

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

### **PART THREE**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ERDF, THE ESF AND THE COHESION FUND**

##### TITLE II

#### **PROGRAMMING**

##### *CHAPTER I*

#### ***General provisions on the Funds***

##### *Article 96*

#### **Content, adoption and amendment of operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal**

1 An operational programme shall consist of priority axes. A priority axis shall concern one Fund and one category of region, except in the case of the Cohesion Fund, and shall correspond, without prejudice to Article 59, to a thematic objective and comprise one or more of the investment priorities of that thematic objective, in accordance with the Fund-specific rules. Where appropriate and in order to increase its impact and effectiveness through a thematically coherent integrated approach, a priority axis may:

- a concern more than one category of region;
- b combine one or more complementary investment priorities from the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund and the ESF under one thematic objective;
- c in duly justified cases combine one or more complementary investment priorities from different thematic objectives in order to achieve the maximum contribution to that priority axis;
- d for the ESF, combine investment priorities from different thematic objectives set out in points (8), (9), (10) and (11) of the first paragraph of Article 9 in order to facilitate their contribution to other priority axes and in order to implement social innovation and transnational cooperation.

Member States may combine two or more of the options in points (a) to (d).

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2 An operational programme shall contribute to the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and to the achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion and shall set out:

- a a justification for the choice of thematic objectives, corresponding investment priorities and financial allocations having regard to the Partnership Agreement, based on an identification of regional and, where appropriate, national needs including the need to address the challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and the relevant Council recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 148(4) TFEU, taking into account the ex ante evaluation in accordance with Article 55;
- b for each priority axis other than technical assistance:
  - (i) the investment priorities and corresponding specific objectives;
  - (ii) in order to strengthen the result-orientation of the programming, the expected results for the specific objectives, and the corresponding result indicators, with a baseline value and a target value, where appropriate quantified in accordance with the Fund-specific rules;
  - (iii) a description of the type and examples of actions to be supported under each investment priority and their expected contribution to the specific objectives referred to in point (i) including the guiding principles for the selection of operations and where appropriate, the identification of main target groups, specific territories targeted, types of beneficiaries, the planned use of financial instruments and major projects;
  - (iv) the output indicators, including the quantified target value, which are expected to contribute to the results, in accordance with the Fund-specific rules, for each investment priority;
  - (v) identification of implementation steps and financial and output indicators, and where appropriate, result indicators, to be used as milestones and targets for the performance framework in accordance with Article 21(1) and Annex II;
  - (vi) the corresponding categories of intervention based on a nomenclature adopted by the Commission, and an indicative breakdown of the programmed resources;
  - (vii) where appropriate, a summary of the planned use of technical assistance including, where necessary, actions to reinforce the administrative capacity of authorities involved in the management and control of the programmes and beneficiaries;
- c for each priority axis concerning technical assistance:
  - (i) specific objectives;
  - (ii) the expected results for each specific objective, and, where objectively justified given the content of the actions, the corresponding result indicators, with a baseline value and a target value, in accordance with the Fund-specific rules;
  - (iii) a description of actions to be supported and their expected contribution to the specific objectives referred to in point (i);
  - (iv) the output indicators which are expected to contribute to the results;

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- (v) the corresponding categories of intervention based on a nomenclature adopted by the Commission, and an indicative breakdown of the programmed resources.

Point (ii) shall not apply where the Union contribution to the priority axis or axes concerning technical assistance in an operational programme does not exceed EUR 15 000 000.

d a financing plan containing the following tables:

- (i) tables specifying for each year, in accordance with Articles 60, 120 and 121, the amount of the total financial appropriation envisaged for the support from each of the Funds, identifying the amounts related to the performance reserve;
- (ii) tables specifying, for the whole programming period, for the operational programme and for each priority axis, the amount of the total financial appropriation of the support from each of the Funds and the national co-financing, identifying the amounts related to the performance reserve. For priority axes, which concern several categories of region, the tables shall specify the amount of total financial appropriation from the Funds and the national co-financing for each category of region.

For priority axes, which combine investment priorities from different thematic objectives, the table shall specify the amount of total financial appropriation from each of the Funds and the national co-financing for each of the corresponding thematic objectives.

Where the national co-financing is made up of public and private co-financing, the table shall give the indicative breakdown between the public and the private components. It shall show, for information purposes, the envisaged participation from the EIB;

- e a list of major projects for which the implementation is planned during the programming period.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the nomenclature referred to in points (b)(vi) and (c)(v) of the first subparagraph. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 150(3).

