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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgetary Control

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova
(COM(2024)0469 – C10-0127/2024 – 2024/0258(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgetary Control submits the following to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Budgets, as the committees responsible:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) Recognizing that Moldova's integration into the EU single market can deliver immediate and tangible socio-economic benefits, the use of grants and loans under this regulation should prioritize measures to support the country's export growth. These include permanent liberalization of tariff-rate quotas for key Moldovan exports, facilitation of trade through infrastructure and regulatory alignment, and strengthening Moldova's integration into EU-led social and economic initiatives and programs.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) Technical assistance, as well as cross-border cooperation assistance, should be provided in support of the objectives of this Facility and in order to strengthen the relevant capacities of Moldova to implement the Reform Agenda.

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Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) The Facility should be supported with resources from the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe amounting to EUR **420** million and a maximum amount of EUR **1 500** million in loans for the period from 2025-2027. The amount should cover the 9% provisioning required for the loans corresponding to EUR 135 million, support provided by the Union for projects approved under the NIP, as referred to in Article 18(2), and complementary support, including support to civil society organisations and technical assistance. The non-repayable support should be financed from the envelope allocated to the Neighbourhood geographic programme under Article 6(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/947. All provisions under Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should apply unless otherwise mentioned in this Regulation. The proposed Facility is closely modelled on the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans.

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Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation Recital 28 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(28a) In order to better contribute to Moldova's socio-economic dimension and ensure that funding under the Facility aligns with Moldova's fiscal capacity and reform objectives, the balance between non-repayable support and concessional loans should be regularly assessed yearly.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(48) Considering that the financial risks associated with the support to Moldova in the form of loans under the Facility is comparable to the financial risks associated with lending operations under Regulation (EU) 2021/947, provisioning for the financial liability from loans under this Regulation should be constituted at the rate of 9 %, in line with Article 214 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 and the funding of the provisioning should be sourced from the envelope allocated to **the Neighbourhood geographic programme** under Article 6(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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should have access to up to **7 %** of the total amount provided for in this Facility, after deduction of complementary support, including support to civil society organisations and technical assistance, and provisioning for loans, in the form of a pre-financing, subject to availability of funding and to the respect of the preconditions for support under the Facility.

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 50 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(50a) To support the appropriate level of transparency that benefits the protection of the EU financial interests, the final recipient for support from the Facility shall be the natural person or entity that de facto receives the EU funding, being the contractor or sub-contractor in the case of contracting authority. Government ministries, agencies, or bodies that oversee, regulate, or administer the funds should only be considered final recipients when they are themselves involved in the execution and direct application of the work or service and bear the associated costs.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(52) The Commission should provide, ***upon request of*** the European Parliament in the framework of the discharge procedure, detailed information about the implementation of the Union budget under the Facility, in particular as regards audits carried out, including weaknesses identified and corrective measures taken,

(52) The Commission should provide the European Parliament in the framework of the discharge procedure ***with*** detailed information about the implementation of the Union budget under the Facility, in particular as regards audits carried out, including weaknesses identified and corrective measures taken, and as regards

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 56 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(56a) The Commission should ensure that the financial interests of the Union are effectively protected under the Facility. To this end, the Commission should set out specific arrangements for the management, control, supervision, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and audit of funds under the Facility, and the Court of Accounts of Moldova should have the role to provide the Commission with information on possible mismanagement of funds and guarantee that a declaration of assurance is obtained through an independent external audit. The Court of Accounts of Moldova should be subject to the reporting

obligations to EPPO, in accordance with Article 24(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939. Such information should be made available to OLAF and EPPO, when applicable, and where appropriate to the relevant authorities of Moldova. The Commission, with the assistance of the Union delegations, should be entitled to perform checks on how Moldova implemented funds along the whole project life cycle. The Commission should be provided with sufficient funding and human resources to perform the audit and checks. The Court of Accounts of Moldova should ensure regular dialogue and cooperation with the European Court of Auditors.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

(58) The Commission should ensure that the financial interests of the Union are effectively protected under the Facility. Considering the long track record of financial assistance provided to Moldova also under indirect management and taking into account its gradual alignment with the Unions internal control standards and practices, the Commission should rely to a great extent on the operation of Moldova's internal control and fraud prevention systems. In particular, the Commission and OLAF and, where applicable, the EPPO should be informed of all suspected cases of irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest affecting the implementation of funds under the Facility without delay.

