

Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) 2017/0336(COD) Regulation</p>	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
<p>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</p> <p>Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 2011/0276(COD)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.10.01.02 Rural development, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)</p> <p>3.15.17 European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)</p> <p>4.10.15 European Social Fund (ESF), Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)</p> <p>4.70.02 Cohesion policy, Cohesion Fund (CF)</p> <p>4.70.07 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)</p> <p>Legislative priorities Joint Declaration 2018-19</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets (Associated committee)		
	CONT Budgetary Control		
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs (Associated committee)		
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
	PECH Fisheries		
	CULT Culture and Education		
	FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality		
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG Secretariat-General	Commissioner OETTINGER Günther	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events

06/12/2017	Legislative proposal published	COM(2017)0826	Summary
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	A8-0316/2018	Summary
24/10/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/10/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0407/2018	Summary
29/09/2020	Proposal withdrawn by Commission		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2017/0336(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 2011/0276(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 175-p3; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 177-p1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	REGI/8/11796

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2017)0826	06/12/2017	EC	Summary
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE621.057	27/04/2018	EP	
Committee draft report		PE623.856	26/06/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	ITRE	PE622.212	11/07/2018	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE625.556	20/07/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE623.742	30/08/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE623.659	04/09/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE625.361	02/10/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	CONT	PE626.991	04/10/2018	EP	

Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0316/2018	11/10/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0407/2018	24/10/2018	EP	Summary

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

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.

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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.

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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.