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Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2016/0384(COD) Procedure completed
Specific measures for additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters	
Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013	<a href="#">2011/0276(COD)</a>
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
	 Regional Development	 <a href="#">MIHAYLOVA Iskra</a>	16/02/2017
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 <a href="#">OLBRYCHT Jan</a>	
		 <a href="#">VAUGHAN Derek</a>	
		 <a href="#">LEWER Andrew</a>	
		 <a href="#">REINTKE Terry</a>	
		 <a href="#">D'AMATO Rosa</a>	
		 <a href="#">BRIOIS Steeve</a>	
		Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion
 Budgets		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
 Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
 Agriculture and Rural Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">3554</a>	26/06/2017
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events			
30/11/2016	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2016)0778</a>	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	<a href="#">A8-0070/2017</a>	Summary
03/04/2017	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
05/04/2017	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71)		
30/05/2017	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	<a href="#">PE604.685</a> GEDA/A/(2017)005320	
12/06/2017	Debate in Parliament		
13/06/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/06/2017	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T8-0250/2017</a>	Summary
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
	Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 <a href="#">2011/0276(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 177-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a> <a href="#">European Committee of the Regions</a>
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	REGI/8/08655

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2016)0778</a>	30/11/2016	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES0042/2017</a>	22/02/2017	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0070/2017</a>	23/03/2017	EP	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement		GEDA/A/(2017)005320	24/05/2017	CSL	
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		<a href="#">PE604.685</a>	24/05/2017	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0250/2017</a>	13/06/2017	EP	Summary
Draft final act		<a href="#">00021/2017/LEX</a>	05/07/2017	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2017)477</a>	12/07/2017	EC	
Final act					
<a href="#">Regulation 2017/1199</a> <a href="#">OJ L 176 07.07.2017, p. 0001</a> Summary					

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

**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.

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

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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

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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

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**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.