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Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 59

Text proposed by the Commission

(59) Furthermore, Moldova should report the irregularities including fraud which have been the subject of a primary administrative or judicial finding, without delay, to the Commission and keep it informed of the progress of administrative and legal proceedings. With the objective of alignment to good practices in Member States, this reporting should be done by electronic means, using the Irregularity Management System, established by the Commission.

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Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 59 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(59a) In order to measure progress on the objectives of the Facility, the Commission and Moldova should establish a clear correlation between the amounts made available to the Moldova, in non-repayable financial support and loans and the costs incurred for the achievement of indicators.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation Recital 66 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(66a) Any future financial support of the Union to Moldova should be part of the

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) ‘final recipient’ means a person or entity receiving funding under the Facility; for the part of the funding that is made available as financial assistance, final recipient will be the treasury of Moldova; for the part of the funding that is made available through the Neighbourhood Investment Platform, final recipient will be the contractor or sub-contractor implementing the investment project;

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Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

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functioning of democratic institutions, including de-polarisation, public administration and fulfil the economic criteria; this includes promoting an independent judiciary, reinforcing security and stability, strengthening the fight against fraud and all forms of corruption, including high-level corruption and nepotism, organised crime, cross-border crime and money laundering as well as terrorism financing, tax evasion and tax fraud, tax avoidance; increasing compliance with international law; strengthening freedom and independence of media and academic freedom; combating hate speech; enabling an environment for civil society, fostering social dialogue; promoting gender equality, gender mainstreaming and the empowerment of women and girls, non-discrimination and tolerance, to ensure and strengthen respect for the rights of refugees and persons belonging to minorities, including national minorities and Roma, as well as rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons;

functioning of democratic institutions, including de-polarisation, public administration and fulfil the economic criteria; this includes promoting an independent judiciary, ***with sufficient capacity and protection of human rights***, reinforcing security and stability, strengthening the fight against fraud and all forms of corruption, including high-level corruption and ***oligarchic structures as well as any sorts of nepotism, favouritism and conflicts of interests***, organised crime, cross-border crime and money laundering as well as terrorism financing, tax evasion and tax fraud, tax avoidance; ***supporting the fight against the informal economy***, increasing compliance with international law; strengthening freedom and independence of media and academic freedom; combating hate speech; enabling an environment for civil society, fostering social dialogue; ***empowering future generations with access to significant political and socio-economic opportunities, including leadership***; promoting gender equality, gender mainstreaming and the empowerment of women and girls, non-discrimination and tolerance, to ensure and strengthen respect for the rights of refugees and persons belonging to minorities, including national minorities and Roma, as well as rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons ***as well as other vulnerable groups; it will also enhance inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities, and in particular transition from institutional care to community-based support and independent living***;

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) reinforce the effectiveness of public administration, build capacities and invest in administrative staff in Moldova; ensure access to information, public scrutiny and the involvement of civil society in decision-making processes; support transparency, accountability, structural reforms and good governance at all levels, including as regards their powers of oversight and inquiry over the distribution of and access to public funds as well as in the areas of public financial management and public procurement and State aid control; support initiatives and bodies involved in supporting and enforcing international justice in Moldova;

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Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7 a. The Commission shall ensure that the Parliament of Moldova as well as civil society is meaningfully consulted on the entirety of the Reform Agenda before the submission to the European Commission and is able to fully fulfil sufficient inquiry and monitoring duties during and after the duration of the Facility.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

9. In line with the principle of inclusive partnership, the Commission shall strive to ensure, as appropriate, democratic scrutiny in the form of consultation by Moldova's government of *its* parliament as well as of relevant stakeholders, including local and regional authorities, social partners and civil society, including vulnerable groups, refugees, and all minorities and communities, as relevant, so as to allow them to participate in shaping the design and the implementation of activities eligible for funding under the Facility and in the related monitoring, scrutiny and evaluation processes, as relevant. That consultation shall seek to represent the pluralism of Moldova's society.

