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OPINION

of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

for the Committee on Regional Development

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013
(COM(2015)0701 – C8-0373/2015 – 2015/0263(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs 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 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities to **set the recovery on** a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence.

Amendment

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth **and high unemployment**. The Union has identified the **need for the** implementation of **growth-friendly** structural reforms, among its policy priorities to **create the conditions to achieve** a sustainable **growth** path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence **and an increase in investment**.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. **Addressing** structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. **Therefore**, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, **be it** for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the

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(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills **as well as a long-term vision**. **The implementation of sustainable** structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time **and a continued commitment** to materialise, **and therefore measures need to be taken to discourage policy-making with a short-term perspective**. **In**

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particular, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, *including* for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years, *and can serve as a useful precedent for a programme to support structural reform. Ownership of structural reforms and political will in the Members States, including local and regional authorities, where appropriate, and the social partners, is essential for such a programme to be successful.*

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

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Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. ***The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States.*** Comprehensive and integrated action ***is indeed necessary in order to provide support*** to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. ***The policy experience and capacity of the Union institutions should serve as a basis for providing*** comprehensive and integrated action ***in supporting*** those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect. ***Consequently, an integrated and cross-sectorial approach should be adopted, in order to ensure coherence of the policy landscape.***

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) The European Court of Auditors' Special Report (19/2015) entitled 'More attention to results needed to improve the delivery of technical assistance to Greece' includes useful recommendations with respect to the provision of technical assistance by the Commission to Member States which should be taken into account in the implementation of the support under the Structural Reform Support Programme.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) Efforts for growth-enhancing structural reforms should be continued with determination in order to ensure the

effectiveness of such reforms and to build on the progress made.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to **prepare** and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme *is* intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.

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(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to **design** and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme **constitutes significant additional support for better and faster implementation of reforms** intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining **convergence**, economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's **cohesion**, competitiveness **and productivity** and stimulating investment in the real economy.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, **privatization processes**, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Amendment

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the **design and** implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular **to improve the implementation of** Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the **appropriate** implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, **enhance** growth and job creation, **competitiveness, and territorial cohesion**.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) The Commission should be able, with the consent of the Member State wishing to receive support, to organise the provision of support in cooperation with international organisations or other Member States that may agree to act as reform partners. The Member State wishing to receive support should be able, for a specific area of support, to enter into a partnership with one or more Member States as reform partners to help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design assistance or oversee the implementation of strategy and projects. While the responsibility for the delivery of the reforms lies with the Member State wishing to receive support, reform partners or other Member States

providing support should be able to contribute to the successful implementation of the Programme.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The Commission Communications ‘The EU Budget Review’¹ and ‘A budget for Europe 2020’² underline the importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.

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²COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Amendment

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, ***the territorial governance structure at national, regional and local level***, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Definitions

Amendment

Definitions ***and principles***

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

Amendment 16

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

Text proposed by the Commission

1. 'Beneficiary Member State' means a Member State that receives support from the Union under this Programme;

Amendment 17

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law;

Amendment

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions **and principles** shall apply:

Amendment

1. 'Beneficiary Member State' means a Member State that **requests and** receives support from the Union under this Programme;

Amendment

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address national challenges which have **arise from or** impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges, **and that contribute to social and economic cohesion**;

Amendment

(c) their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law **and policies**;

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, ***economic and social sectors*** in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, ***jobs***, and investment, ***in particular in the context of economic governance processes***, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and ***growth friendly*** structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national ***and, where applicable, regional and local*** authorities for measures aimed at reforming ***and strengthening or establishing*** institutions, governance, administration in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing ***cohesion, productivity, sustainable growth, quality job creation***, and investment, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. To achieve the general objective set out in Article 4, the Programme shall have the following specific objectives:

Amendment

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Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design **and implement** their **sustainable** reforms according to priorities **and the principle of subsidiarity**, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) to support the national authorities to enhance their capacity to formulate, develop and implement reform policies and strategies and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors;

(b) to support the national authorities to enhance their capacity to **plan and** formulate, develop and implement reform policies and strategies and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors;

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) to support the efforts of national authorities to **define** and implement appropriate processes and methodologies by taking into account good practices and lessons learned by other countries in addressing similar situations;

(c) to support national authorities to **design** and implement appropriate processes and methodologies by taking into account good practices and lessons learned by other countries in addressing similar situations;

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) to assist the national authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.