3 Taking into account its content and objectives, an operational programme shall describe the integrated approach to territorial development, having regard to the Partnership Agreement, and showing how that operational programme contributes to the accomplishment of its objectives and expected results, specifying, where appropriate, the following:

- a the approach to the use of community-led local development instruments and the principles for identifying the areas where it will be implemented;
- [<sup>XI</sup>(b) the indicative amount of the ERDF support for integrated actions for sustainable urban development, to be implemented in accordance with Article 7(4) of the ERDF Regulation and the indicative allocation of ESF support for integrated actions;]
- c the approach to the use of the ITI instrument other than in cases covered by point (b), and their indicative financial allocation from each priority axis;
- d the arrangements for interregional and transnational actions, within the operational programmes, with beneficiaries located in at least one other Member State;
- e where Member States and regions participate in macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, subject to the needs of the programme area as identified by the Member State, the contribution of the planned interventions under the programme to such strategies.

4 In addition, the operational programme shall specify the following:

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- a where appropriate, the identification of whether and how it addresses the specific needs of geographical areas most affected by poverty or target groups at highest risk of discrimination or social exclusion, with special regard to marginalised communities, and persons with disabilities, and where relevant the contribution to the integrated approach set out in the Partnership Agreement;
  - b where appropriate, the identification of whether and how it addresses the demographic challenges of regions or specific needs of areas which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, as referred to in Article 174 TFEU and the contribution to the integrated approach set out in the Partnership Agreement to this end.
- 5 The operational programme shall identify:
  - a the managing authority, the certifying authority, where applicable, and the audit authority;
  - b the body to which payments are to be made by the Commission;
  - c the actions taken to involve the relevant partners referred to in Article 5 in the preparation of the operational programme, and the role of those partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the operational programme.
- 6 The operational programme shall also set out the following, having regard to the content of the Partnership Agreement and taking into account the institutional and legal framework of the Member States:
  - a mechanisms to ensure coordination between the Funds, the EAFRD, the EMFF and other Union and national funding instruments, and with the EIB taking into account the relevant provisions laid down in the CSF;
  - b for each ex ante conditionality, established in accordance with Article 19 and Annex XI, which is applicable to the operational programme, an assessment of whether the ex ante conditionality is fulfilled at the date of submission of the Partnership Agreement and operational programme, and where ex ante conditionalities are not fulfilled, a description of the actions to fulfil the ex ante conditionality, the bodies responsible and a timetable for such actions in accordance with the summary submitted in the Partnership Agreement;
  - c a summary of the assessment of the administrative burden on beneficiaries and, where necessary, the actions planned, accompanied by an indicative timeframe, to reduce the administrative burden.
- 7 Each operational programme, except those where technical assistance is undertaken under a specific operational programme, shall, subject to the Member State's duly justified assessment of their relevance to the content and objectives of the operational programmes, include a description of:
  - a the specific actions to take into account environmental protection requirements, resource efficiency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster resilience and risk prevention and management, in the selection of operations;
  - b the specific actions to promote equal opportunities and prevent discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation during the preparation, design and implementation of the operational programme and in particular in relation to access to funding, taking account of the needs of the various target groups at risk of such discrimination and in particular the requirements to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities;
  - c the contribution of the operational programme to the promotion of equality between men and women and, where appropriate, the arrangements to ensure the integration of gender perspective at operational programme and operation level.

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Member States may submit an opinion from the national equality bodies on the measures set out in points (b) and (c) of the first subparagraph with the proposal for an operational programme under the Investment for growth and jobs goal.

8 When a Member State prepares a maximum of one operational programme for each Fund, the elements of the operational programme falling under point (a) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, points (a), (c) and (d) of paragraph 3, paragraph 4 and paragraph 6 may be incorporated solely under the relevant provisions of the Partnership Agreement.

9 The operational programme shall be prepared in accordance with a model. The Commission shall, in order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Article adopt an implementing act laying down that model. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 150(2).

[<sup>F1</sup>10 Without prejudice to Article 30(5), the Commission shall adopt a decision, by means of implementing acts, approving all the elements, including any of its future amendments, of the operational programme falling under this Article, except those falling under points (b)(vi), (c)(v) and (e) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, paragraphs 4 and 5, points (a) and (c) of paragraph 6 and paragraph 7, which remain under the responsibility of the Member States.]

