

## Basic information

**2017/0336(COD)**

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)  
Regulation

European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: support to structural reforms in Member States

Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 [2011/0276\(COD\)](#)

### Subject

3.10.01.02 Rural development, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)  
3.15.17 European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)  
4.10.15 European Social Fund (ESF), Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)  
4.70.02 Cohesion policy, Cohesion Fund (CF)  
4.70.07 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)



Procedure lapsed or withdrawn

## Key players


European Parliament

| Committee responsible   | Rapporteur   | Appointed  |
|---|--|------------|
| <b>REGI</b> Regional Development                                    | KREHL Constanze (S&D)  | 25/01/2018 |
|   | Shadow rapporteur<br>TOMAŠIĆ Ruža (ECR)<br>OMARJEE Younous (GUE/NGL)<br>VANA Monika (Verts/ALE)<br>D'AMATO Rosa (NI) |            |
| Committee for opinion   | Rapporteur for opinion   | Appointed  |
| <b>BUDG</b> Budgets<br>(Associated committee)                       | GEIER Jens (S&D)   | 23/04/2018 |
| <b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control                                       |  |            |
| <b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs<br>(Associated committee) | The committee decided not to give an opinion.  |            |
| <b>EMPL</b> Employment and Social Affairs                           | The committee decided not to give an opinion.  | 13/03/2018 |

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|  | <b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety |   |            |
|  | <b>ITRE</b> Industry, Research and Energy              |   |            |
|  | <b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism                      | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |            |
|  | <b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development          | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | 30/05/2018 |
|  | <b>PECH</b> Fisheries                                  | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |            |
|  | <b>CULT</b> Culture and Education                      | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |            |
|  | <b>FEMM</b> Women's Rights and Gender Equality         | <a href="#">PIETIKÄINEN Sirpa (PPE)</a>       | 26/02/2018 |
| Council of the European Union          |  |   |            |
| European Commission                    | <b>Commission DG</b>                                   | <b>Commissioner</b>                           |            |
|  | Secretariat-General                                    | OETTINGER Günther                             |            |
| European Economic and Social Committee |  |   |            |
| European Committee of the Regions      |  |   |            |

| Key events |   |  |                         |
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| Date       | Event   | Reference  | Summary                 |
| 06/12/2017 | Legislative proposal published                            | <a href="#">COM(2017)0826</a><br> | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 14/12/2017 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading   |  |                         |
| 19/04/2018 | Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament |  |                         |
| 09/10/2018 | Vote in committee, 1st reading                            |  |                         |
| 11/10/2018 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading          | <a href="#">A8-0316/2018</a>   | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 24/10/2018 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading                       | <a href="#">T8-0407/2018</a>   | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 24/10/2018 | Results of vote in Parliament                             |                                   |                         |
| 29/09/2020 | Proposal withdrawn by Commission                          |  |                         |

| Technical information                        |  |
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| Procedure reference                          | 2017/0336(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 <a href="#">2011/0276(COD)</a>   |
| Legal basis                                  | Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 175-p3<br>Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 177-p1 |
| Other legal basis                            | Rules of Procedure EP 165  |
| Mandatory consultation of other institutions | <a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a><br><a href="#">European Committee of the Regions</a>                |
| Stage reached in procedure                   | Procedure lapsed or withdrawn  |
| Committee dossier                            | REGI/8/11796   |

| Documentation gateway   |  |                              |                         |                         |
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| <b>European Parliament</b>                                      |  |                              |                         |                         |
| Document type   | Committee  | Reference                    | Date                    | Summary                 |
| Committee opinion   | <a href="#">ENVI</a>   | <a href="#">PE621.057</a>    | 27/04/2018              |                         |
| Committee draft report  |  | <a href="#">PE623.856</a>    | 26/06/2018              |                         |
| Committee opinion   | <a href="#">ITRE</a>   | <a href="#">PE622.212</a>    | 11/07/2018              |                         |
| Amendments tabled in committee                                  |  | <a href="#">PE625.556</a>    | 20/07/2018              |                         |
| Committee opinion   | <a href="#">BUDG</a>   | <a href="#">PE623.742</a>    | 30/08/2018              |                         |
| Committee opinion   | <a href="#">FEMM</a>   | <a href="#">PE623.659</a>    | 04/09/2018              |                         |
| Committee opinion   | <a href="#">AGRI</a>   | <a href="#">PE625.361</a>    | 02/10/2018              |                         |
| Committee opinion   | <a href="#">CONT</a>   | <a href="#">PE626.991</a>    | 04/10/2018              |                         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading |  | <a href="#">A8-0316/2018</a> | 11/10/2018              | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading          |  | <a href="#">T8-0407/2018</a> | 24/10/2018              | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| <b>European Commission</b>                                      |  |                              |                         |                         |
| Document type   | Reference  | Date                         | Summary                 |                         |
| Legislative proposal  | <a href="#">COM(2017)0826</a><br> | 06/12/2017                   | <a href="#">Summary</a> |                         |
| <b>National parliaments</b>                                     |  |                              |                         |                         |
| Document type   | Parliament /Chamber  | Reference                    | Date                    | Summary                 |