Amendment

(d) to assist the national authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of **social dialogue**, human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These objectives shall be pursued in close cooperation with Beneficiary Member States

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, **jobs** and investment, in particular to the following:

Amendment

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to **cohesion**, competitiveness, **innovation, sustainable** growth, **jobs** and investment, in particular to the following:

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public

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administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

administration, effective rule of law, ***including the correct application of Union law and policies***, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, private sector development, investment, ***privatization processes***, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;

Amendment

(c) business environment, private sector development, investment, ***public participation in enterprises***, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural areas;

Amendment

(e) policies for ***implementing climate action, promoting energy efficiency, achieving energy diversification and ending energy isolation of Member States and regions, as well as for*** the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural areas;

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) financial sector policies ***and*** access

Amendment

(f) financial sector policies, ***including the promotion of financial literacy***,

to finance.

financial stability, access to finance and lending to the real economy; the production, provision and quality monitoring of data and statistics; and policies aiming at combating tax evasion.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive **technical** support under the Programme shall submit a request for **technical** support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes,

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment, **subsidiarity, respect for social partners** and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures

the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority *areas* for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, *in particular European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and EFSI*, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority *actions* for *effective* support, the *particular objectives for that Member State based on Article 5 of this Regulation, a timeline*, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the *estimated* global financial contribution for such support.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The request for support may be submitted regarding the following:
- (a) *the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;*
 - (b) the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;
 - (c) *the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.*

Amendment

3. The request for support may be submitted regarding the following:
- (a) *the implementation of sustainable reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve economic growth, job creation.*
 - (b) the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;
 - (c) *the implementation of sustainable reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of*

Union law;

²³ Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).

²⁴ Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1).

²³ Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).

²⁴ Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1).

(Points (a) and (c) in the Commission text have become points (c) and (a) respectively in Parliament's amendment. And both are also amended.)

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Organisation of support

Amendment

Organisation of ***technical*** support

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.

Amendment

1. The Commission may define the ***technical*** support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in **coordination** with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in **coordination** with the Commission, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.

Amendment

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in **cooperation** with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in **cooperation** with the Commission, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In addition to the financial envelope set out in Article 9, the Programme may be financed through additional contributions from Member States.

Amendment

1. In addition to the financial envelope set out in Article 9, the Programme may be financed through additional **voluntary** contributions from Member States.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall **provide** the European Parliament and the Council **with an interim evaluation report, by mid of 2019, at the latest**, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall **report annually** to the European Parliament and the Council **on the implementation of the programme** and **shall provide** an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021. **The annual report shall include information on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, a justification on any decision to grant or to refuse support to Member States, the efficiency of the use of resources, the Programme's European**

added value and an assessment on whether funding in areas covered by the Programme needs to be adapted or extended after 2020. It shall also address the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. The ex-post evaluation report shall include information on the longer-term impact of the Programme.

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. *The interim evaluation report shall include information on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value and assessment on whether funding in areas covered by the Programme needs to be adapted or extended after 2020. It shall also address the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. The ex-post evaluation report shall include information on the longer-term impact of the Programme.*

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Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) *the number of objectives in the support plan that have been reached by the beneficiary Member State*

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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Substitutes present for the final vote	Ashley Fox, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Sophia in 't Veld, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Eva Paunova, Romana Tomc
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Andrea Bocskor, Franc Bogovič, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Sandra Kalniete, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz