municipalities in Member States differently, the involvement of regional and local actors from authorities, economic and social partners and civil society is important for the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of crisis repair supported by the REACT-EU. Partnership and multi-level governance in Member States should be strengthened and closely monitored by the Commission.***

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 9

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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of the Council<sup>5</sup>, Member States should continue to be allowed to use the additional resources primarily for investments in products and services for health services, for providing support in the form of working capital or investment support to SMEs, in operations contributing to the transition towards a digital and green economy, infrastructure providing basic services to *citizens* or economic support measures for those regions *most* dependent on sectors most affected by the crisis. Technical assistance should also be supported. It is appropriate that the additional resources are focused exclusively under the new thematic objective “Fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy”, which should also constitute a single investment priority, to allow for simplified programming and implementation of the additional resources.

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of the Council<sup>5</sup>, Member States should continue to be allowed to use the additional resources primarily for investments in products and services for health services, *including cross-border health services and care homes, ensuring maximum complementarity with other Union instruments*, for providing support in the form of working capital or investment support to SMEs, *particularly in the sectors most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and needing rapid revitalization, such as tourism and culture*, in operations contributing to the transition towards a digital and green economy, *as well as providing support to social economy enterprises*, infrastructure providing *non-discriminatory* basic services to *people living in rural, border, less developed, insular, mountainous, sparsely populated and outermost regions, as well as areas affected by industrial transition and depopulation*, or economic support measures for those regions dependent on sectors most affected by the crisis. *Stronger health cooperation, coordination and resilience should be fostered by building and developing a network of centres of excellence across the Union, specialised in developing specific treatment for the evolving health needs. Other investments with a proven high job creation potential, such as urban renewal, should also be supported.* *Furthermore*, technical assistance should also be supported *in all stages*. It is appropriate that the additional resources are focused exclusively under the new thematic objective “Fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy”, which should also constitute a single investment priority, to allow for simplified programming and implementation of the additional resources.

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## Amendment 11

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 10

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) For the ESF, Member States should primarily use the additional resources to support job maintenance, including through short-time work schemes and support to self-employed, job creation, in particular for people in vulnerable situations, support to youth employment measures, education and training, skills development and to enhance access to social services of general interest, including for children. It should be clarified that in the present exceptional circumstances support to short-time work schemes for employees and the self-employed in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic can be provided even when that support is not combined with active labour market measures, unless the latter are imposed by national law. Union support to those short-time work schemes should be limited in time.

##### *Amendment*

(10) For the ESF, Member States should primarily use the additional resources to support ***the modernisation of the labour market, health and social systems***, job maintenance, ***including in rural, border, less developed, insular, mountainous, sparsely populated and outermost regions, as well as areas affected by industrial transition and depopulation***, including through short-time work schemes and support to self-employed, ***entrepreneurs, freelancers, artists and creative workers***, job creation, in particular for people ***in vulnerable situations, social inclusion and poverty eradication***, support to youth employment measures, ***inclusive education and training, including lifelong learning, online education***, skills development, ***reskilling and upskilling, in particular for disadvantaged groups and carriers*** and to enhance ***equal and universal*** access to ***healthcare and*** social services of general

interest, including for children, *elderly, persons with disabilities, women bearing the brunt of the ensuing economic crisis, minorities and the homeless*. It should be clarified that in the present exceptional circumstances support to short-time work schemes for employees and the self-employed in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic can be provided even when that support is not combined with active labour market measures, unless the latter are imposed by national law. Union support to those short-time work schemes should be limited in time. *Those short-time work schemes should aim at maintaining the same level of working and employment conditions and rights and the ESF additional resources allocated to them should be used exclusively for financing the partial unemployment benefits and not for any other company purposes or expenditures and should not subvert collective bargaining, workers' participation or codetermination in company decision-making processes in accordance with national law and practice.*

## Amendment 12

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 10 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(10a) As the temporary closing of borders between Member States has led to significant challenges for cross-border communities and businesses, the economies of border regions Member States should use up to 5% of the additional resources to support cross-border projects, by using existing Interreg projects or creating new ones.*

## Amendment 13

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) In order to ensure that Member States have sufficient financial means to swiftly implement crisis repair actions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy, it is necessary to provide a higher level of initial pre-financing payment for the quick implementation of actions supported by the additional resources. The initial pre-financing to be paid should ensure that Member States have the means to arrange for advance payments to beneficiaries where necessary and to reimburse beneficiaries quickly following the submission of payment claims.

