Basic information

2016/0384(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Specific measures for additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 2011/0276(COD) **Subject** 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 4.70.01 Structural funds, investment funds in general, programmes	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
REGI Regional Development	MIHAYLOVA Iskra (ALDE)	16/02/2017
	Shadow rapporteur OLBRYCHT Jan (PPE) VAUGHAN Derek (S&D) LEWER Andrew (ECR) REINTKE Terry (Verts/ALE) D'AMATO Rosa (EFDD) BRIOIS Steeve (ENF)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3554	2017-06-26

European Economic and Social Committee
European Committee of the Regions

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/11/2016	Legislative proposal published	COM(2016)0778	Summary
15/12/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
17/03/2017	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
21/03/2017	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
23/03/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0070/2017	Summary
03/04/2017	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 72)		
05/04/2017	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 72)		
30/05/2017	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE604.685 GEDA/A/(2017)005320	
12/06/2017	Debate in Parliament		
13/06/2017	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0250/2017	Summary
13/06/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/06/2017	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
04/07/2017	Final act signed		
05/07/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/07/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0384(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 2011/0276(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 177-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	REGI/8/08655

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0070/2017	23/03/2017	Summary
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE604.685	24/05/2017	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0250/2017	13/06/2017	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2017)005320	24/05/2017	
Draft final act	00021/2017/LEX	05/07/2017	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2016)0778	30/11/2016	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2017)477	12/07/2017	

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
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Contribution	IT_SENATE	COM(2016)0778	01/02/2017	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0042/2017	22/02/2017	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2017/1199
OJ L 176 07.07.2017, p. 0001

Specific measures for additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters

2016/0384(COD) - 04/07/2017 - Final act

PURPOSE: to provide regions hit by earthquakes, floods or other natural disasters with increased EU support.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2017/1199 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters.

CONTENT: in order to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters, this Regulation amends Regulation (EU) 1303 /2013 by introducing **a separate priority strand within an operational programme, with a co-financing rate of up to 95 %** to cover the European Regional Development Fund

(ERDF) investment priorities.

Operations benefitting from this measure should fulfil all of the following conditions:

- they should be selected by managing authorities in response to major or regional natural disasters as defined in Regulation (EC) No 2012 /2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund;
- they should be aimed at reconstruction in response to the natural disaster; and
- they should be supported under an ERDF investment priority.

Expenditure for operations under this priority axis shall be eligible from the date when the natural disaster occurred.

The amount allocated to the operations referred to in the first subparagraph **shall not exceed 5%** of the total ERDF allocation in a Member State for the 2014-2020 programming period.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27.7.2017.

APPLICATION: from 1.1.2014.

Specific measures for additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters

2016/0384(COD) - 23/03/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Regional Development adopted the report by Iskra MIHAYLOVA (ADLE, BG) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament’s position adopted at first reading, following the ordinary legislative procedure, should take over the Commission proposal subject to a set of amendments concerning the co-financing rate.

The Commission proposed to introduce a separate priority axis, of which a co-financing rate up to 100% is proposed for reconstruction projects supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) within an operational programme as laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disaster.

Members introduced an amendment providing that the amount allocated to these operations shall **not exceed 5 % of the total ERDF allocation in a Member State** for the 2014-2020 programming period.

Specific measures for additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters

2016/0384(COD) - 13/06/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 625 votes to 5, with 28 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters.

The European Parliament's position adopted at first reading, following the ordinary legislative procedure, amended the Commission proposal.

The proposed amended Regulation provides for the possibility to introduce a separate priority axis, with a co-financing rate of up to **95%**, within an operational programme to support operations under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) set by the Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with a view to providing additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters.

An amendment stipulated that the amount allocated to these operations **shall not exceed 5 % of the total ERDF allocation** in a Member State for the 2014-2020 programming period.

Specific measures for additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters

2016/0384(COD) - 30/11/2016 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disaster.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the recent earthquakes in Italy have had a devastating effect on the people living in the region. Large scale reconstruction works will be required, notably to restore the cultural heritage of the affected areas.

Europe needs to be able to quickly provide additional, effective support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to Member States and regions hit by major or regional natural disasters, complementing the means available under the European Union Solidarity Fund.

In order to provide such additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters, the Commission proposes to introduce the possibility of a **separate priority axis for reconstruction operations supported by the ERDF** within an operational programme.

CONTENT: it is proposed to introduce an additional paragraph in Article 120 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 to provide for the creation of a separate priority axis with a **co-financing rate of up to 100%** to support, under ERDF investment priorities, operations selected by managing authorities in response to major or regional disasters.

The operations that may be cofinanced under this separate priority axis are those linked to reconstruction in response to major or regional natural disasters as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Starting date of eligibility of expenditure: for operations under this separate priority axis, a **derogation** to the rule concerning the starting date of eligibility of expenditure as a result of an amendment of a programme is proposed. This would ensure that following the amendment of the programme expenditure incurred as from the date of the disaster can be declared for reimbursement.

Covering expenses: a provision has also been included to cover the case of expenditure declared for measures taken by Member State authorities **directly after the disaster occurred**, and before the operational programme is amended, and reimbursed at the existing co-financing rate.

The higher co-financing rate would then be applied through the necessary adjustments to the next payment application and, where appropriate, to the next accounts, **once the programme has been amended to include the separate priority axis**.

Reporting arrangements: the implementation of the measure will be monitored and reported upon in the framework of the general reporting mechanisms established in Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the proposed modification does not imply any changes in the Multiannual Financial Framework annual ceilings for commitments and payments as per Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 1311/2013.

It remains within the limits of the overall allocation for the period 2014-2020 and is **therefore budgetary neutral**. The increased co-financing rate up to 100% will lead to a partial frontloading of payments, followed by lower payments at a later stage as the overall envelope is unchanged.