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# AMENDMENTS

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**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Hélder Sousa Silva**  
(PE765.331v01-00)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2220 as regards specific measures under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters

Proposal for a regulation  
(COM(2024)0495 – C10-0148/2024 – 2024/0274(COD))



**Amendment 1**  
**Ignazio Roberto Marino**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Recital A**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

A. whereas the recent natural disasters in the EU have had a devastating effect on the rural populations living and working in the regions concerned, destroying a considerable amount of agricultural and forestry production potential, resulting in important losses of income for farmers, forest holders and rural businesses in those regions, **manifesting** vulnerabilities in the European food system as a consequence from these disasters and posing a risk to EU food security;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the recent natural disasters **linked to climate change** in the EU have had a devastating effect on the rural populations living and working in the regions concerned, destroying a considerable amount of agricultural and forestry production potential, resulting in important losses of income for farmers, forest holders and rural businesses in those regions, **aggravating** vulnerabilities in the European food system as a consequence from these disasters and posing a risk to EU food security;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Recital A**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Hélder Sousa Silva**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Recital C**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

C. whereas *this comprises the consequences for commitment and payment appropriations and human resources in the EU's annual budgets, compatibility with the Multiannual Financial Framework, the Own Resources Decision, the Interinstitutional Agreement (including established EP positions on these) and the EU financial interests and applicable rules but also more general considerations related to EU added value, auditing and monitoring aspects, or performance aspects;*

*Amendment*

C. whereas *according to the rules of procedure, the budgetary assessment shall examine whether the proposal for a legally binding act provides for sufficient financial and human resources, and evaluate the potential impact of the financing proposed on other Union programmes or policies; whereas it is also to determine whether the proposal is compatible with the multiannual financial framework, the system of own resources and the corresponding interinstitutional agreement, as well as the budgetary principles laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup>;*

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Valérie Hayer, Lucia Yar, Olivier Chastel, Fabienne Keller**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Recital G**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

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additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters;

additional *targeted* assistance *and flexibility* to Member States affected by natural disasters, *which occurred as of 1 January 2024*;

Or. en

## **Amendment 5** **Victor Negrescu**

### **Draft budgetary assessment** **Paragraph 2**

#### *Draft budgetary assessment*

2. Recalls that the European Parliament has repeatedly called for more resources for the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) in view of the increasing number and intensity of natural disasters and the need to speed-up and simplify procedures so that support reaches Member States and regions hit by natural disasters more quickly;

#### *Amendment*

2. Recalls that the European Parliament has repeatedly called for more resources for the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) in view of the increasing number and intensity of natural disasters and the need to speed-up and simplify procedures so that support reaches Member States and regions hit by natural disasters more quickly; *highlights the need for administrative simplification to allow swift deployment of the funds and the use of lump sums for farmers, traditional products producers, foresters and SMEs*;

Or. en

## **Amendment 6** **Valérie Hayer, Lucia Yar, Olivier Chastel, Fabienne Keller**

### **Draft budgetary assessment** **Paragraph 3**

#### *Draft budgetary assessment*

3. Recalls that the EP has repeatedly criticised the use of *cohesion* funding as emergency response tool and maintains that this approach risks undermining its longer-term policy and investment objectives; acknowledges, however, that

#### *Amendment*

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the present proposal offers a pragmatic solution to deal with insufficient budgetary flexibility and crisis response capacity in the EU budget, in order to provide a fast response to the needs of the affected populations;

*ERDF*; acknowledges, however, that the present proposal offers a pragmatic solution to deal with insufficient budgetary flexibility and crisis response capacity in the EU budget, in order to provide a fast response to the needs of the affected populations;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

3. Recalls that the EP has repeatedly criticised the use of cohesion funding as emergency response tool and maintains that this approach risks undermining its longer-term policy and investment objectives; acknowledges, however, that the present proposal offers a pragmatic solution to deal with insufficient budgetary flexibility and crisis response capacity in the EU budget, in order to provide a fast response to the needs of the affected populations;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that the EP has repeatedly criticised the use of cohesion funding as emergency response tool and maintains that this approach risks undermining its longer-term policy and investment objectives; acknowledges, however, that the present proposal offers a pragmatic solution to deal with insufficient budgetary flexibility and crisis response capacity in the EU budget, in order to provide a fast response to the needs of the affected populations; ***calls upon the Commission and the Member States to swiftly mobilise and use the 3 billion euro made available through the RESTORE proposal in the EU budget 2025, from the cohesion funds, to deal with the effects of the recent natural disasters;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Hélder Sousa Silva**