11 The managing authority shall notify the Commission of any decision amending the elements of the operational programme not covered by the Commission decision, referred to in paragraph 10, within one month of the date of that amending decision. The amending decision shall specify the date of its entry into force, which shall not be earlier than the date of its adoption.

#### Editorial Information

**X1** Substituted by [Corrigendum to 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 \(Official Journal of the European Union L 347 of 20 December 2013\)](#).

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU\) 2020/460 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 amending Regulations \(EU\) No 1301/2013, \(EU\) No 1303/2013 and \(EU\) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to mobilise investments in the healthcare systems of Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak \(Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative\)](#).

### Article 97

#### **Specific provisions on the programming of support for the joint instruments for uncapped guarantees and securitisation under the Investment for growth and jobs goal**

In accordance with Article 28, operational programmes referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph of Article 39(4) shall include only the elements referred to in point (b)(i), (ii) and (iv) and point (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 96(2), Article 96(5) and point (b) of Article 96(6).

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### *Article 98*

#### **Joint support from the Funds under the Investment for growth and jobs goal**

1 The Funds may jointly provide support for operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal.

[<sup>F2</sup> The ERDF and the ESF may finance, in a complementary manner and subject to a limit of 10 % of Union funding for each priority axis of an operational programme, a part of an operation for which the costs are eligible for support from the other Fund on the basis of rules applied to that Fund, provided that such costs are necessary for the satisfactory implementation of the operation and are directly linked to it.]

3 Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F2** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations \(EU\) No 1296/2013, \(EU\) No 1301/2013, \(EU\) No 1303/2013, \(EU\) No 1304/2013, \(EU\) No 1309/2013, \(EU\) No 1316/2013, \(EU\) No 223/2014, \(EU\) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012.](#)

### *Article 99*

#### **Geographical scope of operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal**

Unless otherwise agreed between the Commission and the Member State, operational programmes for the ERDF and the ESF shall be drawn up at the appropriate geographical level and at least at NUTS level 2, in accordance with the institutional and legal framework of the Member State.

Operational programmes with support from the Cohesion Fund shall be drawn up at national level.

### *CHAPTER II*

#### **Major projects**

### *Article 100*

#### **Content**

As part of an operational programme or operational programmes, which have been subject to a Commission decision under Article 96(10) of this Regulation or under Article 8(12) of the ETC Regulation, the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund may support an operation comprising a series of works, activities or services intended in itself to

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accomplish an indivisible task of a precise economic or technical nature which has clearly identified goals and for which the total eligible cost exceeds EUR 50 000 000 and in the case of operations contributing to the thematic objective under point (7) of the first paragraph of Article 9 where the total eligible cost exceeds EUR 75 000 000 (the 'major project'). Financial instruments shall not be considered to be major projects.

### *Article 101*

#### **Information necessary for the approval of a major project**

Before a major project is approved, the managing authority shall ensure that the following information is available:

- (a) details concerning the body to be responsible for implementation of the major project, and its capacity;
- (b) a description of the investment and its location;
- (c) the total cost and total eligible cost, taking account of the requirements set out in Article 61;
- (d) feasibility studies carried out, including the options analysis, and the results;
- (e) a cost-benefit analysis, including an economic and a financial analysis, and a risk assessment;
- (f) an analysis of the environmental impact, taking into account climate change adaptation and mitigation needs, and disaster resilience;
- (g) an explanation as to how the major project is consistent with the relevant priority axes of the operational programme or operational programmes concerned, and its expected contribution to achieving the specific objectives of those priority axes and the expected contribution to socio-economic development;
- (h) the financing plan showing the total planned financial resources and the planned support from the Funds, the EIB, and all other sources of financing, together with physical and financial indicators for monitoring progress, taking account of the identified risks;
- (i) the timetable for implementing the major project and, where the implementation period is expected to be longer than the programming period, the phases for which support from the Funds is requested during the programming period.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts establishing the methodology to be used based on recognised best practices, in carrying out the cost-benefit analysis referred to in point (e) of the first paragraph. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 150(2).

At the initiative of a Member State, the information in points (a) to (i) of the first paragraph may be assessed by independent experts supported by technical assistance of the Commission or, in agreement with the Commission, by other independent experts ("quality review"). In other cases, the Member State shall submit to the Commission the information set out in points (a) to (i) of the first paragraph as soon as it is available.