*Amendment*

(11) In order to ensure that Member States have sufficient financial means to swiftly implement crisis repair actions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and **its socio-economic consequences and** preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of **health systems and** the economy, it is necessary to provide a higher level of initial pre-financing payment **or, where applicable, annual pre-financing**, for the quick implementation of actions supported by the additional resources. The initial pre-financing to be paid should ensure that Member States have the means to arrange for advance payments to beneficiaries where necessary and to reimburse beneficiaries quickly following the submission of payment claims.

**Amendment 14**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(12a) The additional resources should be used in line with the sustainable development and “Do no harm” principles, taking into account the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement. Furthermore, equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of gender perspective should be taken into account and promoted throughout the implementation of operational programmes.**

**Amendment 15**

## Proposal for a regulation

### Recital 13

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) With a view to alleviating the burden on public budgets regarding crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy, Member States should be given the exceptional possibility to request a co-financing rate of up to 100 % to be applied to the separate priority axes of operational programmes providing support from the additional resources.

## Amendment 16

## Proposal for a regulation

### Recital 14

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(14) In order to enable Member States to deploy the additional resources for crisis repair quickly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy within the current programming period, it is justified to exempt, on an exceptional basis, Member States from the need to comply with ex ante conditionalities and requirements on the performance reserve and application of the performance framework, on thematic concentration, also in relation to the thresholds established for sustainable urban development for the ERDF, and requirements on preparation of a communication strategy for the additional resources. It is nevertheless necessary that Member States carry out at least one evaluation by 31 December 2024 to assess the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the additional resources as well as how they contributed to achieving the goals of the new dedicated thematic objective. To

#### *Amendment*

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#### *Amendment*

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facilitate the availability of comparable information at Union level, Member States are **encouraged** to make use of the programme-specific indicators made available by the Commission. In addition, while carrying out their responsibilities linked to information, communication and visibility, Member States and managing authorities should enhance the visibility of the exceptional measures and resources introduced by the Union, in particular by ensuring that potential beneficiaries, beneficiaries, participants, final recipients of financial instruments and the general public are aware of the existence, volume and additional support stemming from the additional resources.

to assess the effectiveness, **inclusiveness**, efficiency and impact of the additional resources as well as how they contributed to achieving the goals of the new dedicated thematic objective. To facilitate the availability of comparable information at Union level, Member States are **required** to make use of the programme-specific indicators made available by the Commission. In addition, while carrying out their responsibilities linked to information, communication and visibility, Member States and managing authorities should enhance the visibility of the exceptional measures and resources introduced by the Union, in particular by ensuring that potential beneficiaries, beneficiaries, participants, final recipients of financial instruments and the general public are aware of the existence, volume and additional support stemming from the additional resources.

## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 15

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) With a view to allow the targeting of these additional resources to the geographic areas **where they are most needed**, as an exceptional measure and without prejudice to the general rules for allocating Structural Funds resources, the additional resources allocated to the ERDF and the ESF are not to be broken down per category of region. However, Member States are expected to take into account the different regional needs **and** development levels in order to ensure **that** focus **is maintained** on less developed regions, in accordance with the objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion set out in Article 173 TFEU. Member States should also involve local and regional authorities, as well as relevant

#### *Amendment*

(15) With a view to allow the targeting of these additional resources to the geographic areas **that were most affected, including border regions**, as an exceptional measure and without prejudice to the general rules for allocating Structural Funds resources, the additional resources allocated to the ERDF and the ESF are not to be broken down per category of region. However, Member States are expected to take into account the different regional **investment** needs **resulting from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as** development levels in order to ensure **a balanced** focus **both** on less developed regions **and deprived communities**, in accordance with the objectives of economic, social and

bodies representing civil society, in accordance with the partnership *principles*.

territorial cohesion set out in Article 173 TFEU *and on the regions and cities most affected by the pandemic*. Member States should also involve local and regional authorities, as well as relevant bodies representing civil society, in *particular the third sector, in* accordance with the partnership *principle*.

