

Basic information

2017/0024(NLE)

NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Regulation

Awaiting final decision

Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking: financial contributions

Amending Regulation (EU) No 560/2014 [2013/0241\(NLE\)](#)

Subject

3.50.08 New technologies; biotechnology
3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements
8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		POCHE Miroslav (S&D)	17/05/2017
			Shadow rapporteur GAMBUS MILLET Francisco de Paula (PPE) VAN BOSSUYT Anneleen (ECR) MEISSNER Gesine (ALDE) ŠKRLEC Davor (Verts/ALE) LETARD-LECHEVALIER Christelle (ENF)	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		FLANAGAN Luke Ming (GUE/NGL)	07/06/2017
	REGI Regional Development		BOGOVIČ Franc (PPE)	28/02/2017
Council of the European Union				
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Research and Innovation		MOEDAS Carlos	
European Economic and Social Committee				

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
22/02/2017	Legislative proposal published	COM(2017)0068 	Summary
03/04/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/10/2017	Vote in committee		
06/10/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0293/2017	Summary
24/10/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0388/2017	Summary
24/10/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2017/0024(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consultation of Parliament
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EU) No 560/2014 2013/0241(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 187 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 188 -a1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	ITRE/8/09337

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE606.105	19/06/2017	
Committee opinion	REGI	PE604.609	21/06/2017	
Committee opinion	CONT	PE606.073	06/09/2017	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE609.621	07/09/2017	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0293/2017	06/10/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0388/2017	24/10/2017	Summary
European Commission				

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2017)0068 	22/02/2017	Summary	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2017)766	06/12/2017		
Other institutions and bodies				
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EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1752/2017	26/04/2017	

Additional information		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking: financial contributions

2017/0024(NLE) - 24/10/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 572 votes to 54, with 36 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation amending the Council Regulation (EU) No 560/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking.

Parliament approved the Commission proposal subject to the following amendments to stipulate the following issues in the recitals:

- the Bio-based Industries (BBI) joint undertaking should aim to **contribute to the implementation of the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation** ('Horizon 2020') through increased investment in the development of a sustainable bio-based industry sector in Europe and to **make the Union a champion** of research, demonstration, and deployment in the bio-based products and biofuels marketplace;
- the financial contribution by the members of the BBI Joint Undertaking other than the Union to operational costs is to be at least **EUR 182 500 000 over the ten-year period**, that is to say from the establishment of the BBI Joint Undertaking until 31 December 2024;
- the proposed amending regulation allows the bio-industries consortium and its constituent entities to deliver the financial contribution not only as payments to the BBI Joint Undertaking. Members stated that this new delivery mode is to
- ensure that the financial contributions become more commercially viable** for BIC and its constituent entities. The Commission will examine how that alternative mode of financing could apply to other joint undertakings, and, in particular, to the [Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking](#);
- the Commission should submit a **report** to the European Parliament and to the Council **assessing the effectiveness of this Regulation**, in light of the BIC's obligation to deliver its financial contribution by 31 December 2024;
- in future cases, the Commission should always carry out a **public consultation** in order to ensure that any proposed changes are accepted by all interested parties, in particular SMEs, and are developed in the most transparent and open manner possible. Similarly, the Commission should conduct impact assessments of the measures proposed measures.

Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking: financial contributions

2017/0024(NLE) - 22/02/2017 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Council Regulation (EU) No 560/2014 establishing the Bio-base Industries Joint Undertaking, in order to enable members of the Bio-based Industries Consortium to fulfil their obligation to contribute financially.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council shall adopt the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow the opinion of the European Parliament.

BACKGROUND: The Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) was established by [Council Regulation \(EU\) No 560/2014](#) for the implementation of the Joint Technology Initiative on Bio-based Industries (the BBI JU initiative) until 31 December 2024. The BBI JU is a body responsible for the implementation of a public-private partnership whose members are, on the one hand, the Union, represented by the Commission, and, on the other hand, the Bio-based Industries consortium.

The statutes of the Bio-based industries Joint Undertaking stipulate that the financial contribution to operational costs of the members of the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking, other than the Union, shall be at least EUR 182 500 000 up to 31 December 2024.

The Bio-based Industries Consortium recognises its obligation to pay a financial contribution of at least EUR 182 500 000 before 31 December 2024, but it has **found difficulties with the delivery mode**.

Many members of the Bio-based Industries consortium believe that it is not commercially viable to make a financial contribution at the programme level because this method does not guarantee any profits in return and that this could benefit competitors participating in projects funded by the Bio-based Industries JU. As a result, the Bio-based Industries consortium proposed **a different method of payment of the financial contribution**, namely the possibility for its members to pay directly at the project level.

After assessing the Bio-based Industries Consortium's proposal, the Commission intends to adjust Council Regulation (EU) No 560/2014 in order to remedy the difficulties faced by the consortium in paying its financial contribution under the current arrangements. The proposed change would not affect the original objectives.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to amend the Statutes of the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking by introducing **a new method of payment of the financial contribution** in addition to the existing method of payment.

Concretely, the proposal:

- introduces the possibility of making financial contributions in the following two ways: (i) transferring them from the consortium to the Bio-based Industries JU and / or (ii) **transferring them directly from a member of the Bio-based Industries Consortium to another project beneficiary**;
- broadens the category of parties that could provide the financial contribution: in addition to the Bio-based Industries Consortium individually, its **"constituent entities"** (i.e. members of the consortium) would also be entitled to contribute financial resources;
- maintains commitment to the overall financial objective of providing a financial contribution to operational costs of **EUR 182 500 000** up until 31 December 2024;
- allows members of the Bio-based Industries Consortium to declare through the latter the financial contributions they have made to the projects at the Bio-based Industries JU.

This solution is similar to that agreed for the [IMI2 Joint Undertaking](#) (Innovative Medicines Initiative), in which members other than the Union may make financial contributions either at the programme or project level.

Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking: financial contributions

2017/0024(NLE) - 06/10/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted, following the consultation procedure, the report by Miroslav POCKET (S&D, CZ) on the proposal for a Council regulation amending the Council Regulation (EU) No 560/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking.

The committee called on Parliament to approve the Commission proposal subject to the following amendments:

- the Bio-based Industries (BBI) joint undertaking should aim to contribute to the implementation of the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) ('Horizon 2020') through increased investment in the development of a sustainable bio-based industry sector in Europe and to make the **Union a champion** of research, demonstration, and deployment in the bio-based products and biofuels marketplace;
- **better collaboration with stakeholders**, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the bio-based value chain;
- the proposed amending regulation allows the bio-industries consortium and its constituent entities to deliver the financial contribution not only as payments to the BBI Joint Undertaking. Members stated that this new delivery mode is to **ensure that the financial contributions become more commercially viable** for BIC and its constituent entities;
- the Commission should submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council **assessing the effectiveness of this Regulation**, in light of the BIC's obligation to deliver its financial contribution by 31 December 2024;
- in future cases, the Commission should always carry out a **public consultation** in order to ensure that any proposed changes are accepted by all interested parties, and are developed in the most transparent and open manner possible. Similarly, the Commission should conduct impact assessments of the measures proposed measures.