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Amendment 21

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 10**

Text proposed by the Commission

10. The Commission, in close cooperation with the Member States and Moldova, shall ensure the implementation of Union commitments to increased transparency and accountability in the delivery of support, including by promoting the implementation and reinforcement of internal control systems

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and anti-fraud policies. The Commission shall make information on the volume and allocation of support publicly available through the Scoreboard referred to in Article 24. Moldova shall publish up-to-date data on final recipients receiving Union funds for the implementation of reforms and investments under this Facility, as described in Article 20.

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Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Preconditions for the support under the Facility shall be that Moldova upholds and respects effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, free and fair elections, pluralistic media, an independent judiciary and the rule of law, and guarantee respect for all human rights obligations, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

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1. Preconditions for the support under the Facility shall be that Moldova upholds and respects effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, free and fair elections, pluralistic media, ***financial and operational independence of the Court of Accounts of Moldova***, an independent judiciary and the rule of law, ***also in view of threats to the Union's financial interests***, and guarantee respect for all human rights obligations, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission may adopt a decision concluding that some of the preconditions set out in paragraph 1 of this Article are not met, ***and in particular***, withhold the release of funds referred to in Article 19, irrespective of whether the payment conditions referred to in Article 10 are fulfilled.

Amendment

3. The Commission may adopt a decision concluding that some of the preconditions set out in paragraph 1 of this Article are not met. ***In such case, the Commission shall*** withhold the release of funds referred to in Article 19, irrespective of whether the payment conditions referred to in Article 10 are fulfilled. ***In case of persistent lack of progress, serious***

deficiencies and/or regression in the area of the “fundamentals”, the Commission, after consulting the European Parliament and the Council, shall suspend the funding to Moldova. The Commission’s assessment shall be transmitted simultaneously to the European Parliament and the Council.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Facility shall be supported with resources from the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe amounting to EUR **420** million and a maximum amount of EUR **1 500** million in loans. The amount for loans shall not constitute part of the amount of the External Action Guarantee within the meaning of Article 31(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

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Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The non-repayable financial support shall be financed for the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027 from the envelope allocated to the Neighbourhood geographic programme under Article 6(2), point (a) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947. It shall cover provisioning for loans amounting to EUR 135 million, support provided by the Union for projects approved under the NIP, as referred to in Article 18(2) and complementary support, including support to civil society

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Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. An amount of up to 1% of the non-repayable support referred to in paragraph 2 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Facility, such as preparatory actions, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of the Facility and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, training consultations with Moldova's authorities, conferences, consultation of stakeholders, including local and regional authorities and civil society organisations, information and communication activities, including inclusive outreach actions, and the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, insofar as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, corporate information technology tools, as well as all other expenditure at headquarters and Union delegation for the administrative and coordination support required for the Facility. Expenses may also cover the costs of activities supporting transparency and of other activities such as quality control and monitoring of projects or programmes on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment

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counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of reforms and investments. ***In case of using resources for auditing purposes, conflicts of interest between the entity performing the audit and other activities of that entity in the framework of the Facility, such as consulting or administrative and coordination support, quality control and monitoring of projects, shall be disclosed and prevented.***

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Funding shall be granted to Moldova only after the Facility Agreement and the loan agreement have entered into force.

Amendment

3. Funding, ***including pre-financing,*** shall be granted to Moldova only after ***a positive assessment by the Commission of fulfilment of the preconditions in Article 5,*** and the Facility Agreement and the loan agreement have entered into force.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the commitment of Moldova to ***make decisive progress towards*** a robust legal framework to fight fraud, and establish more efficient and effective control systems, including appropriate mechanisms for the protection of whistleblowers as well as appropriate mechanisms and measures to effectively prevent, detect and correct irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest as well as to strengthen the fight against money laundering, organised crime, misuse of public funds, terrorism financing, tax avoidance, tax fraud or tax evasion, and

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other illegal activities affecting the funds provided under the Facility;

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Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 5 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) the measures to effectively prevent, detect and correct irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest, and the obligation for persons or entities implementing Union funds under the Regulation to notify the Commission, OLAF and, where applicable, EPPO, without delay, of suspected or actual cases of irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest and other illegal activities affecting the funds provided under the Facility and their follow-up;

Amendment

(g) the measures to effectively prevent, detect and correct irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest, and the obligation for persons or entities implementing Union funds under the Regulation to notify ***the Court of Accounts of Moldova***, the Commission, OLAF and, where applicable, EPPO, without delay, of suspected or actual cases of irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest and other illegal activities affecting the funds provided under the Facility and their follow-up;

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 5 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ha) to provide a similar level of access to information and authority to carry out on-the-spot controls as the Commission and the European Court of Auditors to the independent external auditor appointed by the Court of Accounts of Moldova;

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

9. The fulfilment of those payment conditions shall trigger full or partial release of funds, depending on the degree of their completion.