## Amendment 18

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 15 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(15a) Except for those cases where derogations are provided for by this Regulation, expenditure under REACT-EU should be subject to the same obligations and safeguards as all cohesion funding. This includes respect for fundamental rights and compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union as well as effective anti-fraud measures implemented with the support of existing anti-fraud agencies at Member State and Union level, such as OLAF and, where relevant, the EPPO.*

## Amendment 19

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(19) In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgency to address the associated public health crisis, it is considered necessary to use the exception to the eight-week period referred to in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union, annexed to the Treaty on European Union, to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to the Treaty*

*deleted*

*establishing the European Atomic Energy Community.*

## **Amendment 20**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 91 – paragraph 1 a

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1a. In addition to the global resources referred to in paragraph 1, additional resources of EUR **5 000 000 000 in current** prices shall be made available for economic, social and territorial cohesion for budgetary commitment for 2020, and allocated to the ERDF and the ESF.;

#### *Amendment*

1a. In addition to the global resources referred to in paragraph 1, additional resources of EUR **4 805 843 906 in 2018** prices shall be made available for economic, social and territorial cohesion for budgetary commitment for 2020, and allocated to the ERDF and the ESF.

## **Amendment 21**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92a – subparagraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Measures referred to in Article 2 of Regulation [ERI] shall be implemented under the Structural Funds with an amount of EUR **53 272 800 000 in current** prices of the amount referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(i) of that Regulation, subject to its Article 4(3), (4) and (8).

#### *Amendment*

Measures referred to in Article 2 of Regulation [ERI] shall be implemented under the Structural Funds with an amount of EUR **50 000 654 198 in 2018** prices of the amount referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(i) of that Regulation, subject to its Article 4(3), (4) and (8).

## **Amendment 22**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92a – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

These additional resources for 2021 and 2022 shall constitute external assigned revenues in accordance with Article 21(5) of the Financial Regulation.

*Amendment*

These additional resources for 2021 and 2022 shall constitute external assigned revenues in accordance with Article 21(5) of the Financial Regulation. ***Based on the statistics and future developments related to recovery from the economic crisis provoked by COVID-19, a decision to prolong the flexibility measures under REACT-EU to the years 2023 and 2024 may be taken through a delegated act.***

**Amendment 23**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Exceptional additional resources and implementing arrangements for the Investment for growth and jobs goal to provide assistance for fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy (REACT-EU)

*Amendment*

Exceptional additional resources and implementing arrangements for the Investment for growth and jobs goal ***and the European territorial cooperation goal*** to provide assistance for fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and ***its social consequences and*** preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy (REACT-EU)

**Amendment 24**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The additional resources referred to in Articles 91(1a) and 92a ('the additional resources') shall be made available under the Investment for growth and jobs goal ***to*** provide assistance for fostering crisis repair

*Amendment*

1. ***At least 95% of*** the additional resources referred to in Articles 91(1a) and 92a ('the additional resources') shall be made available under the Investment for growth and jobs goal. ***A minimum of 3 %***



in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy (REACT-EU). The additional resources shall be used to implement technical assistance pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Article and the operations implementing the thematic objective in paragraph **10** of this Article.

***and up to 5 % of those resources shall be made available under the European territorial cooperation goal. In both cases, the additional resources shall*** provide assistance for fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy (REACT-EU). The additional resources shall be used to implement technical assistance pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Article and the operations implementing the thematic objective in paragraph **9** of this Article.

## **Amendment 25**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 2 – indent 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

— 2020: EUR 5 000 000 000;

*Amendment*

— 2020: EUR 5 000 000 000 ***in current prices (EUR 4 805 843 906 in 2018 prices)***;

## **Amendment 26**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 2 – indent 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

— 2021: EUR 42 434 400 000;

*Amendment*

— 2021: EUR 42 434 400 000 ***in current prices (EUR 39 987 184 320 in 2018 prices)***;

## **Amendment 27**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 2 – indent 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

— 2022: EUR 10 820 400 000.

*Amendment*

— 2022: EUR 10 820 400 000 **in current prices (EUR 9 996 674 058 in 2018 prices).**

## **Amendment 28**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The additional **resources for 2021 and 2022 shall be made available from the additional** resources as set out in Article 92a. The additional resources set out in Article 92a shall **also** support administrative expenditure up to EUR 18 000 000 in current prices.

