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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Regional Development

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the Just Transition Fund
(COM(2020)0022 – C9-0007/2020 – 2020/0006(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

Your rapporteur fully supports the Just Transition Fund, in line with Parliament's resolution of 10 October 2019 on the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework and own resources.¹

In that resolution, Parliament 'calls on the Commission to ensure that the next MFF fully complies with the Paris agreement and stresses the urgent need for another quantum leap in political and financial efforts in order to achieve its objectives, as well as a just transition towards a carbon-neutral economy based on the highest social justice criteria so that no one and nowhere is left behind.'

The Rapporteur believes that the Just Transition Fund needs to be strengthened through an increased allocation, in order to enable it to reach its ambitious objectives. JTF financing should be accessed independently from other EU structural and investment funds. Therefore, the Rapporteur believes that, while it is necessary to ensure the highest degree of complementarity between EU funds, accessing the JTF should not be conditional on the 'matching' of other cohesion funds for the following reasons:

1. The JTF is an additional instrument to the others deployed under EU cohesion policy. It will have a core role in overcoming one of the biggest challenges on the road to climate neutrality. Therefore, in line with the political importance of this Fund, its functioning and allocation should be as independent as possible from the other financing instruments, while maintaining complementarity with them.
2. The request to match the allocation of the JTF with corresponding structural funds pre-empts the use of the respective funds. It should be up to the Member States to decide how to allocate their national envelope on the basis of their economic, social and territorial characteristics and provided that this allocation complies with the EU legal framework. By requiring the matching of JTF allocations with cohesion funding, we would impose a supplementary condition on Member States, thus creating an additional burden.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Regional Development, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) The regulatory framework

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¹ Parliament's resolution of 10 October 2019 on the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework and own resources: time to meet citizens' expectations (2019/2833(RSP)).

governing the Union's cohesion policy for the period from 2021 to 2027, in the context of the next multi-annual financial framework, contributes to the fulfilment of the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by concentrating Union funding on green objectives. This Regulation implements one of the priorities set out in the Communication on the European Green Deal ('the European Green Deal')¹¹ and is part of the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan¹² providing dedicated financing under the Just Transition Mechanism in the context of cohesion policy to address the economic and social costs of the transition to a climate-neutral and circular economy, where any remaining greenhouse gas emissions are compensated by equivalent absorptions.

¹¹ COM(2019) 640 final, 11.12.2019.

¹² COM(2020) 21, 14.1.2020.

governing the Union's cohesion policy for the period from 2021 to 2027, in the context of the next multi-annual financial framework, contributes to the fulfilment of the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement **to limit the global temperature increase to below 1,5°C** and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by concentrating Union funding on green objectives **as well as the European Pillar of Social Rights**. This Regulation implements one of the priorities set out in the Communication on the European Green Deal ('the European Green Deal')¹¹ and is part of the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan¹² providing dedicated financing under the Just Transition Mechanism in the context of cohesion policy to address the economic and social costs of the transition to a climate-neutral and circular economy, where any remaining greenhouse gas emissions are compensated by equivalent absorptions.

¹¹ COM(2019) 640 final, 11.12.2019.

¹² COM(2020) 21, 14.1.2020.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) In order to be successful, the transition has to be **fair** and socially acceptable for all. Therefore, both the Union and the Member States **must** take into account its economic **and social** implications from the outset, and deploy all possible instruments to mitigate adverse consequences. The Union budget has an important role in that regard.

Amendment

(3) In order to be successful, the transition has to be **inclusive** and socially acceptable for all, **reduce inequalities and leave no one behind**. Therefore, both the Union and the Member States, **as well as the different regional and local actors**, **should** take into account its **environmental, social, labour market and economic** implications from the outset, and deploy all possible instruments to mitigate adverse consequences **and enhance the**

positive ones, such as the creation of new, decent and sustainable jobs or the improvement of air quality. The Union budget has an important role in that regard.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) As set out in the European Green Deal and the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan, a Just Transition Mechanism should **complement the other** actions under the **next multi-annual financial framework for the period from 2021 to 2027**. It should contribute to addressing the social and economic consequences **of transitioning** towards Union climate neutrality by bringing together the Union budget's spending on climate and social objectives at regional level.