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The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 149, laying down the methodology to be used in carrying out the quality review of a major project.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts establishing the format for submission of the information set out in points (a) to (i) of the first paragraph. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 150(2).

#### *Article 102*

### **Decision on a major project**

1 Where a major project has been appraised positively by a quality review by independent experts, on the basis of their assessment of the information referred to in the first paragraph of Article 101, the managing authority may proceed with the selection of the major project in accordance with Article 125(3). The managing authority shall notify the Commission of the selected major project. That notification shall consist of the following elements:

- a the document referred to in point (c) of Article 125(3) setting out:
  - (i) the body to be responsible for implementation of the major project;
  - (ii) a description of the investment, its location, timetable and expected contribution of the major project to the specific objectives of the relevant priority axis or axes;
  - (iii) the total cost and total eligible cost, taking account of the requirements set out in Article 61;
  - (iv) the financing plan, and the physical and financial indicators for monitoring progress, taking account of the identified risks;
- b the quality review of the independent experts, providing clear statements on the investment's feasibility and the economic viability of the major project.

The financial contribution to the major project selected by the Member State shall be deemed to be approved by the Commission in the absence of a decision, by means of an implementing act, refusing the financial contribution within three months of the date of the notification referred to in the first subparagraph. The Commission shall refuse the financial contribution only on the grounds that it has established a significant weakness in the independent quality review.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts establishing the format for the notification referred to in the first subparagraph. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 150(3).

2 In cases other than those referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Commission shall appraise the major project on the basis of the information referred to in Article 101 in order to determine whether the requested financial contribution for the major project selected by the managing authority in accordance with Article 125(3) is justified. The Commission shall adopt a decision on the approval of the financial contribution to the selected major project, by means of an implementing act, no later than three months after the date of submission of the information referred to in Article 101.

3 The approval by the Commission under the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 shall be conditional on the first works contract being concluded, or, in the case of



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operations implemented under PPP structures, on the signing of the PPP agreement between the public body and the private sector body, within three years of the date of the approval. At the duly motivated request of the Member State, in particular in the case of delays resulting from administrative and legal proceedings related to the implementation of major projects, and made within the three year period, the Commission may adopt a decision, by means of an implementing act, on the extension of the period by not more than two years.

4 Where the Commission does not approve the financial contribution to the selected major project, it shall give in its decision the reasons for its refusal.

5 Major projects notified to the Commission under paragraph 1 or submitted for approval under paragraph 2 shall be contained in the list of major projects in an operational programme.

[<sup>F26</sup> Expenditure relating to a major project may be included in a payment application after the submission for approval referred to in paragraph 2. Where the Commission does not approve the major project selected by the managing authority, the declaration of expenditure following the withdrawal of the application by the Member State or the adoption of the Commission decision shall be rectified accordingly.]

[<sup>F37</sup> Where the major project is appraised by independent experts pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article, expenditure relating to that major project may be included in a payment application after the managing authority has informed the Commission of the submission to the independent experts of the information required under Article 101.

An independent quality review shall be delivered within six months of the submission of that information to the independent experts.

The corresponding expenditure shall be withdrawn and the declaration of expenditure shall be rectified accordingly in the following cases:

- a where the independent quality review has not been notified to the Commission within three months of the expiry of the deadline referred to in the second subparagraph;
- b where the submission of the information is withdrawn by the Member State; or
- c where the relevant appraisal is negative.]

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- F2** Substituted by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- F3** Inserted by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

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### Article 103

#### **Decision on a major project subject to phased implementation**

1 By way of derogation from the third paragraph of Article 101 and Article 102(1) and (2), the procedures set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article shall apply to an operation which satisfies the following conditions:

- a the operation consists of the second or subsequent phase of a major project under the previous programming period for which the preceding phase or phases are approved by the Commission not later than 31 December 2015 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006; or in the case of Member States which acceded to the Union after 1 January 2013, no later than 31 December 2016;
- b the sum of the total eligible costs of all phases of the major project exceeds the respective levels set out in Article 100;
- c the major project application and assessment by the Commission under the previous programming period covered all the planned phases;
- d there are no substantial changes in the information referred to in the first paragraph of Article 101 of this Regulation for the major project compared to the information provided for the major project application submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, in particular as regards the total eligible cost;
- e the phase of the major project to be implemented under the previous programming period is or will be ready to be used for its intended purpose as specified in the Commission decision by the deadline of the submission of the closure documents for the relevant operational programme or programmes.