Amendment

2. The fulfilment of those payment conditions shall trigger full or partial release of funds, depending on the degree of their completion **and fulfilment of the preconditions mentioned in Article 5.**

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) an explanation of Moldova's system to effectively prevent, detect and correct irregularities, fraud, corruption, including high-level corruption, and conflicts of interest and to enforce State aid control rules, and the proposed measures to address existing deficiencies in the first years of the implementation of the Reform Agenda;

Amendment

(1) an explanation of Moldova's system to effectively prevent, detect and correct irregularities, fraud, corruption, including high-level corruption, and conflicts of interest, **to fight the informal economy**, and to enforce State aid control rules, and the proposed measures to address existing deficiencies in the first years of the implementation of the Reform Agenda;

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Reform Agenda shall be results-based and include indicators for assessing progress towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3. Those indicators shall be based, where appropriate and relevant, on internationally agreed indicators and those already available related to the Moldova's policies.

Amendment

2. The Reform Agenda shall be results-based and include indicators for assessing progress towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3. Those indicators shall be based, where appropriate and relevant, on internationally agreed indicators and those already available related to the Moldova's policies.

Indicators shall also be coherent, to the extent possible, with the key performance indicators included in Commission Implementing Decision approving the Reform Agendas for the Western Balkans under Regulation (EU) 2024/1449 and in the EFSD+ Results Measurement Framework.

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Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. The Commission shall request Moldova to review and/or modify the Reform Agenda to address the potential risks when the outcomes of its assessment reveal that some or all criteria as stated in Article 12(4) are not met.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 3 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the Commission's assessment of the preconditions as mentioned in Article 5;

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 3 – point e b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(eb) the arrangements for partial payments, indicating the proportion of each relevant payment condition in each instalment scheduled to be released;

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 3 – point e c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ec) how the reversal of measures and/or non-fulfilment of preconditions after completion of the Facility shall be assessed.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Following the submission of the Reform Agenda to the Commission, Moldova may request the release of a pre-financing of up to 7 % of the total amount foreseen under this Facility in accordance with Article 6(1), after deduction of complementary support, including support to civil society organisations and technical assistance, and provisioning for loans.

1. Following the submission of the Reform Agenda to the Commission, Moldova may request the release of a pre-financing of up to **20 %** of the total amount foreseen under this Facility in accordance with Article 6(1), after deduction of complementary support, including support to civil society organisations and technical assistance, and provisioning for loans.

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. No pre-financing shall be made available in case of detection of deficiencies in connection with Moldova's control system referred to in Article 11 (l), unless the Commission considers that those deficiencies have been addressed and corrected by Moldova.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Commission may release the requested pre-financing after the adoption of its implementing decision referred to in Article 13 and the entry into force of the Facility Agreement and of the loan agreement referred to in Articles 8 and 15 respectively. The funds shall be released in accordance with Article 19(3), first sentence, and subject to the respect of the preconditions set out in Article 5.

2. The Commission may release the requested pre-financing after the adoption of its implementing decision referred to in Article 13 and the entry into force of the Facility Agreement and of the loan agreement referred to in Articles 8 and 15 respectively. The funds shall be released in accordance with Article 19(3), first sentence, and subject to the respect of the preconditions set out in Article 5 **which shall be assessed by the Commission prior to the implementing decision.**

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7. The Commission may reduce the amount of the non-repayable financial support and recover from Moldova, including by offsetting, any amount spent to achieve the objectives of the Facility, or

7. The Commission may reduce the amount of the non-repayable financial support and recover from Moldova, including by offsetting, any amount spent to achieve the objectives of the Facility, or

to reduce the amount of the loan to be disbursed to Moldova or request early repayment of the loan in accordance with the loan agreement, in the event of funds unduly paid, identified cases of, or serious concerns in relation to, irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest affecting the financial interests of the Union that have not been corrected by Moldova, or of a reversal of qualitative or quantitative steps or in cases it is found, after the payment has taken place, that steps were not satisfactorily fulfilled, or of a serious breach of an obligation resulting from the Facility Agreements or from the loan agreements-, including on the basis of information provided by OLAF or of the Court of Auditors' reports. The Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council prior to taking any decision of such reductions.