**Draft budgetary assessment**

## Paragraph 5

*Draft budgetary assessment*

**5. Assumes that there should be a significant impact on the annual budgets in 2025 and 2026 in terms of additional need for payment appropriations due the envisaged frontloading; welcomes measures that result in a lower level of RAL (reste à liquider); regrets, however, that there is no legislative financial statement, nor any mention in the Amending Letter 1/2025 comparable to the one annexed to the RESTORE proposal which would clarify and quantify the implications for the payment profile; recalls that this has direct consequences for the Member States' national contributions to the EU budget *in 2025 and 2026*; wishes to obtain such information from the Commission;**

*Amendment*

5. Regrets that there is no legislative financial statement, nor any mention in the Amending Letter 1/2025 comparable to the one annexed to the RESTORE proposal which would clarify and quantify the implications for the payment profile; recalls that this has direct consequences for the Member States' national contributions to the EU budget; wishes to obtain such information from the Commission;

Or. en

## Amendment 9

Hélder Sousa Silva

Draft budgetary assessment

### Paragraph 6

*Draft budgetary assessment*

**6. Notes, in this context, that payments linked to 2021-2027 programmes under shared management have remained at a low level in the first years of implementation; recalls that this actual payment cycle does not coincide with the more linear payment profile set out in the MFF regulation and that this situation results in a risk of exceeding payment ceilings in the later years; considers that the frontloading of payments towards 2025 and 2026 could alleviate the pressure on payments;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

**Amendment 10**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

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*Amendment*

6. Notes, in this context, that payments linked to 2021-2027 programmes under shared management have remained at a low level in the first years of implementation; recalls that this actual payment cycle does not coincide with the more linear payment profile set out in the MFF regulation and that this situation results in a risk of exceeding payment ceilings in the later years; considers that the frontloading of payments towards 2025 and 2026 could alleviate the pressure on payments; ***calls on the Commission to closely monitor the payments evolution and provide timely information to the European Parliament in this regard;***

**Amendment 11**  
**Valérie Hayer, Lucia Yar, Olivier Chastel, Fabienne Keller**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

7. Welcomes the tangible financial support to farmers, foresters and SMEs that are victims of natural disasters such as severe floods and wildfires, as a concrete expression of European solidarity; acknowledges the need to swiftly address the income losses that European farmers, foresters as well as small and medium

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the tangible financial support to farmers, foresters and SMEs that are victims of natural disasters such as severe floods and wildfires, as a concrete expression of European solidarity; acknowledges the need to swiftly address the income losses that European farmers, foresters as well as small and medium



businesses active in processing, marketing or development of agricultural and forestry products are facing due to recent devastating climate-related disasters;

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**welcomes the fact that the financial support provided through the present proposal should prioritise support measures based on the ‘build back better’ principle, paving the way for a more comprehensive and preventive EU support to foster preparedness and resilience in the EU’s rural areas;**

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

7. Welcomes the tangible financial support to farmers, foresters and SMEs that are victims of natural disasters such as severe floods and wildfires, as a concrete expression of European solidarity; acknowledges the need to swiftly address the income losses that European farmers, foresters as well as small and medium businesses active in processing, marketing or development of agricultural and forestry products are facing due to recent devastating climate-related disasters;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the tangible financial support to farmers, **including small, low-income farmers and traditional products producers**, foresters and SMEs that are victims of natural disasters such as severe floods and wildfires, as a concrete expression of European solidarity; acknowledges the need to swiftly address the income losses that European farmers, foresters as well as small and medium businesses active in processing, marketing or development of agricultural and forestry products are facing due to recent devastating climate-related disasters; **stresses the need for additional financial support for subsistence agriculture, low-income farmers and traditional products producers; highlights that additional funding for rural areas could be made available under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism of the 2025 EU annual budget;**