*Amendment*

***Under both the Investment for growth and jobs goal and the European territorial cooperation goal, the additional resources as set out in Article 92a shall be made available for 2021 and 2022. By way of revision of this Regulation through a delegated act and based on a reasoned request of a Member State, the additional resources may also be made available for budgetary commitment in 2023 and 2024. The additional resources set out in Article 92a shall be supplemented by support for administrative expenditure of up to EUR 18 000 000 in current prices (EUR 16 795 821 in 2018 prices).***

## **Amendment 29**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. 0.35% of the additional resources shall be allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

*Amendment*

3. 0.35% of the additional resources shall be allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission ***with a special focus on Member States hit harder by the COVID-19 pandemic and Member States with lower absorption and***

*implementation rates.*

## Amendment 30

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 4

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The Commission shall adopt a decision, by means of implementing acts, setting out the breakdown of the additional resources as appropriations from the Structural Funds for 2020 and 2021 for each Member State in accordance with the criteria and methodology set out in Annex VIIa. That decision shall be revised in 2021 to set out the breakdown of the additional resources for 2022 based on data available by 19 October 2021.

#### *Amendment*

4. ***With regard to both the Investment for growth and jobs goal and the European territorial cooperation goal***, the Commission shall adopt a decision by means of implementing acts setting out the breakdown of the additional resources as appropriations from the Structural Funds for 2020 and 2021 for each Member State in accordance with the criteria and methodology set out in Annex VIIa. That decision shall be revised in 2021 to set out the breakdown of the additional resources for 2022 based on data available by 19 October 2021. ***Where applicable, it shall also be revised in 2022 in relation to budgetary commitments in 2023 and 2024, based on the latest statistical data available. The revisions shall ensure that operational programmes are not negatively impacted.***

*(Annex VII a shall be updated to cover the breakdown for the European Territorial Cooperation goal)*

## Amendment 31

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 6

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Each Member State shall allocate the additional resources available for

#### *Amendment*

Each Member State shall allocate the additional resources available for

programming under the ERDF and the ESF to operational programmes.

programming under the ERDF and the ESF to operational programmes, *involving local and regional authorities, as well as relevant bodies representing civil society and social partners, in accordance with the partnership principle.*

## Amendment 32

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 7

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

By way of derogation from Article 92(7), a share of the additional resources may also be proposed to be used to increase the support for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived ('FEAD') before or at the same time as the allocation to the ERDF and the ESF.

#### *Amendment*

By way of derogation from Article 92(7), a share of ***at least 3% of*** the additional resources ***shall*** may also be proposed to be used to increase the support for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived ('FEAD'), ***in order to address the situation of those who have been hit to an unprecedented degree by the COVID-19 crisis. A share of the additional resources may also be used to increase the support for the Youth Employment Initiative,*** before or at the same time as the allocation to the ERDF and the ESF.

## Amendment 33

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 7 a (new)

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

#### *Amendment*

***The additional allocation for the outermost regions shall be added to the allocation that every outermost region will receive through the distribution of the national budget as calculated in line with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annex I.***

## Amendment 34

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU° No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 8

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Following their initial allocation, the additional resources may, at the request of a Member State for amendment of an operational programme pursuant to Article 30(1), be transferred between the ERDF and the ESF, irrespective of the percentages referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of Article 92(1).

#### *Amendment*

Following their initial allocation, the additional resources may, at the request of a Member State for amendment of an operational programme pursuant to Article 30(1), be transferred between the ERDF and the ESF, irrespective of the percentages referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of Article 92(1), ***as long as the ESF share does not decrease below 23,1 %.***

## Amendment 35

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU° No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 13

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The additional resources shall be implemented in accordance with the rules of the Fund to which they are allocated or transferred.

#### *Amendment*

The additional resources shall be implemented in accordance with the rules of the Fund to which they are allocated or transferred ***and with the provisions of this Regulation.***

## Amendment 36

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 6

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Up to 4% of the total additional resources under the ERDF and the ESF may be allocated to technical assistance

#### *Amendment*

6. Up to 4% of the total additional resources under the ERDF and the ESF may be allocated to technical assistance ***at***

under any existing operational programme supported from the ERDF or the ESF or the new operational programme referred to in paragraph **11**.

