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

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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.