



Basic information	
2008/0186(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund and Cohesion Fund: revenue-generating projects Amending Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 2004/0163(AVC) Subject 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)	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	<div>REGI</div> Regional Development		ARNAOUTAKIS Stavros (PSE)
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	<div>BUDG</div> Budgets		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	<div>EMPL</div> Employment and Social Affairs		ANDERSSON Jan (PSE)
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2917	2008-12-18
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner
	Regional and Urban Policy		HÜBNER Danuta

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/09/2008	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0558 	Summary
27/10/2008	Legislative proposal published	13874/2008	Summary
17/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
04/12/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0477/2008	

15/12/2008	Debate in Parliament	CRE link	
16/12/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0605/2008	Summary
16/12/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/12/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/12/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/12/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0186(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 2004/0163(AVC)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 161
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	REGI/6/67075

Documentation gateway


European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE412.353	26/09/2008	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE414.260	02/12/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0477/2008	04/12/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0605/2008	16/12/2008	Summary

Council of the EU

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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
ESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1684/2008	23/10/2008	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 2008/1341 OJ L 348 24.12.2008, p. 0019	Summary

European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund and Cohesion Fund: revenue-generating projects

2008/0186(AVC) - 16/12/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 621 votes to 25 with 14 abstentions, a legislative resolution giving its assent to the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, in respect of certain revenue-generating projects. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Stavros **ARNAOUTAKIS** (PES, EL) on behalf of the Committee on Regional Development.

European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund and Cohesion Fund: revenue-generating projects

2008/0186(AVC) - 15/09/2008 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, in respect of certain revenue-generating projects.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: the new financial management rules introduced by Regulation No 1083/2006 include provisions on the financial contribution from the Funds (Title V) and in particular on revenue-generating projects (Article 55).

According to Article 55(1) of the Regulation, 'revenue-generating project' means any operation involving an investment in infrastructure the use of which is subject to charges borne directly by users or any operation involving the sale or rent of land or buildings or any other provision of services against payment.

The provisions of Article 55 of Regulation No 1083/2006 do not seem appropriate to projects co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF), which essentially finances non-physical operations rather than infrastructure (which is ineligible). Few projects generate revenue, and, if they do, it is usually during the operation implementation phase only.

Furthermore, in the case of small operations co-financed by the ERDF/Cohesion Fund or operations co-financed by the ESF, the follow-up procedures to be complied with - revenue may be taken into account for up to three years after winding-up of the operational programme - would seem to be a disproportionate administrative burden compared with the amounts concerned, and an important risk factor in programme implementation.

The Commission is therefore proposing an amendment to Article 55(5) only, with the other provisions of Regulation No 1083/2006 remaining unchanged. The amendment consists in replacing the provision on proportionality in monitoring small operations (total cost below €200 000) by the non-application of the provisions of Article 55 to operations co-financed by the ESF and to operations co-financed by the ERDF or Cohesion Fund where the total cost is less than €1 000 000. It is also proposed that this should apply retroactively from 1 August 2006.

European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund and Cohesion Fund: revenue-generating projects

2008/0186(AVC) - 27/10/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, in respect of certain revenue-generating projects.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: the new financial management rules introduced by Regulation No 1083/2006 include provisions on the financial contribution from the Funds (Title V) and in particular on revenue-generating projects (Article 55).

A number of difficulties have been highlighted in connection with the application of the provisions of Article 55, including a disproportionate administrative burden, especially for operations co-financed by the European Social Fund and small operations financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or Cohesion Fund.

These difficulties may have adverse consequences in terms of operation management, especially for projects in areas of Community priority such as the environment, social inclusion, research, innovation or energy, and in terms of the administrative burden.

Article 55 should therefore be simplified.

According to the proposal, paragraphs 1 to 4 of Article 55 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 shall apply only to operations which are co-financed by the ERDF or Cohesion Fund and the total cost of which exceeds **EUR 1 million**.

This Regulation shall be applicable retroactively from 1 August 2006 to all operations receiving assistance from the Structural Funds or Cohesion Fund during the 2007-2013 programming period.

European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund and Cohesion Fund: revenue-generating projects

2008/0186(AVC) - 18/12/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, in respect of certain revenue-generating projects.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 1341/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, in respect of certain revenue-generating projects

CONTENT: this Regulation amends Article 55(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006. The amendment states that the operative provisions of the Article will apply only to operations which are co-financed by the ERDF or Cohesion Fund and the total cost of which **exceeds EUR 1 000 000**. This is due to the fact that a number of difficulties have been highlighted in connection with the application of the provisions of Article 55, including a disproportionate administrative burden, especially for operations co-financed by the European Social Fund and small operations financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or Cohesion Fund. These difficulties may have adverse consequences in terms of operation management, especially for projects in areas of Community priority such as the environment, social inclusion, research, innovation or energy, and in terms of the administrative burden. Article 55 had to be simplified.

This simplification applies to all projects receiving assistance from the Structural Funds or Cohesion Fund during the 2007-2013 programming period. Retroactive application was therefore necessary, and Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 amended accordingly.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25/12/2008.

APPLICATION: from 01/08/2006 to all operations receiving assistance from the Structural Funds or Cohesion Fund during the 2007-2013 programming period.