2 The managing authority may proceed with the selection of the major project in accordance with Article 125(3) and submit the notification containing all the elements set out in point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 102(1) together with its confirmation that the condition under point (d) of paragraph 1 of this Article is fulfilled. No quality review of the information by independent experts shall be required.

3 The financial contribution to the major project selected by the managing authority shall be deemed to be approved by the Commission in the absence of a decision, by means of an implementing act, refusing the financial contribution to the major project within three months of the date of the notification referred to in paragraph 2. The Commission shall refuse the financial contribution only on the grounds that there have been substantial changes in the information referred to in point (d) of paragraph 1 or that the major project is not consistent with the relevant priority axis of the operational programme or programmes concerned.

4 Article 102(3) to (6) shall apply to decisions on a major project subject to phased implementation.

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## CHAPTER III

### Joint action plan

#### Article 104

##### Scope

1 A joint action plan is an operation the scope of which is defined and which is managed in relation to the outputs and results to be achieved. It comprises a project or a group of projects, not consisting of the provision of infrastructure, carried out under the responsibility of the beneficiary, as part of an operational programme or programmes. The outputs and results of a joint action plan shall be agreed between a Member State and the Commission and shall contribute to specific objectives of the operational programmes and form the basis of support from the Funds. Results shall refer to direct effects of the joint action plan. The beneficiary of a joint action plan shall be a public law body. Joint action plans shall not be considered to be major projects.

[<sup>F2</sup> The public expenditure allocated to a joint action plan shall be a minimum of EUR 5 000 000 or 5 % of the public support of the operational programme or one of the contributing programmes, whichever is lower.

3 Paragraph 2 shall not apply to operations supported under the YEI, to the first joint action plan submitted by a Member State under the Investment for growth and jobs goal or the first joint action plan submitted by a programme under the European territorial cooperation goal.]

##### Textual Amendments

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#### Article 105

##### Preparation of joint action plans

1 The Member State, the managing authority or any designated public law body may submit a proposal for a joint action plan at the same time as or subsequent to the submission of the operational programmes concerned. That proposal shall contain all the information referred to in Article 106.

2 A joint action plan shall cover part of the period between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2023. [<sup>F4</sup> The outputs and results of a joint action plan shall give rise to reimbursement only if attained after the date of the decision of approval of the joint action plan referred to in Article 107 and before the end of the implementation period defined in that decision.]

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## *Article 106*

### **Content of joint action plans**

A joint action plan shall contain:

- (1) [<sup>F2</sup>a description of the objectives of the joint action plan and how it contributes to the objectives of the programme or to the relevant country-specific recommendations and the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and of the Union under Article 121(2) TFEU and the relevant Council recommendations which the Member States are to take into account in their employment policies under Article 148(4) TFEU;]
- (2) [<sup>F4</sup>. . . . .]
- (3) [<sup>F2</sup>a description of the projects or types of projects envisaged, together with the milestones, where relevant, and the targets for outputs and results linked to the common indicators by priority axis, where relevant;]
- (4) information on its geographic coverage and target groups;
- (5) its expected implementation period;
- (6) [<sup>F2</sup>confirmation that it will contribute to the approach to promoting equality between men and women, as set out in the relevant programme or Partnership Agreement;
- (7) confirmation that it will contribute to the approach on sustainable development, as set out in the relevant programme or Partnership Agreement;
- (8) its implementing provisions, including the following:
  - (a) information on the selection of the joint action plan by the managing authority in accordance with Article 125(3);
  - (b) the arrangements for steering the joint action plan, in accordance with Article 108;
  - (c) the arrangements for monitoring and evaluating the joint action plan including arrangements ensuring the quality, collection and storage of data on the achievement of milestones, outputs and results;]
- (9) its financial arrangements, including the following:
  - (a) [<sup>F2</sup>the costs of achieving milestones, and targets for outputs and results, based, in the case of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums, on the methods set out in Article 67(5) of this Regulation and in Article 14 of the ESF Regulation;]

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- (b) [<sup>F4</sup> . . . . .]
- (c) the financing plan by operational programme and priority axis, including the total eligible amount and the amount of public expenditure.