***the initiative of the Member States, in all stages,*** under any existing operational programme supported from the ERDF or the ESF or the new operational programme referred to in paragraph **10**.

## Amendment 37

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

By way of derogation from Article 81(1) and Article 134(1), the initial pre-financing to be paid following the Commission decision adopting an operational programme or approving the amendment to an operational programme for the allocation of the additional resources shall be 50% of the additional resources allocated to programmes for the year 2020 under the new thematic objective referred to in paragraph **10** of this Article.

#### *Amendment*

By way of derogation from Article 81(1) and Article 134(1), the initial pre-financing to be paid following the Commission decision adopting an operational programme or approving the amendment to an operational programme for the allocation of the additional resources shall be 50% of the additional resources allocated to programmes for the year 2020 under the new thematic objective referred to in paragraph **9** of this Article.

## Amendment 38

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

***For the purpose of applying*** Article 134(2) ***for*** the annual pre-financing ***in*** the years 2021, 2022 ***and 2023***, the amount of the support from the Funds for the whole programming period to the operational programme shall include the additional resources.

#### *Amendment*

***By way of derogation from*** Article 134(2), the annual pre-financing ***for*** the years 2021, 2022, ***and, based on a reasoned request from a Member State, for 2023 and 2024, may consist of up to 50 % of the additional resources allocated to programmes under the new thematic objective referred to in paragraph 9. For the purposes of calculating the annual pre-financing for 2021, 2022, 2023 and, where applicable, for 2024,*** the amount of

the support from the Funds for the whole programming period to the operational programme shall include the additional resources.

## Amendment 39

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The additional resources not allocated to technical assistance shall be used under the thematic objective set out in paragraph **10** to support operations fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic **or** preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy.

#### *Amendment*

The additional resources not allocated to technical assistance shall be used under the thematic objective set out in paragraph **9** to support operations fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy, **by focusing for example on the revitalization of health and the competitiveness of hard-hit economic sectors.**

## Amendment 40

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States may allocate the additional resources either to one or more separate priority axes within an existing operational programme or programmes or to a new operational programme referred to in paragraph **11**. By way of derogation from Article 26(1), the programme shall cover the period until 31 December 2022, subject to paragraph 4 **above**.

#### *Amendment*

Member States may allocate the additional resources either to one or more separate priority axes within an existing operational programme or programmes or to a new operational programme referred to in paragraph **10**. By way of derogation from Article 26(1), the programme shall cover the period until 31 December 2022, **or 31 December 2024 where the derogation referred to in paragraph 2 applies**, subject to paragraph 4 **of this Article**.

## Amendment 41

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 3

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

For the ERDF, the additional resources shall primarily be used to support investment in products and services for health services, to provide support in the form of working capital or investment support to SMEs, investments contributing to the transition towards a digital and green economy, investments in infrastructure providing basic services to *citizens*, and economic measures in the regions which are *most* dependent on sectors most affected by the crisis.

#### *Amendment*

For the ERDF, the additional resources shall primarily be used to support investment in products and services for health *and social infrastructure, health systems and* services *for all, including cross-border ones, as well as care homes (including elderly day-care residences)*, to provide support in the form of working capital or investment *and advisory* support to SMEs *and social economy enterprises*, investments contributing to the transition towards a digital, and green economy, *including adaptation to teleworking conditions*, investments in infrastructure providing *non-discriminatory* basic services to *people living in rural, border, less developed, insular, mountainous, sparsely populated and outermost regions, as well as areas affected by industrial transition and depopulation*, and economic measures in the regions which are dependent on sectors most affected by the crisis *such as tourism and culture. Other investments with a high job creation potential, such as urban renewal, may also be supported.*

## Amendment 42

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 4

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

For the ESF, the additional resources shall primarily be used to support job maintenance, including through short-time

#### *Amendment*

For the ESF, the additional resources shall primarily be used to support *the labour market, social economy, health and social*



work schemes **and** support **to** self-employed, even when that support is not combined with active labour market measures, unless the latter are imposed by national law. The additional resources shall **also** support job creation, in particular for people in vulnerable situations, youth employment measures, education and training, skills development, in particular to support the twin green and digital transitions, and to enhance access to social services of general interest, including for children.