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| Contribution | FR_ASSEMBLY   | COM(2017)0826 | 13/07/2018 |  |

| Additional information |          |      |
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| Source                 | Document | Date |
| European Commission    | EUR-Lex  |      |

## European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: support to structural reforms in Member States

2017/0336(COD) - 24/10/2018 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 74 votes to 550, with 42 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States.

The European Parliament **rejected the Commission proposal** and called on the Commission to withdraw it.

As a reminder, the proposal aims to amend the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) to allow the use of the performance reserve (6% of the resources allocated to the ERDF, ESF and CF under the Investment for Growth and Employment Objective, the EAFRD and the EAMP) to support structural reforms rather than to finance the 'specific priorities' contained in the partnership agreements.

## European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: support to structural reforms in Member States

2017/0336(COD) - 06/12/2017 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to introduce a targeted amendment to the Common Provisions Regulation applicable to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) in order to facilitate structural reforms conducted by the Member States in the context of the economic governance process.

**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 on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** under the post-2020 multiannual financial framework, the Commission intends to propose a new tool to support Member States in the **implementation of the structural reforms adopted in the framework of the European Semester**. This tool shall have its own budgetary endowment, separate from and in addition to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI).

This new reform delivery tool shall seek to support a broad range of reforms such as in product and labour markets, tax reforms, the development of capital markets, reforms to improve the business environment as well as investment in human capital and public administration reforms.

The Commission intends to test the main features of this reform delivery tool in a **pilot phase for the period 2018-2020**, by offering the possibility to Member States to use all or part of the performance reserve in the current European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds to support reforms instead of specific projects.

To this end, the Commission proposes amendments to the [Regulation \(EU\) 1303/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI funds).

CONTENT: the proposal opens the possibility to partially or fully allocate the **performance reserve** set up by Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 to support the reform commitments undertaken by the Members States.

A Member State which opts for a partial or full allocation of the **performance reserve** shall propose to the Commission a detailed set of measures appropriate for the implementation of structural reforms in accordance with Union law. This proposal shall include **reform commitments** which shall contain milestones and targets for the implementation of the reform measures and a timetable which shall not be longer than three years.

**The Commission shall adopt a decision, by means of an implementing act**, setting out the reform commitments to be implemented by the Member State and the amount allocated from the performance reserve for their support.

Support to structural reforms by Member States shall take the form of a **financing not linked to cost** shall be managed in line with the rules for direct management set out in that Regulation, and shall not require national co-financing.

The amount allocated to the implementation of the structural reforms should be **proportionate** to the nature and importance of the reform and should complement existing Union support to national reforms

The Member State shall **regularly report within the mechanisms of the European Semester** on the progress in the achievement of the reform commitment.

## European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: support to structural reforms in Member States

2017/0336(COD) - 11/10/2018 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Regional Development adopted the report jointly draft by Lambert van NISTELROOIJ (EPP, NL) and Constanze KREHL (S&D, DE) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament **reject the Commission proposal** for the reasons set out below:

As a reminder, the proposal seeks to amend the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) in order to allow the performance reserve (6% of the resources allocated to the ERDF, ESF and CF Investment for Jobs and Growth Goal, to the EAFRD and to the EMFF) to be used for structural reforms instead of for the 'specific priorities' set out in Partnership Agreements.

Whilst the European Parliament did not originally support the concept of a performance reserve when the current cohesion package was adopted, Members considered that it is important that the funds in the performance reserve are spent as originally intended, on cohesion projects, and are not diverted to structural reforms.