Amendment

(4) As set out in the European Green Deal and the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan, ***mobilising at least EUR 1 trillion to support sustainable investments over the next decade through the Union budget and associated instruments***, a Just Transition Mechanism should ***notably support workers and citizens of the regions impacted by the transition, while complementing green transition actions of relevant programmes*** under the ***2021-2027 MFF***. It should contribute to addressing the social and economic consequences, ***in particular for workers affected in the process***, towards Union climate neutrality by ***2050*** by bringing together the Union budget's spending on climate and social objectives at regional level.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) This Regulation establishes the Just Transition Fund ('JTF') which is one of the pillars of the Just Transition Mechanism implemented under cohesion policy. The aim of the JTF is to mitigate the adverse effects of the climate transition by supporting the most affected territories **and** workers concerned. In line with the JTF

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(5) This Regulation establishes the Just Transition Fund ('JTF') which is one of the pillars of the Just Transition Mechanism implemented under cohesion policy. The aim of the JTF is ***not only*** to mitigate ***and compensate*** the adverse effects of the climate transition ***but also to create and enhance the future positive effects*** by

specific objective, actions supported by the JTF should directly contribute to *alleviate* the impact of the transition by financing the diversification and modernisation of the local economy and by mitigating the negative repercussions on employment. This is reflected in the JTF specific objective, which is established at the same level and listed together with the policy objectives set out in Article [4] of Regulation EU [new CPR].

supporting the most affected territories *as well as the people living there, and in particular the workers concerned, and to help achieve a fair transition towards climate neutrality by 2050* In line with the JTF specific objective, actions supported by the JTF should directly contribute to *facilitating and catalysing* the impact of the transition by financing the diversification, *repositioning* and modernisation of the local economy and by mitigating the negative repercussions on employment *and standards of living*. This is reflected in the JTF specific objective, which is established at the same level and listed together with the policy objectives set out in Article [4] of Regulation EU [new CPR]. *Support should also be provided to territories where important structural changes take place after phasing out mining activities.*

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) *The application of Union support and funding through the should ensure that all eligible projects in every Member State are consistent with the Union's responsibility to achieve climate neutrality by 2050;*

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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

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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.***

Development Goals and the increased ambition of the Union as proposed in the European Green Deal, ***cohesion policy and*** 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 ***on a voluntary basis*** from the ERDF and ESF+ ***may contribute further*** to the achievement of this target, ***and facilitating the green transition while fully contributing to new high-quality jobs, inclusive sustainable growth and regional development.***

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) In light of COVID 19 pandemic, and in order to demonstrate the Union's commitment to achieve an economic recovery in a sustainable development path, it is necessary that the next MFF and the Recovery Plan for Europe entail an increase in the amount allocated for JTF.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) The resources of the JTF should be commensurate with its ambitious objective. In order to alleviate the effects of the transition to climate neutrality, the JTF should have a distinct financial allocation, independent of the allocation of other EU structural and investment funds. Access to the JTF should not be

conditional upon transfers from other EU funds. Such independent access will enable the JTF to function adequately, deliver the expected results and generate predictability for beneficiaries.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) The resources from the JTF should complement the resources available under cohesion policy.

Amendment

(7) The resources of the JTF alone will not be sufficient to address all the challenges relating to the transition to climate neutrality. For that reason the resources from the JTF should complement the resources available under cohesion policy. The voluntary contributions transferred from ERDF and ESF+ to the JTF is without prejudice to other objectives of cohesion policy and financial allocations programmed for other goals under the ERDF and ESF+. The contributions transferred should not exceed 20% of the resources originally allocated to a Member State for the ERDF and ESF+.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) The financial envelope constitutes the prime reference amount for the European Parliament and the Council during the annual budgetary procedure, in accordance with Article [17] of Interinstitutional Agreement [between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management]⁺ and may be increased by decision of the

budgetary authority. In addition, the financial envelope for the JTF is able to be increased by additional contributions from Member States and by other resources in accordance with the applicable basic act and constitute external assigned revenue in addition to the cases set out in point (a) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

⁺ Reference to be updated as appropriate to the interinstitutional agreement applicable for the period 2021-2027.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Transitioning to a climate-neutral economy is a challenge for all Member States. It will be particularly demanding for those Member States that rely heavily on fossil fuels or greenhouse gas intensive industrial activities which need to be phased out or which need to adapt due to the transition towards climate neutrality and that lack the financial means to do so. The JTF should therefore cover all Member States, but the distribution of its financial means should reflect the capacity of Member States to finance the necessary investments to cope with the transition towards climate neutrality.