**systems**, job maintenance, including through short-time work schemes **aiming at maintaining the same level of working and employment conditions and rights, including protection against dismissal and reduction in wages. In the case of those short-timework schemes, the ESF additional resources shall be used exclusively for financing the partial unemployment benefits and not for any other company purposes or expenditure. The support shall cover entrepreneurs and the self-employed, including freelancers, artists and other creative workers**, even when that support is not combined **with active** labour market measures, unless the latter are imposed by national law, **as well as social inclusion, antidiscrimination and poverty eradication measures, with a particular focus on child poverty.** The additional resources shall support **quality** job creation, in particular for people in vulnerable situations, **including the long-term unemployed and those far from the labour market, as well as those living in rural, insular, mountainous, sparsely populated, and outermost regions as well as areas affected by industrial transition and depopulation. Furthermore, the resources shall also cover** youth employment measures, **inclusive lifelong** education and training, **online education**, skills development, **individualised reskilling and upskilling**, in particular **for disadvantaged groups**, to support the twin green and digital transitions, and to enhance **equal and universal** access to **affordable, sustainable and high-quality** social services of general interest, including for children, **the elderly and persons with disabilities.**

## Amendment 43

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

With the exception of technical assistance referred to in paragraph 6 and of the additional resources used for the FEAD referred to in the seventh subparagraph of paragraph 5, the additional resources shall support operations under the new thematic objective “Fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy”, complementing the thematic objectives set out in Article 9.

*Amendment*

With the exception of technical assistance referred to in paragraph 6 and of the additional resources used for the FEAD **or for the Youth Employment Initiative** referred to in the seventh subparagraph of paragraph 5, the additional resources shall support operations under the new thematic objective “Fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy”, complementing the thematic objectives set out in Article 9.

**Amendment 44**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The revised financing plan set out in Article 96(2)(d) shall set out the allocation of the additional resources for the years 2020, 2021 and, where applicable, for 2022 without identifying amounts for the performance reserve and with no breakdown per category of regions.

*Amendment*

The revised financing plan set out in Article 96(2)(d) shall set out the allocation of the additional resources for the years 2020, 2021 and, where applicable, for 2022, **2023 and 2024**, without identifying amounts for the performance reserve and with no breakdown per category of regions.

**Amendment 45**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 6

*Text proposed by the Commission*

By way of derogation from Article 30(1), requests for the amendment of a programme submitted by a Member State shall be duly justified and shall in particular set out expected impact of the

*Amendment*

By way of derogation from Article 30(1), requests for the amendment of a programme submitted by a Member State shall be duly justified and shall in particular set out expected impact of the

changes to the programme on fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy. They shall be accompanied by the revised programme.

changes to the programme on fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy ***as well as of health systems***. They shall be accompanied by the revised programme.

## Amendment 46

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 10 – subparagraph 3

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Where such a new operational programme is established, only authorities designated under on-going operational programmes supported by the ERDF, the ESF and the Cohesion Fund may be identified by the Member States for the purposes of point (a) of Article 96(5).

#### *Amendment*

Where such a new operational programme is established, only authorities designated under on-going operational programmes supported by the ERDF, the ESF and the Cohesion Fund may be identified by the Member States for the purposes of point(a) of Article 96(5), ***following the consultation with regional and local authorities***.

## Amendment 47

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 10 – subparagraph 4 a (new)

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

#### *Amendment*

***By way of derogation from Article 29(3) and (4) and Article 30(2), the Commission shall approve any new dedicated operational programme or any amendment to an existing programme within 10 working days of its submission by a Member State.***

## Amendment 48

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 10 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**10a. By way of derogation from Article 65(2), expenditure shall be eligible for a contribution if it has been incurred by a beneficiary and paid between the date of submission of the programme to the Commission and 31 December 2024.**

**Amendment 49**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 10 b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**10b. By way of derogation from Article 65(4), in the case of costs reimbursed pursuant to points (b) and (c) of the first subparagraph of Article 67(1), the actions constituting the basis for reimbursement shall be carried out between 1 February 2020 and 31 December 2024.**

**Amendment 50**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 10 c (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**10c. By way of derogation from Article 65(9), expenditure for operations supported under the thematic objective set out in paragraph 9 shall be eligible as of 1 February 2020.**