**Amendment 13**  
**Ignazio Roberto Marino**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

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*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the tangible financial support to farmers, foresters and SMEs that are victims of natural disasters such as severe floods, ***droughts*** and wildfires, as a concrete expression of European solidarity; acknowledges the need to swiftly address the income losses that European farmers, foresters as well as small and medium businesses active in processing, marketing or development of agricultural and forestry products are facing due to recent devastating climate-related disasters;

**Amendment 14**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

8. Recalls the general observation that, for most types of EU grant funding, a 100% EU-co-financing rate, while delivering effective results, raises questions in terms of lower available overall amount for policy and programme implementation as well as in terms of national, regional and local ownership; is convinced however, that in cases of disaster relief and urgent liquidity support, it is eminently justifiable;

*Amendment*

8. Recalls the general observation that, for most types of EU grant funding, a 100% EU-co-financing rate, while delivering effective results, raises questions in terms of lower available overall amount for policy and programme implementation as well as in terms of national, regional and local ownership; is convinced however, that in cases of disaster relief and urgent liquidity support, it is eminently justifiable; ***highlights the need to consult affected farmers, foresters, SMEs and***

*stakeholders in order to provide realistic and targeted support;*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Ignazio Roberto Marino**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

9. Reminds that a voluntary lowering of the non-regression threshold could result in a lower level of expenditure eligible to be counted against the pertinent 'mainstreaming targets' of the EU budget's horizontal priorities, while acknowledging the need for such flexibilities to reallocate funding for the new measure and the existing sub-measure for restoration of agricultural production potential;

*Amendment*

9. Reminds that a voluntary lowering of the non-regression threshold could result in a lower level of expenditure eligible to be counted against the pertinent 'mainstreaming targets' of the EU budget's horizontal priorities, while acknowledging the need for such flexibilities to reallocate funding for the new measure and the existing sub-measure for restoration of agricultural production potential *in particular in a manner that enhances resilience;*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 9a (new)**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

*9a. Recalls the prioritisation of recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the rural and agricultural infrastructure, while applying the 'build back better' principle through the integration of protection and risk prevention measures;*

Or. en

## Amendment 17

Valérie Hayer, Lucia Yar, Olivier Chastel, Fabienne Keller

### Draft budgetary assessment

#### Paragraph 11

##### *Draft budgetary assessment*

11. Considers that, in the longer term, a more developed and genuine budgetary flexibility should allow, in comparable cases, to make budgetary transfers in order to use the money under **an** expenditure instrument with a budget line, legal base and governance framework which are better suited for emergency response and liquidity support.

##### *Amendment*

11. Considers that, in the longer term, a more developed and genuine budgetary flexibility should allow, in comparable cases, to make budgetary transfers in order to use the money under **a dedicated** expenditure instrument with a budget line, legal base and governance framework which are better suited for emergency response and liquidity support;

Or. en

## Amendment 18

Julien Sanchez, Angéline Furet

### Draft budgetary assessment

#### Paragraph 11a (new)

##### *Draft budgetary assessment*

##### *Amendment*

***11a. Calls for the immediate cessation of negotiations and the abandonment of the association agreement between the European Union and MERCOSUR; strongly denounces the unacceptable risks posed by this draft agreement, as it would allow the massive importation of low-cost agricultural products produced under practices that blatantly disregard the strict environmental, social, and health standards imposed on European producers; underlines that this agreement would create additional unfair competition for European farmers and livestock producers on several products, exposing them to imports derived from farming and cultivation practices that fail***

*to comply with European sanitary and environmental standards; warns of the risk of European farms being weakened or even driven out of business by the influx of meat and other agricultural products from MERCOSUR that do not meet European standards; insists that Europe must not become an open market for food products that fail to meet the sustainability and safety requirements we impose on our own producers, especially given that major public health concerns cannot be ignored;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Hélder Sousa Silva**

**Draft budgetary assessment**  
**Paragraph 11a (new)**

*Draft budgetary assessment*

*Amendment*

*11a. Concludes that the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2220 as regards specific measures under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters is compatible with the elements referred to in Rule 58(3) of the Rules of Procedure;*

Or. en