Amendment

(8) Transitioning to a climate-neutral economy is a challenge for all Member States. It will be particularly demanding for those Member States that rely heavily on fossil fuels ***and, to a lesser extent, on*** greenhouse gas intensive industrial activities which need to be phased out or which need to adapt due to the transition towards climate neutrality and that lack the financial means to do so. The JTF should therefore cover all Member States, but the distribution of its financial means should ***support*** Member States ***in need, based on their financial capacity, to make*** the necessary investments to cope with the transition towards climate neutrality. ***Particular attention should be paid to insular or sparsely populated and remote areas where the transition in energy towards climate neutrality is more challenging to implement.***

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 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 (TFEU) apply to this Regulation. Those 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 Union funding.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) In accordance with Regulation (EU) .../... [European Recovery Instrument (ERI)] and within the limits of resources allocated therein, recovery and resilience measures under the JTF should be carried out to address the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 crisis. Such additional resources should be used in such a way as to ensure compliance with the time limits provided for in Regulation (EU) .../...[ERI];

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) This Regulation identifies types of investments for which expenditure may be supported by the JTF. All supported activities should be pursued in full respect of the climate and environmental priorities of the Union. The list of investments should **include** those that support local economies and are sustainable in the long-term, taking into account all the objectives of the Green Deal. The projects financed should contribute to a transition to a climate-neutral and circular economy. For declining sectors, such as energy production based on coal, lignite, peat and oil shale or extraction activities for these **solid** fossil fuels, support should be linked to the phasing out of the activity and **the corresponding reduction in the employment level**. As regards transforming sectors with high greenhouse gas emission levels, support should promote new activities through the deployment of new technologies, new processes or products, leading to significant emission reduction, in line with the EU 2030 climate objectives and EU climate neutrality by 2050¹³ while maintaining and enhancing employment and avoiding environmental degradation. Particular attention should also be given to activities enhancing innovation and research in advanced and sustainable technologies, as well as in the fields of digitalisation and connectivity, provided that such measures help mitigate the negative side effects of a transition towards, and contribute to, a climate-neutral and circular economy.

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climate-neutral and circular economy.

¹³ As set out in “A Clean Planet for all European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy”, Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - COM(2018) 773 final.

¹³ As set out in “A Clean Planet for all European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy”, Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - COM(2018) 773 final.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) The JTF should also be used to support investment in social, education, health and cultural projects, on condition that it creates new jobs, in particular in regions that depend on a carbon intensive economy and that are affected by the structural transition to a resource efficient and low-carbon economy. Such investment would help to ensure that people living in regions subject to transition, have access to high-quality public services and services of general interest, for the purpose of underpinning a socially just transition that leaves no-one behind.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) To protect citizens who are most vulnerable to the climate transition, the JTF should also cover the up-skilling and

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reskilling of the affected workers, with the aim of helping them to adapt to new employment opportunities, as well as providing job-search assistance to jobseekers and their active inclusion into the labour market.

and those being considered most vulnerable as defined in the Regulation (EU) .../... [ESF+] the JTF should also cover the up-skilling and reskilling of the affected workers, with the aim of helping them to adapt to new employment opportunities, and achieving gender balance across sectors, as well as providing job-search assistance to jobseekers and their active inclusion into the labour market. The creation of a net employment effect with new high quality jobs should be an overall goal of the climate transition and the Just Transition Mechanism and the JTF.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Inclusive policies and strategies are necessary to avoid exacerbating inequalities in a just transition process. The promotion of social cohesion should be a guiding principle for support under the JTF, promoting gender equality, improved conditions for migrants and refugees, young and older workers and low-skilled workers and ensuring no one is left behind.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11b) Member States and the Commission should ensure that the implementation of the priorities financed by the JTF contributes to the respect and the promotion of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8

Amendment 19**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 Council¹⁴ 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 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)

Amendment

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of Article 107(3) TFEU.

