

Amendment 75

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Report**A9-0135/2020****Manolis Kefalogiannis**

Just Transition Fund

COM(2020)0022 – C9-0007/2020 – 2020/0006(COD)

Proposal for a regulation**Annex I – paragraph 1 – point a – point i***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

(i) greenhouse-gas emissions of industrial facilities in NUTS level 2 regions where the carbon intensity, as defined by the ratio of greenhouse gas emissions of industrial facilities as reported by Member States in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ compared to the gross value added of the industry, exceeds by a factor of two the EU-27 average. Where that level is not exceeded in any NUTS level 2 regions in a given Member State, greenhouse-gas emissions of industrial facilities in the NUTS level 2 region with the highest carbon intensity is taken into account (weighting **49** %),

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¹ Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2006 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register and amending Council Directives 91/689/EEC and 96/61/EC (OJ L 33, 4.2.2006, p. 1).

¹ Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2006 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register and amending Council Directives 91/689/EEC and 96/61/EC (OJ L 33, 4.2.2006, p. 1).

Or. en

Justification

We propose the reduction of the weighting factor of this criterion by 20% in order to allow the addition of two new criteria with weighting factors 10% for the unemployment rate in coal

and lignite regions of each Member State, and 10% for the transition speed.

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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(via) the speed with which the Member States commit to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions from coal or lignite, as reflected in the respective 2030 National Energy and Climate Plans divided by their average GDP in 2016-2018 (weighting 10 %),

Or. en

Justification

Priority should be given to Member States which have made ambitious commitments to phase out coal and lignite, especially those with weaker economies, because these Member States are facing the most urgent transition needs. The transition speed with respect to coal and lignite can be easily and transparently computed using: a) the official data from Eurostat for the GDP in 2016-2018, b) the past emissions in 2016-2018 of all the coal and lignite plants for each Member State from the EU ETS and c) future emissions in 2030 from coal and lignite plants based on the official commitments each Member State has made in the corresponding NECPs submitted to the European Commission.

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(viiia) unemployment rate in 2018 in regions where coal or lignite is being mined or combusted (weighting 10 %);

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Justification

The Just Transition Fund should prioritize the 96 coal and lignite regions in EU-27 because these will be impacted the most from EU's transition to climate neutrality. The impact of this transition will be even greater in those regions among the 96, which already have high unemployment rates. To reflect this, we propose the addition of a new criterion based on the unemployment rates of the 96 coal and lignite regions with a 10% weighting, a share which will be subtracted from the weighting factor of the first criterion on the greenhouse-gas emissions of industrial facilities in NUTS level 2 regions where the carbon intensity, exceeds by a factor of two the EU-27 average.