**ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE procedure – First reading**

**Follow up to the European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)**

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**3. Date of adoption of the resolution:** 4 April 2019

**4. Legal basis:** Article 46(d), Article 149, point (a) of Article 153(2), Articles 164 and 168(5), Article 175(3) and Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

**5. Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee onEmployment and Social Affairs (EMPL) and Committee onEnvironment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

**6. Commission's position:** At this stage, the Commission reserves its position. It express its concerns in particular on the following amendments:

* **Amendment 89** (Article 4 of the Commission proposal) on the introduction of three specific objectives, which are limited to the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand and corresponding to the three current strands of the EaSI programme;
* **Amendment 90** (Article 5 of the Commission proposal) on the increase of the budget and an allocation for the European Child Guarantee;
* **Amendment 92** (Article 7 of the Commission proposal) increasing the thematic concentration requirements for social inclusion, addressing material deprivation and youth and introducing a thematic concentration requirement for implementing the European Child Guarantee;
* **Amendment 94** (Article 8 of the Commission proposal) establishing a minimum amount for capacity building for social partners and civil society organisations;
* **Amendment 97** (new Article 10a) establishing support for the European Child Guarantee to be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme;
* **Amendment 98** (Article 11 of the Commission proposal) deleting the requirement that support to relevant country-specific recommendations have to be programmed under a dedicated priority;
* **Amendment 109** (Article 23 of the Commission proposal) and **amendment 110** (new Article 23a) reintroducing indicative percentages and the axes of the current Employment and Social Innovation programme. Those amendments do not take into account either the creation of the new European Labour Authority and the InvestEU proposal and their impact on the current EURES and Micro-Finance axes and confuse objectives and activities;
* **Amendment 111** (Article 24 of the Commission proposal) deleting all communication activities through conferences and events and confusing operational activities with technical assistance carried out on the support line;
* **Amendment 118 and 119** (Article 26 of the Commission proposal) on the objectives of the Health strand; **amendment 129** if it implies the deletion of point vi of Article 26(2)(c) of the Commission proposal; **amendments 130, 132, 133**, **136 and** **139** broadening the Commission proposal) on providing continuous and sustainable support to organizations and **amendment 142** (Article 27 of the Commission proposal) on expanding the network of contact points to regional and local organizations;
* **Amendment 143** (Article 29 of the Commission proposal) on the part changing the composition of the Steering Group;
* **Amendment 144** (new Article 29a) introducing a Steering Board and the related **amendment 134**;
* **Amendment 147** (Article 32 of the Commission proposal) and the related **amendment 151** (Article 38 of the Commission proposal) to adopt the work programmes for the Employment and Social Innovation strand and the Health strand by delegated act;
* **Amendment 152** (Article 40 of the Commission proposal) to change the composition of the Committee under Article 163 TFEU;
* **Amendments 153, 154,** **157** **and 160** (Annexes I, II and III of the Commission proposal); **amendments 155 and 156** (new Annexes IIa and IIb) to increase the number of common indicators for reporting under all strands of the ESF+, including introducing indicators for EaSI corresponding to the scope of the current programme (not to the scope of the EaSI strand under the ESF+); the related **amendments 104, 107 and 148** (Articles 15, 21 and 33 of the Commission proposal).