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Of the 85 amendments proposed by the European Parliament, the European Commission is prepared to accept, in part or in full, 57 of them. A summary of the amendments accepted refer to *inter alia*:

- The outer-most regions
- Actions in favour of innovative actions.
- Integrating trans-national co-operation as a fundamental dimension in the ESF.
- Concentrating resources available so that expenditure is coherent with other Funds.
- Offering ESF funds to the disadvantaged.
- Sharing experience gained relating to the socially excluded and the disadvantaged.
- Reinforcing the importance of innovative actions within the Member States and the importance of trans-national co-operation.
- Strengthening ESF links with the European Employment Strategy.
- Specific measures aimed at reconciling work and a private life.
- Specific measures aimed at improving the social inclusion of migrants.
- Actions seeking to facilitate the re-entry of disadvantaged groups, persons with disabilities and those providing care for dependent persons, on to the labour market.
- Extending the Scope of assistance so that it applies to the Cohesion Countries.
- A clarification of the type of geographic areas to be taken into account in the operational programmes.

The Commission has thus modified its initial proposal.