SMEs should be limited to enterprises located in areas designated as assisted areas for the purposes of ***all categories listed under*** Article 107(3) TFEU.
Productive investment for enterprises should not distort competition between enterprises.

¹⁴ 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).

¹⁴ Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32).

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) EU State aid rules need to be flexible in order to ensure that regions in transition can attract private investment. When drafting new guidelines, the Commission should therefore also take into account the problems of structural change in the regions concerned, while ensuring fair competition in the internal market. State aid rules should allow all regions receiving assistance through the JTF to effectively address the threat of job losses at an early stage. Adequate flexibility under the applicable rules, regardless of the status of the assisted regions, should be allowed.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to provide flexibility for the programming of the JTF resources under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, ***it should be possible to prepare a self-standing JTF programme or to programme JTF resources in one or more dedicated priorities within a programme supported by the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund Plus ('ESF+') or the Cohesion Fund. In accordance with Article 21a of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], JTF resources should be reinforced with complementary funding from the ERDF and the ESF+. The respective amounts transferred from the ERDF and the ESF+ should be consistent with the type of operations set out in the territorial just transition plans.***

Amendment

(13) In order to provide flexibility ***and coherence*** for the programming of the JTF resources under the Investment for jobs and growth goal, ***Member States, in close cooperation with local and regional authorities and social partners,*** should programme JTF resources in one or more dedicated priorities within a programme supported by the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund Plus ('ESF+') or the Cohesion Fund. In accordance with Article 21a of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], JTF resources ***may be reinforced on a voluntary basis*** with, complementary funding from the ERDF and the ESF+ ***where such complementarity is justified and does not prejudice the achievement of the objectives for which ERDF and the ESF+ are allocated. A self-standing JTF programme could be alternatively prepared where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.***

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) The amounts transferred from the ERDF and the ESF+ respectively should be consistent with the type of operations set out in the territorial just transition plans.

Amendment

(13b) The implementation of JTF resources should minimise the administrative burden and costs for beneficiaries of the fund and for all actors involved in line with the simplification measures introduced by Regulation (EU).../... [new CPR].

Amendment 24

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 implementation of a transition process in a specific territory in order to achieve a climate-neutral economy. In that regard, Member States ***will*** prepare, in ***close*** cooperation with ***all*** 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. ***In addition, the territorial just transition plans should be consistent with the relevant territorial strategies referred to in Article [23] of Regulation (EU) .../...[new CPR], including Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3), the NECPs and the European Pillar of Social Rights, in order to shape and implement the JTF, comprised of a strategic coordination of local, regional, national and Union efforts for diversification of regional economies, while ensuring a just and fair transition.***

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14a) All Member States should endorse the Union's objective of climate neutrality by 2050 in order to make the ecological transition a success. Member States that have not committed to implement that objective should only get a partial access to their national allocation under the JTF. In such a case, regions in the Member States that have committed to implement that objective should be favoured.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15) The territorial just transition plans should identify the territories most negatively affected, where JTF support should be concentrated and describe specific actions to be undertaken to reach a climate-neutral economy, notably as regards the conversion or closure of facilities involving fossil fuel production or other greenhouse gas intensive activities. Those territories should be precisely defined and correspond to NUTS level 3 regions or should be parts thereof. The plans should detail the challenges and needs of those territories and identify the type of operations needed in a manner that ensures the coherent development of climate-resilient economic activities that are also consistent with the transition to climate-neutrality and the objectives of the Green Deal. Only investments in accordance with the transition plans should

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receive financial support from the JTF. The territorial just transition plans should be part of the programmes (supported by the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund or the JTF, as the case may be) which are approved by the Commission.

Deal. ***The plans should detail synergies and complementarities with other Union programmes and pillars of the Just Transition Mechanism and, where relevant, the Modernisation Fund to address identified development needs.*** Only investments in accordance with the transition plans should receive financial support from the JTF. The territorial just transition plans should be part of the programmes (supported by the ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund ***where appropriate*** or the JTF, as the case may be) which are approved by the Commission. ***The Commission should provide technical assistance if requested by the Member States, in the event that they do not have the necessary administrative capacity or are facing difficulties in elaborating the territorial just transition plans.***

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) Taking into account the enormous efforts SMEs have to undertake in fighting the consequences of the Covid-19 crisis, local, regional and national authorities, enterprises and other entities applying for funding under the JTF should be supported by a straightforward, comprehensive and easily manageable application and reporting process, which allows for targeted support.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) In order to enhance the result orientation of the use of JTF resources, the Commission, in line with the principle of proportionality, should be able to apply financial corrections in case of serious underachievement of targets established for the JTF specific objective.

Amendment

(16) In order to **ensure achieve the intended results** of the use of JTF resources, the Commission, in line with the principle of proportionality, should be able to apply financial corrections in case of serious underachievement of targets established for the JTF specific objective.

Amendment 29

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18**

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) In order to set out an appropriate financial framework for the JTF, **implementing** powers should be conferred on the Commission to set out the annual breakdown of available allocations per Member State in accordance with Annex I.

Amendment

(18) In order to set out an appropriate financial framework for the JTF, **delegated** powers should be conferred on the Commission to set out the annual breakdown of available allocations per Member State in accordance with Annex I.

Amendment 30

**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

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Amendment 31

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article [4(1)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], the JTF shall contribute to the single specific objective ‘enabling regions and people to address the social, economic and environmental impacts of the transition towards a climate-neutral economy’.

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Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The resources for the JTF under the Investment for jobs and growth goal available for budgetary commitment for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR 7.5 billion in 2018 prices, ***which*** may be increased, as the case may be, by additional resources allocated in the Union budget, and by other resources in accordance with the applicable basic act.

Amendment

The resources for the JTF under the Investment for jobs and growth goal available for budgetary commitment for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR 25 000 000 000 in 2018 prices. ***The financial envelope for the JTF may be additionally increased by voluntary contributions from Member States and by other resources in accordance with the applicable basic act, constituting external assigned revenue in addition to the cases listed in point (a) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.***

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

0.35% of the amount referred to in the first subparagraph shall be allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Amendment

A minimum share of 0,35% of the amount referred to in the first subparagraph shall be allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission, ***with the possibility of this share to be increased upon the request of a Member State based on the specificity of the territorial just***

transition plan.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission **shall** adopt a decision **by means of an implementing act setting** out the annual breakdown of resources, including any additional resources referred to in paragraph 2, by Member State in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

Amendment

3. The Commission **is empowered to** adopt **delegated acts in accordance with Article 10 in order to supplement this Regulation by adopting** a decision **that sets** out the annual breakdown of resources, including any additional resources referred to in paragraph 2, by Member State in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

For Member States that have not yet committed to the Union's objective of climate neutrality by 2050, access to the JTF shall be limited to one third of their national allocation (“unfrozen part”), and the remaining two thirds (“frozen part”) shall be made available upon the acceptance of such a commitment. In such a case, regions that commit to implement that objective shall have access in priority to the frozen part of the national allocation.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. By way of derogation from Article [21a] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], any additional resources referred to in paragraph 2, allocated to the JTF in the Union budget or provided by other resources shall not require complementary support from the ERDF or the ESF+.

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Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Article 3a – Title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***Resources from the European Union
Recovery Instrument***

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 3a– paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Measures referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EU).../... [ERI] shall be implemented under the JTF with an amount of EUR 30 000 000 000 in 2018 prices of the amount referred to in point (a)(vi) of Article 3(2) of that Regulation, and subject to Article 4(3), (4) and (8) of that Regulation.

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 3a– paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

This amount shall be considered to be other resources as referred to in Article

3(2) and shall constitute external assigned revenues in accordance with Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council ^{1a}.

They shall be made available for budgetary commitment under the Investment for jobs and growth goal for the years 2021 to 2024 in addition to the global resources set out in Article 3 as follows:

- 2021: EUR 7 495 797 242;*
- 2022: EUR 7 496 636 094;*
- 2023: EUR 7 496 371 621;*
- 2024: EUR 7 495 899 220.*

^{1a} Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222).

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 3a– paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In addition, EUR 15 295 823 in 2018 prices shall be made available for administrative expenditure from the resources referred to in the first subparagraph.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3a– paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. A minimum share of 0,35% of the amount referred to in the first subparagraph shall be allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission, with the possibility of this share to be increased upon the request of a Member State based on the specificity of the territorial just transition plan.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3a – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The annual breakdown of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 by Member States shall be included in the Commission decision referred to in Article 3(3) in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex I.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3a– paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. By way of derogation from Article 14(3) of the Financial Regulation, the de-commitment rules set out in [Chapter IV of Title VII] of Regulation (EU).../... [new CPR] shall apply to the budgetary commitments based on resources referred to in paragraph 1. By way of derogation from point (c) of Article 12(4) of the Financial Regulation, those resources shall not be used for a subsequent programme or action.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The JTF shall only support activities that are directly linked to its specific objective as set out in Article 2 and which contribute to the implementation of the territorial just transition plans established in accordance with Article 7.

Amendment

1. The JTF shall only support activities that are directly linked to its specific objective as set out in Article 2 and which contribute to the implementation of the territorial just transition plans established in accordance with Article 7.
The JTF resources shall be additional and shall not replace activities supported under the ERDF, ESF+, or other Union programmes.

Amendment 45

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) productive investments in SMEs, including start-ups, leading to economic diversification and reconversion;

Amendment

(a) productive ***and sustainable*** investments, ***particularly*** in SMEs ***and*** start-ups, leading to ***decent and sustainable job-creation***, economic diversification and reconversion;

Amendment 46

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) investments in the creation of new firms, including through business incubators and consulting services;

Amendment

(b) investments in the creation of new firms, ***the diversification of already established firms or in alternative sustainable economic activities***, including through business incubators and consulting services;

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) investments in research and innovation activities and fostering the transfer of advanced technologies;

Amendment

(c) investments in research and innovation activities, ***including research institutions and universities***, and fostering the transfer ***and adoption*** of advanced technologies;

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) investments to promote transport systems which improve urban mobility and make it more sustainable, also through the use of smart technological solutions;

Amendment 49

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, ***particularly if demand-side measures are insufficient*** in the deployment of technology and infrastructures for affordable clean ***and sustainable*** energy, ***in reducing dependency on carbon-intensive energy and energy poverty***, in greenhouse gas emission reduction, ***including investments in sustainable transport and infrastructure, inter alia fostering electrification and the use of biofuels, and investments in targeted energy-efficiency***

measures and renewable energy;

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) investments in energy efficiency and renewables, including investments in district heating;

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) investments in digitalisation and digital connectivity;

(e) investments in digitalisation and digital connectivity, ***including high speed networks such as fibre-optic cables to individual households in insular, remote, rural and sparsely populated areas;***

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) investments in regeneration and decontamination of sites, land restoration and repurposing projects;

(f) investments in regeneration and decontamination of sites, land restoration and repurposing projects ***while ensuring consistency with the polluter pays principle.***

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point g a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ga) investments in social infrastructure and development of public services of general interest;

Amendment 54

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 and reskilling of workers and jobseekers, particularly those with under-exploited or low educational levels;

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) job-search assistance to jobseekers;

(i) active labour market and skills policies targeted towards future-oriented sectors and employment as well as job-search assistance to jobseekers;

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j) active inclusion of jobseekers;

(j) active inclusion of jobseekers ensuring equal access and gender equality.

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Additionally, the JTF may support, in areas designated as assisted ***areas in accordance***

Additionally, the JTF may support, ***in all the categories listed under Article 107(3)***

with points (a) and (c) of Article 107(3) of the TFEU, productive investments in enterprises other than SMEs, provided that such investments have been approved as part of the territorial just transition plan based on the information required under point (h) of Article 7(2). Such investments shall only be eligible where they are necessary for the implementation of the territorial just transition plan.

of the TFEU, productive investments in enterprises other than SMEs, provided that such investments have been approved as part of the territorial just transition plan based on the information required under point (h) of Article 7(2). Such investments shall only be eligible where they are necessary for the implementation of the territorial just transition plan.