The Commission shall, in order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Article, adopt implementing acts laying down the format of the model for the joint action plan. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 150(2).

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- F4** Deleted by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

### Article 107

#### Decision on the joint action plan

1 The Commission shall appraise the joint action plan on the basis of the information referred to in Article 106 in order to determine whether support from the Funds is justified.

Where the Commission, within two months following the submission of a joint action plan proposal, considers that it does not meet the appraisal requirements referred to in Article 104, it shall make observations to the Member State. The Member State shall provide to the Commission all necessary additional information requested and, where appropriate, revise the joint action plan accordingly.

2 Provided that any observations have been adequately taken into account, the Commission shall adopt a decision, by means of an implementing act, approving the joint action plan no later than four months after its submission by the Member State but not before the adoption of the operational programmes concerned.

[<sup>F23</sup> The decision referred to in paragraph 2 shall indicate the beneficiary and the objectives of the joint action plan, the milestones, where relevant, and targets for outputs and results, the costs of achieving those milestones and targets for outputs and result, and the financing plan by operational programme and priority axis, including the total eligible amount and the amount of public expenditure, the implementation period of the joint action plan and, where relevant, the geographical coverage and target groups of the joint action plan.]

4 Where the Commission refuses, by means of an implementing act, to allow support from the Funds to be allocated to a joint action plan, it shall notify the Member State of its reasons within the period laid down in paragraph 2.

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### Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

## Article 108

### Steering committee and amendment of the joint action plan

[<sup>F21</sup> The Member State or the managing authority shall set up a steering committee for the joint action plan, which may be distinct from the monitoring committee of the relevant operational programmes. The steering committee shall meet at least twice a year and shall report to the managing authority. Where relevant, the managing authority shall inform the relevant monitoring committee of the results of the work carried out by the steering committee and the progress of the implementation of the joint action plan in accordance with point (e) of Article 110(1) and point (a) of Article 125(2).]

The composition of the steering committee shall be decided by the Member State in agreement with the relevant managing authority, respecting the principle of partnership.

The Commission may participate in the work of the steering committee in an advisory capacity.

- 2 The steering committee shall carry out the following activities:
- a review progress towards achieving the milestones, outputs and results of the joint action plan;
  - b consider and approve any proposal to amend the joint action plan in order to take account of any issues affecting its performance.

3 Requests for amendment of joint action plans submitted by a Member State to the Commission shall be duly substantiated. The Commission shall assess whether the request for amendment is justified, taking account of the information provided by the Member State. The Commission may make observations and the Member State shall provide to the Commission all necessary additional information. The Commission shall adopt a decision, by means of an implementing act, on a request for amendment no later than three months after its submission by the Member State, provided that any observations made by the Commission have been satisfactorily taken into account. The amendment shall enter into force from the date of the decision, unless otherwise set out in the decision.

### Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

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## Article 109

### Financial management and control of the joint action plan

1 Payments to the beneficiary of a joint action plan shall be treated as lump sums or standard scales of unit costs. <sup>F4</sup> The ceiling for lump sums set out in point (c) of the first subparagraph of Article 67(1) shall not apply.]

2 The financial management, control and audit of the joint action plan shall be aimed exclusively at verifying that the conditions for payments defined in the decision approving the joint action plan have been fulfilled.

3 The beneficiary of a joint action plan and the bodies acting under its responsibility may apply their accounting practices for the costs of implementing operations. Those accounting practices and the costs actually incurred by the beneficiary shall not be subject to audit by the audit authority or the Commission.

#### Textual Amendments

- F4** Deleted by [Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations \(EU\) No 1296/2013, \(EU\) No 1301/2013, \(EU\) No 1303/2013, \(EU\) No 1304/2013, \(EU\) No 1309/2013, \(EU\) No 1316/2013, \(EU\) No 223/2014, \(EU\) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012.](#)