## **Amendment 51**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 10 d (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***10d. By way of derogation from Article 136(2), that part of commitments still open on 31 December 2023 or on 31 December 2024, as the case may be, shall be decommitted if any of the documents required under Article 141(1) has not been submitted to the Commission by the deadline set out in Article 141(1).***

## **Amendment 52**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 10 e (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***10e. By way of derogation from Article 141(1), in addition to the documents referred to in Article 138, for the final accounting year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, Member States shall submit a final implementation report for the operational programme.***

## **Amendment 53**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 11 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

By way of derogation from the first and second subparagraphs of Article 120(3), a co-financing rate of up to 100% may be

By way of derogation from the first and second subparagraphs of Article 120(3), a co-financing rate of up to 100% may be

applied to the priority axis or axes supported by the additional resources programmed under the thematic objective referred to in paragraph **10** of this Article.

applied to the priority axis or axes supported by the additional resources programmed under the thematic objective referred to in paragraph **9** of this Article.  
***To that end, they are required to make use of programme-specific indicators made available by the Commission.***

## Amendment 54

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 11 – subparagraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

By way of derogation from Article 56(3) and 114(2), the Member States shall ensure that by 31 December 2024 at least one evaluation on the use of the additional resources is carried out to assess their effectiveness, efficiency, impact and how they contributed to the thematic objective referred to in paragraph **10** of this Article.

#### *Amendment*

By way of derogation from Article 56(3) and 114(2), the Member States shall ensure that by ***31 December 2024, or by 31 December 2026, where the derogation referred to in subparagraph 3 of paragraph 2 of this Article applies,*** at least one evaluation on ***the use*** of the additional resources is carried out to assess their effectiveness, efficiency, impact and, ***where appropriate, inclusiveness and non-discrimination, including from a gender perspective and*** how they contributed to the thematic objective referred to in paragraph **9** of this Article.

## Amendment 55

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 12 – point d

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

***(d) the derogation provided in the second sub-paragraph of Article 65(10) setting the eligibility date of 1 February 2020 for operations for fostering crisis response capacities in the context of the***

#### *Amendment*

***deleted***

**COVID-19 outbreak;**

**Amendment 56**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 12 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(e) the derogation provided in Article 25a(7) for the selection of operations fostering crisis response capacities in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak as referred to in the second sub-paragraph of Article 65(10);*

*deleted*

**Amendment 57**

Proposal for a regulation

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 12 – point f a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(fa) requirements as set out in Article 12(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 for beneficiaries to cooperate in at least three out of four dimensions. By way of derogation, Interreg partners shall cooperate in at least one dimension when implementing projects funded by the additional resources;*

**Amendment 58**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 92b – paragraph 13 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

While carrying out their responsibilities

While carrying *out their* responsibilities

linked to information, communication and visibility in accordance with Article 115(1) and (3) and with Annex XII, Member States and managing authorities shall ensure that potential beneficiaries, beneficiaries, participants, final recipients of financial instruments and the general public are aware of the existence, volume and additional support stemming from the additional resources.

linked to information, communication and visibility in accordance with Article 115(1) and (3) and with Annex XII, Member States and managing authorities shall ensure that potential beneficiaries, beneficiaries, participants, final recipients of financial instruments and the general public are aware of the existence, volume and additional support stemming from the additional resources. ***The reference to additional resources under REACT-EU shall be made by way of a hashtag or other exploratory tools, in order to make clear to citizens that the project in question is funded as part of the Union's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure full transparency.***

## Amendment 59

### Proposal for a regulation Article 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### ***Article 1 a***

***The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an evaluation report on REACT-EU by 31 March 2025, covering budgetary commitments for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. That report shall include information on the achievement of the objectives of REACT-EU, the efficiency of the use of its resources, the types of actions financed, the beneficiaries and final recipients of the financial allocations and its European added value in aiding the economic recovery.***

***The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with a supplementary evaluation report by 31 March 2027, covering any budgetary commitments for the years 2023 and 2024 under the derogation referred to in Article 92b(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.***



## **Amendment 60**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Annex VIIa – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The rules described in paragraph 1 shall not result in allocations per Member State for the whole period 2020 to **2022** higher than

#### *Amendment*

The rules described in paragraph 1 shall not result in allocations per Member State for the whole period 2020 to **2024** higher than