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) undertakings in difficulty, as defined in Article 2(18) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014¹⁶;

Amendment

(c) undertakings in difficulty, as defined in Article 2(18) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014¹⁶, ***except those undertakings that can get support for green investments, new technology and infrastructure which can contribute to gas emission reduction, energy efficiency or production of energy from renewable sources;***

¹⁶ Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1).

¹⁶ Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1).

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(e) investment in broadband infrastructure in areas in which there are at least two broadband networks of equivalent category. ***This exclusion shall not apply to***

category.

insular, remote and sparsely populated areas where new individual high-speed infrastructure is required to reach individual households.

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The JTF resources shall be programmed for the categories of regions where the territories concerned are located, on the basis of the territorial just transition plans established in accordance with Article 7 and approved by the Commission as part of a programme or a programme amendment. The resources programmed shall take the form of one or more *specific programmes or of one or more* priorities within a programme.

Amendment

The JTF resources shall be programmed for the categories of regions where the territories concerned are located, on the basis of the territorial just transition plans established in accordance with Article 7 and approved by the Commission as part of a programme or a programme amendment. The resources programmed shall take the form of one or more priorities within a programme *supported by the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund Plus ('ESF+') or the Cohesion Fund, or one or more specific programmes where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.*

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The programming of JTF resources shall be in accordance with Article [6] of Regulation (EU) .../...[new CPR] and ensure the direct involvement of authorities of targeted territories at NUTS2 or NUTS3 level, namely via the allocation of resources through regional programmes, where such programmes are in place, or be carried out through the use of integrated territorial tools set out under Articles [22 to 28] of Regulation

(EU).../...[new CPR].

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall only approve a programme where the identification of the territories most negatively affected by the transition process, contained within the relevant territorial just transition plan, is duly justified and the relevant territorial just transition plan is consistent with the National Energy and Climate Plan of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

The Commission shall only approve a programme where the identification of the territories most negatively affected by the transition process, contained within the relevant territorial just transition plan, is duly justified and the relevant territorial just transition plan is consistent with the National Energy and Climate Plan of the Member State concerned ***as well as existing relevant regional and local strategies.***

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The JTF priority or priorities shall comprise the JTF resources consisting of all or part of the JTF allocation for the Member States and the resources transferred in accordance with Article [21a] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR]. The total of the ERDF and ESF+ resources transferred to the JTF priority shall ***be at least equal to one and a half times*** the amount of support from the JTF to that priority ***but shall not exceed three times that amount.***

Amendment

2. The JTF priority or priorities ***may*** comprise the JTF resources consisting of all or part of the JTF allocation for the Member States and the resources ***voluntarily*** transferred in accordance with Article [21a] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR]. The total of the ERDF and ESF+ resources ***voluntarily*** transferred to the JTF priority shall ***not jeopardise the adequate funding to the priorities under the ERDF and ESF+. The contributions transferred shall not exceed 20% of the resources originally allocated to a Member State for the ERDF and ESF+ and shall not exceed 60 % of the amount of support from the JTF priority.***

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall prepare, together with the relevant authorities of the territories concerned, one or more territorial just transition plans covering one or more affected territories corresponding to level 3 of the common classification of territorial units for statistics (‘NUTS level 3 regions’) as established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 868/2014¹⁷ or parts thereof, in accordance with the template set out in Annex II. Those territories shall be those most negatively affected based on the economic and social impacts resulting from the transition, in particular with regard to expected job losses in fossil fuel production and use and the transformation needs of the production processes of industrial facilities with the highest greenhouse gas intensity.

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 154 21.6.2003, p. 1).

Amendment

1. Member States shall prepare, ***in full compliance with the partnership principle*** together with ***all*** the relevant authorities ***and social partners, notably at local and regional level*** of the territories concerned, ***in accordance with Article [6] of the Regulation (EU).../... [new CPR],*** one or more territorial just transition plans covering one or more affected territories, ***which can be part of or correspond to larger levels such as*** corresponding to level 3 of the common classification of territorial units for statistics (‘NUTS level 3 regions’) as established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 868/2014¹⁷ or parts thereof, in accordance with the template set out in Annex II. Those territories shall be those most negatively affected based on the economic, ***labour market*** and social impacts resulting from the transition, in particular with regard to expected job losses in fossil fuel production and use and the transformation needs of the production processes of industrial facilities with the highest greenhouse gas intensity. ***Objective and transparent criteria shall be used to designate the targeted areas and define the distribution of funding among them. If requested by a Member State, the Commission shall provide technical assistance on the elaboration of the territorial just transition plans.***

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 154 21.6.2003, p. 1).