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- Regulation power to modify conferred by [2023 asc 4 s. 19](#)
- Regulation power to modify conferred by [2020 c. 21 s. 16](#)
- Regulation power to modify conferred by [2020 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 6](#)
- Regulation power to modify conferred by [2020 c. 21 Sch. 6 para. 7](#)
- Regulation power to modify conferred (temp.) by [2020 asp 17 s. 2](#)
- Regulation power to modify conferred (temp.) by [2020 asp 17 s. 3](#)
- Regulation power to modify conferred (temp.) by [2020 asp 17 s. 4](#)
- Regulation revoked in part by [S.I. 2020/1542 Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- Recital 10 Sentence 2 replacement by [EUR 2018/1046 Regulation](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Title 2 omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(7\)](#)
- Title 3 Ch. 1 omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(8\)](#)
- Title 7 Ch. 2 heading substituted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(22\)](#)
- Title 9 Ch. 1 omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(30\)](#)
- Title 9 Ch. 2 omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(30\)](#)
- Pt. 2 Title 8 omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 12](#)
- Pt. 2 heading substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 5\(1\)](#)
- Pt. 2 Title 1 heading substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 5\(2\)](#)
- Pt. 2 heading words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 5\(1\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Pt. 2 Title 1 heading words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 5\(2\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Pt. 3 omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 14](#)
- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 17\(2\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 2(3) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(5\)\(e\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 3.1(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(6\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 3.2(1)(b) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 3.2(1)(f) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 3.3(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(6\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 4.2(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(7\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 4.3-4.9 omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(7\)\(d\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 6.4(a) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(9\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 7.1(3)-(5) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(10\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 1 substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(4\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 2 heading substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 3.2(1) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(6\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 3.1 word omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(6\)\(a\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 3.3(1) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(6\)\(c\)\(i\)\(cc\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 4 word omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(7\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 4.1(1) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(7\)\(b\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 4.1(2) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(7\)\(b\)\(v\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 5.5(2) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(8\)\(e\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 6.4 word omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18\(9\)\(d\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)



- Annex 1 para. 2 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(5)(b)
- Annex 1 para. 2 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(5)(c)
- Annex 1 para. 3.1 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(6)(a)(i)(cc)
- Annex 1 para. 3.3(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(6)(c)(i)(bb)
- Annex 1 para. 3.3(3) words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(6)(c)(iii)
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- Annex 1 para. 5.5(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(8)(e)(ii)(cc)
- Annex 1 para. 5.6 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(8)(f)
- Annex 1 para. 6.3 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(9)(c)(i)
- Annex 1 para. 6.4 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(9)(d)(i)(cc)
- Annex 1 para. 6.4 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(9)(d)(i)(dd)
- Annex 1 para. 6.4(d) words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(9)(d)(iv)(bb)
- Annex 1 para. 7(6) words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(10)(a)(iv)(bb)
- Annex 1 para. 7(6) words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 18(10)(a)(iv)(cc)
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- Annex 1 para. 1 words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/785, reg. 18(4) by S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13(11)(c)
- Annex 1 para 3s. 3.3(4) words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/785, reg. 18(6)(c)(iv) by S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13(11)(d)
- Annex 1 para 6s. 6.2 words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/785, reg. 18(9)(b)(i) by S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13(11)(e)
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- Annex 4 para. 1(e) words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 20(2)(b)
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- Annex 4 para. 1(i) words substituted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 20(2)(d)
- Annex 4 para. 1(j) words substituted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 20(2)(d)
- Annex 4 para. 2(c) words substituted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 20(3)
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- Annex 11 Pt. 2 word omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 22(3)(f)
- Annex 11 Pt. 2 word omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 22(3)(g)
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- Annex 11 Pt. 2 words omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 22(3)(b)
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- Annex 11 Pt. 2 table words omitted by S.I. 2020/1470 Sch. 1 para. 7(9)
- Art. 1(1)-(4) omitted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4(1)(d)(i)
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- Art. 1(6) substituted by S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4(1)(d)(iii) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4(1)(d)(iii) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(2)(a)(iii))
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- Art. 2(13) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 2(15) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(e\)](#)
- Art. 2(15) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(g\)](#)
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- Art. 2(20) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(j\)](#)
- Art. 2(21) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(f\)](#)
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- Art. 2(22) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(j\)](#)
- Art. 2(23) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(j\)](#)
- Art. 2(26) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(g\)](#)
- Art. 2(27) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(h\)](#)
- Art. 2(28) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(h\)](#)
- Art. 2(28) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(l\)](#)
- Art. 2(29) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(h\)](#)
- Art. 2(29) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(m\)](#)
- Art. 2(30) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(h\)](#)
- Art. 2(30) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(m\)](#)
- Art. 2(31)(32) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(n\)](#)
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- Art. 2(35) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(p\)](#)
- Art. 2(36) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(q\)](#)
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- Art. 2(38) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(39) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(39) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(s\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4(2)(s) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13\(2\)\(b\)\(viii\)](#))
- Art. 2(40)-(46) inserted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 4\(2\)\(t\)](#)
- Art. 2(42) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(3\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(43) words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/785, reg. 4(2)(t) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(2\)\(b\)\(ix\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 2(44) words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/785, reg. 4(2)(t) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(2\)\(b\)\(ix\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 2(46) omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/785, reg. 4(2)(t) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(2\)\(b\)\(ix\)\(cc\)](#)

- Art. 2(47)(48) inserted by [S.I. 2019/748 reg. 74](#)
- Art. 2(47)(a) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/748, reg. 74](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 14\(a\)](#)
- Art. 2(48) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/748, reg. 74](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 14\(b\)](#)
- Art. 5(1)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 5\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 8(2) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 5\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 8(2) substituted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(6\)](#)
- Art. 8(2) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 5\(7\)\(b\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(3\)\(e\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 8(2) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 5\(7\)\(b\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(3\)\(e\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 9(1) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 6\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 11(a) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 6\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 11(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 6\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 11(e) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 6\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 11(f) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 6\(3\)\(e\)](#)
- Art. 33(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 7\(7\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 33(1)(g) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 7\(7\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 33(1)(g) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 7\(7\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 37(2)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(12\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 37(2)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2020/1470 Sch. 1 para. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 37(2)(b) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 8\(1\)\(c\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(6\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 37(2)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 37(2)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(a) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(a) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)\(i\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(6\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(b)(i) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(b)(iii) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/1422 reg. 14\(3\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(b)(iii) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)\(ii\)\(dd\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(b)(iii) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)\(ii\)\(cc\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(b)(iii) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)\(ii\)\(dd\)](#)
- Art. 38(4)(b)(ii) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 38(7)(a) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(13\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 38(7)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(13\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 40(5A) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(14\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 40(5A) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 41(1)(a) substituted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(15\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 41(1)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(15\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 41(1)(c) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(15\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 41(1)(d) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(15\)\(a\)\(v\)](#)
- Art. 42(4)(a) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 8\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 42(4)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(5\)](#)
- Art. 43a(i) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(6\)\(e\)](#)
- Art. 44(1)(b) words omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/785, reg. 8\(8\)\(b\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(6\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 44(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 8\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 59(1A) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 59(3)(a) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 10\(2\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 59(3)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 10\(2\)\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 61(7)(a) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(2\)\(f\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 61(7)(b) sum substituted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(21\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)

- Art. 61(7)(d) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(21\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 61(7)(h) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(21\)\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 61(7)(h) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 61(7)(h) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(2)(f)(ii)(bb) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(9)(a)(ii))
- Art. 63(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 64(1)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 65(8)(a) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(24\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 65(8)(e) omitted by [S.I. 2020/1470 Sch. 1 para. 7\(7\)](#)
- Art. 65(8)(f) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(24\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 65(8)(g) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(24\)\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 65(8)(h) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(24\)\(d\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 65(8)(h) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(6\)\(d\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 65(8)(h) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(6\)\(d\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(6)(d)(ii)(bb) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(9)(e)(v)(bb))
- Art. 65(8)(i) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2020/477 reg. 2\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 67(1)(e) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/748 reg. 84\(a\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(b) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(8\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(8\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(d) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(26\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(e) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(26\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(aa) sum substituted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(26\)\(c\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(aa) words omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(26\)\(c\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(aa) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2020/477 reg. 2\(8\)](#)
- Art. 67(5)(aa) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(8\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 69(1)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(12\)\(a\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 70(2)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 11\(13\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 70(2)(b) words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/785, reg. 11(13)(b)(ii) by [S.I. 2020/1542 reg. 13\(9\)\(i\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 70(2)(c) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(28\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 125(2)(a) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(31\)](#)
- Art. 125(2)(b) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(31\)](#)
- Art. 125(2)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 125(2)(e) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 125(3)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 125(3)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 125(3)(f) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 125(3)(g) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 125(4)(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))

- Art. 125(4)(d) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 125(4)(e) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(2\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 126(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(3\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 126(g) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 126(h) omitted by [S.I. 2019/785 reg. 15\(3\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 15 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1542, reg. 13(10))
- Art. 132(2)(a) omitted by [S.I. 2021/400 reg. 6\(33\)\(b\)](#)