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Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For final recipients referred to in paragraph 1, the following information shall be published in ***a machine-readable*** format on a webpage, in order of total funds received, having due regard to the requirements of confidentiality and security, in particular the protection of personal data:

Amendment

2. For final recipients referred to in paragraph 1, the following information shall be published in ***an open, interoperable and machine-readable*** format, ***which allows data to be sorted, searched, extracted, compared and reused***, on a webpage, in order of total funds received, having due regard to the requirements of confidentiality and security, in particular the protection of personal data:

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The information referred to in paragraph 2 shall not be published where disclosure risks threatening the rights and freedoms of the final recipients concerned or seriously harming their commercial interests. Such information shall be made available to the Commission.

Amendment

3. The information referred to in paragraph 2 shall not be published where disclosure risks threatening the rights and freedoms of the final recipients concerned or seriously harming their commercial interests. Such information shall be made available to the Commission **and to the *European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control, upon request.***

Amendment 44

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In implementing the Facility, the Commission and Moldova shall take all ***the appropriate*** measures to protect the financial interests of the Union, taking into account the principle of proportionality and the specific conditions under which the Facility will operate, the preconditions set out in Article 5(1) and conditions set out in the specific Facility Agreements, in particular regarding the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities as well as the investigation and prosecution of offences affecting the funds provided under the Facility. Moldova shall commit to ***progressing towards*** effective and efficient management and control systems **and** ensure that amounts wrongly paid or incorrectly used can be recovered.

Amendment

1. In implementing the Facility, the Commission and Moldova shall take all ***necessary and robust*** measures to protect the financial interests of the Union, taking into account the principle of proportionality and the specific conditions under which the Facility will operate, the preconditions set out in Article 5(1) and conditions set out in the specific Facility Agreements, in particular regarding the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities as well as the investigation and prosecution of offences affecting the funds provided under the Facility. Moldova shall commit to ***establishing and advancing*** effective and efficient management and control systems **to** ensure that amounts wrongly paid or incorrectly used can be recovered.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Facility Agreement shall provide for the following obligations of Moldova:

Amendment

2. The Facility Agreement **and the loan agreements** shall provide for the following obligations of Moldova:

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to **regularly check** that the financing provided has been used in accordance with the applicable rules, in particular regarding the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities;

Amendment

(a) to **conduct regular and rigorous checks to ensure** that the financing provided has been used in accordance with the applicable rules, in particular regarding the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities;

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to protect whistleblowers;

Amendment

(b) **to establish and enforce mechanisms** to protect whistleblowers;

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) to accompany a payment request by:

(i) a management declaration that the relevant payment conditions have been met with the support of the funds, that the information submitted with the request for payment is complete, accurate and reliable and that the control systems put in place give the necessary assurances that the funds were or will be managed in accordance with all applicable rules;

(ii) a list of all measures for the implementation of the Facility including a description of measures with the total amount of additional national funding, where applicable, of those measures and projects and indicating the amount of funds paid under the Facility and under other Union funds, including resources transferred from other Union programmes;

(iii) a summary of the audits carried out, including weaknesses identified and any corrective actions taken;

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) for the purpose of audit, control and discharge, to maintain, and ensure access by the competent Union authorities including the discharge authority to:

(i) detailed records on the implementation measures adopted, including information on national award procedures and contracts with intermediaries and recipients, indicating if applicable the total amount of any national co-financing, other national contributions, or other contributions under this Facility or under other Union funds; and

(ii) evidence showing the correlation between the grants, non-repayable

financial support or loans received and the costs incurred for the achievement of indicators.