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) an assessment of the transition challenges faced by the most negatively affected territories, including the social, economic, and environmental impact of the transition to a climate-neutral economy, identifying the potential number of affected jobs and job losses, the development needs and objectives, to be reached by 2030 linked to the **transformation or** closure of greenhouse gas-intensive activities in those territories;

Amendment

(c) an assessment of the transition challenges faced by the most negatively affected territories, including the social, economic, and environmental impact **and the co-benefits, in particular in terms of health and well-being**, of the transition to a **fully renewables-based, highly resource and energy-efficient and** climate-neutral economy, identifying the potential number of affected jobs and job losses **as well as potential job creation**, the development needs and objectives, to be reached by 2030 linked to the transformation or closure of greenhouse gas-intensive activities in those territories;

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) a description of the expected contribution of the JTF support to addressing the social, economic and environmental **impacts** of the transition to a climate-neutral economy;

Amendment

(d) a description of the expected contribution of the JTF support to addressing the social, economic and environmental **challenges and opportunities** of the transition to a **fully renewables-based, highly resource- and energy-efficient, circular and** climate-neutral economy **with a detailed list of actions planned**;

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j) synergies and complementarities with other Union programmes and pillars of the Just Transition Mechanism to address identified development needs.

(j) synergies and complementarities with other Union programmes and pillars of the Just Transition Mechanism **and, where relevant, the Modernisation Fund** to address identified development needs **in the territory of the plan.**

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The preparation and implementation of territorial just transition plans shall involve the relevant partners in accordance with Article [6] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR].

Amendment

3. The preparation and implementation of territorial just transition plans shall involve **all** the relevant partners in accordance with Article [6] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] **and the relevant stakeholders at the geographical level of the affected territories referred in paragraph 1 of this Article, in a bottom-up approach.**

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Territorial just transition plans shall be consistent with the territorial strategies referred to in Article [23] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], with relevant smart specialisation strategies, the NECPs and the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Amendment

Territorial just transition plans shall be consistent with the territorial strategies referred to in Article [23] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], with relevant smart specialisation strategies, **preferably defining the framework of priorities and implementation processes,** the NECPs and the European Pillar of Social Rights **and existing regional and local strategies.**

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 8(4) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from [the date of the entry into force of this Regulation].

Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles **3(3) and** 8(4) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from [the date of the entry into force of this Regulation].

Amendment 71

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 8(4) 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 Articles **3(3) and** 8(4) 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 72

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 8(4) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the 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

Amendment

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles **3(3) and** 8(4) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the 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

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the allocations resulting from the application of point (a) are adjusted to ensure that no Member State receives an amount exceeding EUR 2 billion. The amounts exceeding EUR 2 billion per Member State are redistributed proportionally to the allocations of all other Member States. The Member States shares are recalculated accordingly;

Amendment

(b) the allocations resulting from the application of point (a) are adjusted to ensure that no Member State receives an amount exceeding **20 % of the total JTF allocations**. The amounts exceeding **the 20 % threshold** are redistributed proportionally to the allocations of all other Member States. The Member States shares are recalculated accordingly;

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) two thirds of the national allocation is conditional on the Member State's endorsement and commitment to the Union's objective of climate neutrality by 2050. That amount shall be put in a reserve until the Member State concerned accepts that commitment. In such a case, the Member State's regions that endorse and commit to implement the Union's objective of climate neutrality by 2050 shall get a prioritized access to the funds.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

33	+
ECR	Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Bogdan Rzońca
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VERTS/ALE	Rasmus Andresen, Damian Boeselager, David Cormand, Alexandra Geese

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ID	Anna Bonfrisco, Valentino Grant, Joachim Kuhs, Hélène Laporte
NI	Ioannis Lagos

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ECR	Johan Van Overtveldt
NI	Mislav Kolakušić

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+ : in favour

- : against

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