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Facility Agreement shall also provide for the right of the Commission to reduce proportionately the amount of the non-repayable financial support provided under the Facility and to recover from Moldova, including by offsetting, any amount spent to achieve the objectives of the Facility and to reduce the amount of the loan to be disbursed to *the Beneficiary* or request early repayment of the loan in accordance with the loan agreement, in the event of funds unduly paid, identified cases of, or serious concerns in relation to, irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest affecting the financial interests of the Union that have not been corrected by Moldova, or in cases it is found, after the payment has taken place, that steps were not satisfactorily fulfilled, or of a serious breach of an obligation resulting from the Facility Agreement or from the loan agreement. When deciding on the amount of the recovery and reduction, or the amount to be repaid early, the Commission shall respect the principle of proportionality and shall take into account the seriousness of the irregularity, fraud, corruption or conflict of interest affecting the financial interests of the Union, or of a breach of an obligation. Moldova shall be given the opportunity to present its observations before the reduction is made or early repayment is requested.

Amendment

3. The Facility Agreement shall also provide for the right of the Commission to reduce proportionately the amount of the non-repayable financial support provided under the Facility and to recover from Moldova, including by offsetting, any amount spent to achieve the objectives of the Facility and to reduce the amount of the loan to be disbursed to *Moldova* or request early repayment of the loan in accordance with the loan agreement, in the event of funds unduly paid, identified cases of, or serious concerns in relation to, irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest affecting the financial interests of the Union that have not been corrected by Moldova, or in cases it is found, after the payment has taken place, that steps were not satisfactorily fulfilled, or of a serious breach of an obligation resulting from the Facility Agreement or from the loan agreement. When deciding on the amount of the recovery and reduction, or the amount to be repaid early, the Commission shall respect the principle of proportionality and shall take into account the seriousness of the irregularity, fraud, corruption or conflict of interest affecting the financial interests of the Union, or of a breach of an obligation. Moldova shall be given the opportunity to present its observations before the reduction is made or early repayment is requested.

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Persons and entities implementing funds under the Facility shall report any suspected cases of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities affecting financial interests of the Union without delay, to the Commission and to OLAF.

Amendment

4. Persons and entities implementing funds under the Facility shall ***be required to immediately*** report any suspected cases of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities affecting financial interests of the Union without delay, to the Commission and to OLAF. ***A regular report on fraud and irregularities shall be transmitted to the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control.***

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. The Commission shall set out specific arrangements for the management, control, supervision, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and audit of funds under the Facility.

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Court of Accounts of Moldova shall fulfil, mutatis mutandis, and where applicable, the role and functions of the audit board as established under Regulation 2024/792, in particular Article 36 thereof.

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Court of Accounts of Moldova shall exercise its functions in complete objectivity and operate in compliance with best applicable international practices and standards. It shall act without prejudice to the powers of the Commission, OLAF, the Court of Auditors, and, where applicable, the EPPO.

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Court of Accounts of Moldova shall appoint an independent external auditor that provides an annual statement of assurance on the declarations by the Moldova's authorities that accompany a request for payment. It shall also approve the annual work plan of the independent external auditor.

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The Court of Accounts of Moldova shall decide on recommendations to the Commission and the Moldova's authorities on amounts to be recovered following the findings of the independent external auditor, and inform the Commission and the Moldova's

authorities of those recommendations.

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. The Court of Accounts of Moldova shall ensure regular dialogue and cooperation with the Court of Auditors.

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. In carrying out their duties, the Court of Accounts of Moldova, its members and its staff shall neither seek nor take instructions from Moldova's government or any institution, body, office or agency. Strong guarantees of independence shall apply for the selection of its staff, management and budget.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7. The Court of Accounts of Moldova shall assist the Commission in fighting mismanagement of Union funding under the Facility and in particular fraud, corruption, conflict of interests and irregularities incurred in relation to any amount spent to achieve the objectives of the Facility.

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8. For that purpose, the Court of Accounts of Moldova shall regularly report to the Commission and the relevant committees of the European Parliament and the Council, and transmit to the Commission, without delay any information it obtains or is made aware of, on any identified cases of, or serious concerns in relation to, mismanagement of public funding incurred in relation with any amount spent to achieve the objectives of the Facility, including its performance.

In accordance with Article 24(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939, the Court of Accounts of Moldova shall report to the EPPO any criminal conduct in respect of which the latter could exercise its competence.

In addition, the Court of Accounts of Moldova shall adopt recommendations to Moldova on all cases where in its view Moldova's competent authorities have not taken the necessary steps to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption, conflict of interests and irregularities that have affected or seriously risk affecting the sound financial management of the expenditure financed under the Facility and in all cases where it identifies weaknesses affecting the design and functioning of the control system put in place by Moldova's authorities. The latter shall implement such recommendations without undue delay, or provide a justification on why it has not done so.

The reports of, and information from, the Court of Accounts of Moldova shall also be sent to OLAF, and where applicable to the EPPO, and may be shared with the relevant authorities of Moldova, especially

in case the latter need to take steps to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption, conflict of interests and irregularities or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union, including its performance, as well as to investigate and prosecute criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union.

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9. *The Court of Accounts of Moldova shall have access to information, databases and registries required to carry out its tasks. The facility agreement referred to in Article 8 shall define rules and details for the access to relevant information by the Court of Accounts of Moldova and the provision of relevant information by Moldova to the Court of Accounts.*

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

10. *The Court of Accounts of Moldova may assist the Commission in supporting Moldova with capacity building activities in the field of fight against mismanagement of public funding.*

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 a (new) – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

11. The functioning of the Court of Accounts of Moldova shall be funded under Article 6 paragraph 5, including the funding for the appointed independent external auditor.

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Moldova shall report any irregularities, including fraud, which have been the subject of a primary administrative or judicial finding, without delay, to the Commission and shall keep the Commission informed of the progress of any administrative and legal proceedings in relation to such irregularities. Such reporting shall be done by electronic means, using the Irregularity Management System, established by the Commission.

3. Moldova shall report any irregularities, including fraud, which have been the subject of a primary administrative or judicial finding, without delay, to **the Court of Accounts of Moldova and** the Commission and shall keep the Commission informed of the progress of any administrative and legal proceedings in relation to such irregularities. Such reporting shall be done by electronic means, using the Irregularity Management System, established by the Commission

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The entities referred to in paragraph 1 shall maintain regular dialogue with the Court of Auditors, OLAF and, where appropriate, EPPO.

4. The entities referred to in paragraph 1 shall maintain regular dialogue with **the Court of Accounts of Moldova**, the Court of Auditors, OLAF and, where appropriate, EPPO.

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The Commission may adopt recommendations to Moldova on all cases where in its views competent authorities have not taken the necessary steps to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities that have affected or seriously risk affecting the sound financial management of the expenditure financed under the Facility and in all cases where it identifies weaknesses affecting the design and functioning of the control system put in place by *the* those authorities. Moldova *concerned* shall implement such recommendations or provide a justification on why it has not done so.

Amendment

6. The Commission may adopt recommendations to Moldova on all cases where in its views competent authorities have not taken the necessary steps to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and irregularities that have affected or seriously risk affecting the sound financial management of the expenditure financed under the Facility and in all cases where it identifies weaknesses affecting the design and functioning of the control system put in place by those authorities. Moldova shall implement such recommendations or provide a justification on why it has not done so.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The Commission shall *establish* display the progress of the implementation of the Reform Agenda in the Facility scoreboard, established under Regulation (EU) 2024/1449.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall display the progress of the implementation of the Reform Agenda in the Facility scoreboard, established under Regulation (EU) 2024/1449, *in particular article 26 thereof*.

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. **The beneficiary** shall report once a year in the context of the Economic and Financial Dialogue on the progress made in the achievement of the reform-related part of its Reform Agenda.

Amendment

1. **Moldova** shall report once a year in the context of the Economic and Financial Dialogue on the progress made in the achievement of the reform-related part of its Reform Agenda.

ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT

Pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur for the opinion received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the opinion, prior to the adoption thereof in committee:

Entity and/or person
European Court of Auditors
Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova
Embassy of Sweden in Chisinau
Moldova Ministry for Economic Development and Digitalization

The list above is drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur for the opinion.

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FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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PfE	Virginie Joron, Julien Sanchez

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+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention