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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2023/2070**of 18 August 2023****amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 to add Cameroon and Vietnam to the list of high-risk third countries***(Text with EEA relevance)*

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union is to ensure the effective protection of the integrity and proper functioning of its financial system and the internal market from money laundering and terrorist financing. Directive (EU) 2015/849 therefore provides that the Commission is to identify third-country jurisdictions which have strategic deficiencies in their regimes on anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) that pose significant threats to the financial system of the Union ('high-risk third countries').
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 ⁽²⁾ identifies high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies.
- (3) Considering the high level of integration of the international financial system, the close connection of market operators, the high volume of cross-border transactions to and from the Union, and the degree of market openness, any AML/CFT threat posed to the international financial system is also a threat to the financial system of the Union.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 9(4) of Directive (EU) 2015/849, the Commission, when identifying high-risk third countries, is to take into account relevant evaluations, assessments or reports drawn up by international organisations and standard setters with competence in the field of preventing money laundering and combating terrorist financing. Such information includes public statements from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the FATF list of 'Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring', and FATF reports of the International Cooperation Review Group in relation to the risks posed by individual third countries.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 5.6.2015, p. 73.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 of 14 July 2016 supplementing Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council by identifying high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies (OJ L 254, 20.9.2016, p. 1).

- (5) Since the latest amendments to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675, the FATF has updated its list of 'Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring'. At its plenary meeting between 21-23 June 2023, the FATF has updated its list of 'Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring' by adding Cameroon and Vietnam to that list. Given those changes, the Commission has conducted an assessment to identify high-risk third countries in accordance with Article 9 of Directive (EU) 2015/849.
- (6) In June 2023, Cameroon made a high-level political commitment to work with the FATF and the *Groupe d'Action Contre le Blanchiment d'Argent en Afrique Centrale* (GABAC), which is its FATF-style regional body (FSRB), to strengthen the effectiveness of its AML/CFT regime. Since the adoption of its mutual evaluation report in October 2021, Cameroon has made progress on some of the actions recommended in the mutual evaluation report by increasing the resources of the financial intelligence unit (FIU) and by building the capacity of investigation authorities and judicial bodies to effectively conduct money laundering/terrorism financing cases. Cameroon will work to implement its FATF action plan: (1) by aligning AML/CFT national strategies and policies with the findings of the national risk assessment and monitoring their implementation, and demonstrating AML/CFT cooperation and coordination between competent authorities; (2) by ensuring risk-based prioritisation of incoming international cooperation requests in line with risks and responding in an effective manner; (3) by enhancing risk-based supervision of banks and implementing effective risk-based supervision for non-bank financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions, and conducting appropriate outreach to high-risk financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions; (4) by maintaining and ensuring timely access by competent authorities to adequate and up-to-date beneficial ownership information on legal persons, and establishing a sanctions regime for violations of transparency obligations applicable to legal persons; (5) by enhancing secure information exchange between the FIU, reporting entities and competent authorities and demonstrating an increase in dissemination of intelligence reports to support operational needs of competent authorities; (6) by demonstrating that authorities are able to conduct a range of money laundering investigations, and prosecute money laundering in line with risks; (7) by implementing policies and procedures for seizing and confiscating proceeds and instrumentalities of crime and managing frozen, seized and confiscated property, and prioritising seizure and confiscation of assets at the border; (8) by demonstrating that terrorism financing investigations and prosecutions are pursued in line with risk; and (9) by demonstrating effective implementation of terrorism financing and proliferation financing targeted financial sanctions (TFS) regimes and implementing a risk-based approach to non-profit organisations without disrupting legitimate non-profit organisation activities. Despite that commitment and progress, Cameroon has not yet fully addressed the concerns that led to Cameroon being added to the FATF's list of 'Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring'. Cameroon should therefore be considered a third-country jurisdiction that has strategic deficiencies in its AML/CFT regime that pose significant threats to the financial system of the Union as referred to in Article 9(1) of Directive (EU) 2015/849.
- (7) In June 2023, Vietnam made a high-level political commitment to work with the FATF and the Asia Pacific Group (APG), which is its FSRB, to strengthen the effectiveness of its AML/CFT regime. Since the adoption of its mutual evaluation report in November 2021, Vietnam has made progress on some of the actions recommended in the mutual evaluation report by joining the Asset Recovery Interagency Network Asia Pacific and by adopting a national action plan on AML/CTF/countering proliferation financing. Vietnam will work to implement its FATF action plan: (1) by increasing risk understanding, domestic coordination and cooperation to combat money laundering/terrorist financing; (2) by enhancing international cooperation; (3) by implementing effective risk-based supervision for financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions; (4) by taking action to regulate virtual assets and virtual asset service providers; (5) by addressing technical compliance deficiencies, including with respect to the money laundering offence, TFS, customer due diligence and suspicious transaction reporting; (6) by conducting outreach activities with the private sector; (7) by establishing a regime that provides competent authorities with adequate, accurate and up-to-date information on beneficial ownership; (8) by ensuring the independence of the FIU and enhancing the quality and quantity of financial intelligence analysis and disseminations; (9) by prioritising parallel financial investigations and demonstrating an increase in the number of money laundering investigations and prosecutions undertaken; and (10) by demonstrating that there is monitoring

of financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions for compliance with proliferation financing TFS obligations and that there is cooperation and coordination between authorities to prevent proliferation financing TFS from being evaded. Despite that commitment and progress, Vietnam has not yet fully addressed the concerns that led to Vietnam being added to the FATF's list of 'Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring'. Vietnam should therefore be considered a third-country jurisdiction that has strategic deficiencies in its AML/CFT regime that pose significant threats to the financial system of the Union as referred to in Article 9(1) of Directive (EU) 2015/849.

- (8) The Commission therefore concludes that Cameroon and Vietnam should be considered third-country jurisdictions which have strategic deficiencies in their AML/CFT regimes that pose significant threats to the financial system of the Union. Cameroon and Vietnam should therefore be added to the table in point I of the Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675.
- (9) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 August 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

In point I of the Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675, the table is replaced by the following:

No	High-risk third country ⁽¹⁾
1	Afghanistan
2	Barbados
3	Burkina Faso
4	Cameroon
5	Cayman Islands
6	Democratic Republic of the Congo
7	Gibraltar
8	Haiti
9	Jamaica
10	Jordan
11	Mali
12	Mozambique
13	Myanmar
14	Nigeria
15	Panama
16	Philippines
17	Senegal
18	South Africa
19	South Sudan
20	Syria
21	Tanzania
22	Trinidad and Tobago
23	Uganda
24	United Arab Emirates
25	Vanuatu
26	Vietnam
27	Yemen

⁽¹⁾ Without prejudice to the legal position of the Kingdom of Spain with regard to sovereignty and jurisdiction in relation to the territory of Gibraltar.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/2071**of 27 September 2023****establishing a template for the structured survey on end recipients of food and/or basic material assistance under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) ⁽¹⁾ ('ESF+ Regulation'), and in particular Article 23(4) thereof,

After consulting the Committee for the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+),

Whereas:

- (1) The ESF+ Regulation requires the managing authorities to report twice to the Commission the results of a structured survey of the end recipients regarding the support received from the ESF+ under the specific objective set out in point (m) of Article 4(1) of the ESF+ Regulation and also focusing on their living conditions and the nature of their material deprivation, carried out during the previous year. The first such reporting shall take place by 30 June 2025 and the second by 30 June 2028.
- (2) This structured survey on end recipients is one of the instruments to be used to evaluate the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). In order to ensure the survey yields high-quality results and makes a useful contribution to the evaluation of the ESF+, it is necessary to establish a template that enables the aggregation of data at European Union level,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The structured survey on end recipients referred to in Article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 shall be carried out in accordance with the template set out in the Annexes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 September 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 21.

ANNEX I

STRUCTURED SURVEY TEMPLATE ON ESF+ DIRECT SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING MATERIAL DEPRIVATION

QUESTIONS

Interviewer's organisation: [name of the entity for which the interviewer is working]

Place: [post code from where the survey is carried out]

Beneficiary delivering support: [name of the organisation from which the end recipient received assistance]

[type of organisation]

[activity of the organisation: health, education, social protection, food, advisory, psychological support, housing support, other]

Date: [date of the survey in format dd/mm/yyyy]

Time: [time of the survey in format hh:mm]

A. Questions to the beneficiary providing food or basic material assistance (goods) to end recipients

A1. What food/goods were distributed to whom? (reply to all)

Food distribution to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to women	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to single parents	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to others	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)
Goods distributed to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to women	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to single parents	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to others	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)

A2. How often do you distribute assistance (food/goods)?

Daily	
Twice a week	
Weekly	
Twice a month	
Monthly	
Other (specify)	

A3. Estimate the total number of persons that will have received food/goods co-financed by the ESF+ in the whole present calendar year ⁽¹⁾ from your organisation

{number}

A4. If you also provide assistance (food/goods) to end recipients, which is not co-financed by the ESF+, what is distributed and to whom? (reply to all)

Food distribution to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to women	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to single parents	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to others	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)
Goods distributed to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to women	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to single parents	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to others	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)
Do not know it as it is not traceable	(Yes/No)
Not applicable as we only provide support co-financed by the ESF+	(Yes/No)

⁽¹⁾ For the survey due in 2025 present calendar year refers to the calendar year 2024. For the survey due in 2028 present calendar year refers to the calendar year 2027.

A5. How do you distribute food/goods to end recipients? (several answers possible)

End recipients come to the distribution point to collect this assistance	
Home delivery	
Other	(please specify)
Not applicable as distribution goes to other organisations who redistribute food/goods directly to end recipients	

A6. What advice/guidance (called 'accompanying measures') is offered to end recipients in addition to food/goods distribution funded by ESF+? (several answers are possible)

Advice on food preparation/storage and nutrition (cooking workshops, recipes)	
Health advice	
Redirection to competent services (e.g. social services, administrations, etc.)	
Individual coaching and workshops	
Psychological and therapeutic support	
Advice on job search	
Advice on managing a household budget	
Other support (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable)	

A7. Estimate the number of end recipients that will have benefitted from advice/guidance (accompanying measures) during the whole present calendar year ⁽²⁾

{number}

A8. What conditions must end-recipients satisfy to receive food/goods and advice co-financed by the ESF+?

[Text box]

A9. In your opinion, are the administrative requirements to manage the ESF+ support addressing material deprivation:

'Very easy to comply with'	
'Easy to comply with'	
'Neutral' (neither easy nor hard to comply)	
'Hard to comply with'	
'Very hard to comply with'	

⁽²⁾ See footnote for question A3.

A9a. If your answer was 'hard' or 'very hard to comply with', can you please describe what is not easy to comply with?

[Text box]

A10. What are the main benefits of providing food/goods directly in comparison to vouchers/cards? And what are the main challenges of providing food/goods directly in comparison to vouchers/cards?

[Text box]

A11. Do you have any other comments concerning ESF+ support to the most deprived, the collaboration between Managing Authorities and Beneficiaries or suggested solutions for difficulties/challenges encountered?

[Text box]

B. Questions for the end recipient of food or basic material assistance (goods) provided with ESF+ support

The interviewer should explain briefly the purpose of the survey before proceeding with the questions (to know more about the respondent's personal situation and views about the support received). The end recipient of ESF+ direct support should be informed that the survey is anonymous and that the results of this interview will be used solely for the purpose of this survey. The survey should respect the privacy of end recipients.

B1.

Which is your gender?

Male	Female	Non-binary	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B2.

What age are you?

0-17 ⁽³⁾	18-29	30-64	65 or above	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B3. Please tell me whether you live ...?

Alone	
In a couple without children	
Alone with children	
In a couple with children	

⁽³⁾ In case the end recipient is a child, the responses should be obtained from parent(s) or from an authorised representative.

Other, specify:	[Text box to be filled in]
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B4. How did you find out that the ESF+ support you receive was available? (several answers are possible)

Through social services/non-profit organisations	
Through advertisement in the press, flyers, brochures, postcards	
Through internet/social media (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube)	
Through family or friends	
Other, specify:	[Text box to be filled in]
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B5. Please tell me which of the following you received in the present calendar year? (several boxes can be selected)

	Yes	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question
Food		
Goods		
Advice/guidance		

B6.

Please tell me whether the food/goods provided was useful to you or to the people living with you?

Yes	Partially	No	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B6a. If 'No' or 'Partially', could you tell me why?

Insufficient quantity of food/goods	
Insufficient frequency of food/goods distribution	
Unavailability of the food/goods I was looking for	
Poor quality of food/goods	
Other type of assistance required (please specify)	[Text box to be filled in]
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B7. If you received food funded by ESF+, please tell me what food products received are most useful? (several boxes can be selected)

Fresh vegetables and fruits	
Meat	

Fish	
Milk	
Other dairy products (butter, yogurt, cheese...)	
Basic products (flour, oil, sugar, pasta, rice...)	
Canned food (vegetables, fruits, meat...) or prepared meals (soups, frozen meals...)	
Desserts, cookies, breakfast cereals	
Tea or coffee	
Baby food (powdered milk, ...)	
Other food	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable as I did not receive food)	

B8. If you received goods funded by ESF+, please tell me which goods are most useful? (several boxes can be selected)

Clothes and equipment for babies	
Clothes and equipment for children	
Clothes and equipment for adults	
Sleeping bags/blankets	
Kitchen equipment	
Household linen and cleaning products	
Hygiene articles	
Other goods	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable as I did not receive goods)	

B9. Who are the food/goods that you received intended for? (several boxes can be selected)

Myself	Other adults who live with me	Children who live with me	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B10. How often have you been receiving food in the present calendar year?

Every day	Once a week	Once a month	Other frequency	It is the first time I receive assistance	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question
			[specify frequency]		

B11. How often have you been receiving goods in the present calendar year?

Every day	Once a week	Once a month	Other frequency	It is the first time I receive assistance	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question
			[specify frequency]		

B12. Do you know when you will need the same assistance again?

Tomorrow	Next week	Next month	Other (period)	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question
			[specify period]	

B13. If you faced any difficulties in receiving food/goods, please tell me which kind of difficulties were they? (several answers possible)

I had delays due to additional procedures or documents to be provided	
I had to travel a long distance	
I was ashamed, I don't like to ask for help	
I had difficulties in accessing information	
I had technical difficulties (no mobile phone or PC, access to websites...)	
I lack knowledge of the language	
Other (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable as I did not face any difficulty)	
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B14. If a year ago, you could afford to purchase the food/goods you just received, please tell me why this is no longer the case? (several answers possible)

A drop in income (please specify e.g. job loss, partial unemployment)	Increase in my costs (please specify e.g. due to higher cost of living)	Another reason (specify)	Not applicable as I could also not afford it last year	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B15. What kind of advice or guidance do you receive (several answers possible)?

Advice on food preparation/storage and nutrition (cooking workshops, recipes)	
Health advice	
Redirection to competent services (e.g. social services, administrations, etc.)	
Individual coaching and workshops	
Psychological and therapeutic support	
Advice on job search	
Advice on managing a household budget	
Other (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
Not applicable as I did not receive any advice or guidance	
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B15.a. How useful did you find the advice or guidance received?

Very useful	Somewhat useful	Not very useful	Not useful at all	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question or not applicable

B15.b. If the advice or guidance was not useful, could you please explain why?

[Text box]

B16. Are you and/or other members of your household receiving assistance (food, goods or advice) from other organisations?

Yes	No	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B17. Please tell me if... (select a response for all sub-questions please)

	Yes	No	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question
a. you have any income from work?			
b. you get any other income or benefits?			
c. any members of your household (*) have any income from work?			

(*) A group of people, often a family, who live together.

d. any members of your household get any other income or benefits?			
e. you have the nationality of the country in which you are now?			
f. you have the nationality of another EU country?			
g. you are an asylum seeker or a refugee or beneficiary of temporary protection ^(*) ?			
h. you have any disability?			

B18. Where do you live now?

I live in a home that I own	
I rent an apartment or house	
I am hosted by family, friends or other people	
I live in a home for the elderly	
I live in accommodation for single mothers or single fathers	
I live in a university residence or a young workers' hostel	
I live in accommodation for asylum seekers	
I live in a caravan or mobile home	
I live in the street (squat, slum, tent...)	
I live in a refugee camp	
Other (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B19. Do you have anything else you would like to say about the support you received?

[Text box]

^(*) To displaced persons from non-EU countries who are unable to return to their country of origin EUR-Lex - 32001L0055 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)

ANNEX II

STRUCTURED SURVEY TEMPLATE ON ESF+ DIRECT SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING MATERIAL DEPRIVATION

QUESTIONS

Interviewer's organisation: [name of the entity for which the interviewer is working]

Place: [post code from where the survey is carried out]

Beneficiary delivering support: [name of the organisation from which the end recipient received assistance]

[type of organisation]

[activity of the organisation: health, education, social protection, food, advisory, psychological support, housing support, other]

Date: [date of the survey in format dd/mm/yyyy]

A. Questions to the beneficiary delivering support indirectly through e.g. vouchers/cards

A1. What type of assistance and population is addressed through the scheme? (reply to all)

Food addressed to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Food addressed to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to women	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to single parents	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Food addressed to other target groups	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)
Goods addressed to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Goods addressed to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to women	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to single parents	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Goods addressed to others	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)

A2. What does the voucher or card enable end recipients to buy? (several answers are possible)

Food	
Basic material assistance products (such as hygiene products)	
Educational or audiovisual material/equipment	

Other items sold in supermarkets with some exceptions (alcohol, tobacco, etc.)	(please specify the item)
Other	(please specify)

A3. Estimate the total number of persons that will have been assisted through vouchers or cards co-financed by the ESF+ during the whole present calendar year ⁽¹⁾ by your organisation

{number}

A4. If you also provide assistance (food/goods) to end recipients, which is not co-financed by the ESF+, what is provided and to whom? (reply to all)

Food distribution to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to women	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to single parents	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Food distribution to others	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)
Goods distributed to children under 18 years	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to the homeless	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to women	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to single parents	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons 65 years of age and above	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to persons with disabilities	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to third-country nationals, persons with a foreign background or a minority	(Yes/No)
Goods distributed to others	(Yes/No) (and if yes, specify target group)
Do not know it as it is not traceable	(Yes/No)
Not applicable as we only provide support co-financed by the ESF+	(Yes/No)

A5. What advice (called ‘accompanying measures’) is offered to voucher/card recipients? (several answers are possible)

Advice on food preparation/storage and nutrition (cooking workshops, recipes)	
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⁽¹⁾ For the survey due in 2025 present calendar year refers to the calendar year 2024, in which the survey is conducted. For the survey due in 2028 present calendar year refers to the calendar year 2027.

Health advice	
Redirection to competent services (e.g. social services, administrations, etc.)	
Individual coaching and workshops	
Psychological and therapeutic support	
Advice on job search	
Advice on managing a household budget	
Other support (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable)	

A6. Estimate the number of voucher/card recipients that benefitted from advice/guidance funded by ESF+ (accompanying measures) during the present calendar year ⁽²⁾

{number}

A7. What conditions must end recipients satisfy to receive vouchers or cards and advice co-financed by the ESF+?

[Text box]

A8. Estimate how much money in euros will have been made available to an end recipient through ESF+ vouchers/cards for obtaining food/goods in the whole present calendar year ⁽³⁾

{amount in EUR}

[Text box if a clarification is needed]

A9. In your opinion, are the administrative requirements to manage the voucher/card scheme:

'Very easy to comply with'	
'Easy to comply with'	
'Neutral' (neither easy nor hard to comply)	
'Hard to comply with'	
'Very hard to comply with'	

A9a. If your answer was 'hard' or 'very hard to comply with', can you please explain what requirement is not easy to comply with?

[Text box]

⁽²⁾ See footnote for question A3.

⁽³⁾ See footnote for question A3.

A10. What are the main benefits of vouchers/cards in comparison to providing food/goods directly? And what are the main challenges of vouchers/cards in comparison to providing food/goods directly?

[Text box]

A11. Do you have any other comments concerning the scheme for distribution of vouchers/cards to the most deprived, the collaboration between Managing Authorities and Beneficiaries or suggested solutions for difficulties/challenges encountered?

[Text box]

B. Questions for the end recipient of ESF+ support

The interviewer should explain briefly the purpose of the survey before proceeding with the questions (to know more about the respondent's personal situation and views about the support received). The end recipient of ESF+ indirect support should be informed that the survey is anonymous and that the results of this interview will be used solely for the purpose of this survey. The survey should respect the privacy of end recipients.

B1. Which is your gender?

Male	Female	Non-binary	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B2. What age are you?

0-17 ⁽⁴⁾	18-29	30-64	65 or above	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B3. Please tell me whether you live ...?

Alone	
In a couple without children	
Alone with children	
In a couple with children	
Other, specify:	[Text box to be filled in]
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B4. How did you find out that the ESF+ support you receive was available? (several answers are possible)

Through social services/non-profit organisations	
Through advertisement in the press, flyers, brochures, postcards	

⁽⁴⁾ In case the end recipient is a child, the responses should be obtained from parent(s) or from an authorised representative.

Through internet/social media (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube)	
Through family or friends	
Other, specify:	[Text box to be filled in]
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B5. Please tell me which of the following you received through vouchers/cards in the present calendar year? (several boxes can be selected)

	Yes	I do not wish to answer/know/ understand the question
Food		
Goods		
Advice/guidance		

B6. Please tell me whether the assistance received through vouchers or cards was useful to you or to the people living with you?

Yes	Partially	No	I do not wish to answer/know/ understand the question

B6a. If the above answer was 'No' or 'Partially', could you tell me why?

[Text box]

B7. If you received food through vouchers/cards funded by ESF+, please tell me what food products are most useful? (several boxes can be selected)

Fresh vegetables and fruits	
Meat	
Fish	
Milk	
Other dairy products (butter, yogurt, cheese...)	
Basic products (flour, oil, sugar, pasta, rice...)	
Canned food (vegetables, fruits, meat...) or prepared meals (soups, frozen meals...)	
Desserts, cookies, breakfast cereals	
Tea or coffee	
Baby food (powdered milk, ...)	
Other food	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable as I did not receive food)	

B8. If you received goods through vouchers/cards funded by ESF+, please tell me which goods are most useful? (several boxes can be selected)

Clothes and equipment for babies	
Clothes and equipment for children	
Clothes and equipment for adults	
Sleeping bags/blankets	
Kitchen equipment	
Household linen and cleaning products	
Hygiene articles	
Other goods	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable as I did not receive goods)	

B9. Who are the food/goods that you received through vouchers/cards intended for?

Myself	Other adults who live with me	Children who live with me	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B10. If you faced any difficulties in receiving vouchers/cards, please tell me which kind of difficulties were they? (several answers possible)

I had delays due to additional procedures or documents to be provided	
I had to travel a long distance	
I was ashamed, I don't like to ask for help	
I had difficulties in accessing information	
I had technical difficulties (no mobile phone or PC, access to websites ...)	
Lack knowledge of the language	
Other (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
None (not applicable as I did not face any difficulty)	
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B11. If a year ago you could afford to purchase the food/goods you just received through vouchers/cards, please tell me why this is no longer the case? (several answers possible)

A drop in income (please specify e.g. job loss, partial unemployment)	Increase in my costs (please specify e.g. due to higher cost of living)	Another reason (specify)	Not applicable as I could also not afford it last year	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B12. What kind of advice or guidance did you receive? (several answers possible)

Advice on food preparation/storage and nutrition (cooking workshops, recipes)	
Health advice	
Redirection to competent services (e.g. social services, administrations, etc.)	
Individual coaching and workshops	
Psychological and therapeutic support	
Advice on job search	
Advice on managing a household budget	
Other (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
Not applicable as I did not receive any advice or guidance	
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B12.a. How useful did you find the advice or guidance received?

Very useful	Somewhat useful	Not very useful	Not useful at all	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question or not applicable

B12.b. If the advice or guidance was not useful, could you please explain why?

[Text box]

B13. Are you and/or other members of your household receiving assistance (food, goods or advice) from other organisations?

Yes	No	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question

B14. Please tell me if... (select a response for all sub-questions please)

	Yes	No	I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question
a. you have any income from work?			
b. you get any other income or benefits?			
c. any members of your household ^(*) have any income from work?			
d. any members of your household get any other income or benefits?			

(*) A group of people, often a family, who live together.

e. you have the nationality of the country in which you are now?			
f. you have the nationality of another EU country?			
g. you are an asylum seeker or a refugee or beneficiary of temporary protection ⁽⁶⁾ ?			
h. you have any disability?			

B15. Where do you live now?

I live in a home that I own	
I rent an apartment or house	
I am hosted by family, friends or other people	
I live in a home for elderly	
I live in accommodation for single mothers or single fathers	
I live in a university residence or a young workers' hostel	
I live in accommodation for asylum seekers	
I live in a caravan or mobile home	
I live in the street (squat, slum, tent...)	
I live in a refugee camp	
Other (to be specified)	[Text box to be filled in]
I do not wish to answer/know/understand the question	

B16. Do you have anything else you would like to say about the support you received?

[Text box]

⁽⁶⁾ To displaced persons from non-EU countries who are unable to return to their country of origin EUR-Lex - 32001L0055 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/2072**of 27 September 2023****repealing the anti-dumping duties on imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia imposed by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 14(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Council imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013 a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia ('the original Regulation') ⁽²⁾. This Regulation entered into force on 27 November 2013.
- (2) On 15 September 2016, the General Court of the European Union ('the General Court') delivered the judgments in cases T-80/14 ⁽³⁾, T-111/14 to T-121/14 ⁽⁴⁾ and T-139/14 ⁽⁵⁾ ('the judgments') annulling Articles 1 and 2 of the original Regulation to the extent that they applied to the applicants in those cases ('the exporting producers concerned') ⁽⁶⁾. The Council of the European Union had initially appealed the judgments but following the Council's decision in 2018 to withdraw its appeals, the judgments became definitive and binding as from the date of their delivery.
- (3) On 26 October 2016 the WTO Dispute Settlement Body ('DSB') adopted the panel report, as modified by the Appellate Body report ('the Argentina Reports'), in the case European Union – Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Argentina dispute (DS473) ⁽⁷⁾. Among other things, the reports found that the cost adjustment performed by the EU when it imposed anti-dumping duties on biodiesel originating in Argentina was incompatible with WTO law.
- (4) On 18 September 2017, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1578 implementing the DSB findings in DS473 and amending the original Regulation as far as imports from Argentina were concerned ('the amending Regulation') ⁽⁸⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013 of 19 November 2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia (OJ L 315, 26.11.2013, p. 2).

⁽³⁾ Case T-80/14, PT Musim Mas v Council.

⁽⁴⁾ Case T-111/14 Unitec Bio SA v Council of the European Union, Cases T-112/14 to T-116/14 and T-119/14, Molinos Río de la Plata SA and Others v Council of the European Union, Case T-117/14, Cargill SACI v Council of the European Union, Case T-118/14, LDC Argentina SA v Council of the European Union, Case T-120/14, PT Ciliandra Perkasa v Council of the European Union, Case T-121/14, PT Pelita Agung Agrindustri v Council of the European Union.

⁽⁵⁾ Case T-139/14, PT Wilmar Bioenergi Indonesia and PT Wilmar Nabati Indonesia v Council of the European Union.

⁽⁶⁾ Argentinian exporting producers Unitec Bio SA, Molinos Río de la Plata SA, Oleaginosa Moreno Hermanos SACIFI y A, Vicentin SAIC, Aceitera General Deheza SA, Bunge Argentina SA, Cargill SACI, Louis Dreyfus Commodities S.A. (LDC Argentina SA), and Indonesian exporting producers PT Pelita Agung Agrindustri, PT Ciliandra Perkasa, PT Wilmar Bioenergi Indonesia, PT Wilmar Nabati Indonesia, PT Perindustrian dan Perdagangan Musim Semi Mas (PT Musim Mas).

⁽⁷⁾ WTO, Report of the Appellate Body, AB-2016-4, WT/DS473/AB/R, 6 October 2016, and WTO, Report of the Panel, WT/DS473/R, 29 March 2016.

⁽⁸⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1578 of 18 September 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia (OJ L 239, 19.9.2017, p. 9).

- (5) On 28 February 2018, the DSB also adopted the panel report in the case European Union – Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Indonesia dispute (DS480) ('the Indonesia Report') ⁽⁹⁾. Neither Indonesia nor the EU appealed that report which main finding was similar to the one in DS473, notably that the cost adjustment performed by the EU as regards Indonesian imports was incompatible with WTO law.
- (6) By Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1570 ⁽¹⁰⁾ the Commission terminated the proceedings concerning imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia and repealed Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013.
- (7) By Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1570 the Commission instructed customs authorities that the definitive anti-dumping duties paid pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013 on imports of biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia and the provisional duties definitively collected in accordance with Article 2 of that Regulation shall be repaid or remitted insofar as they related to imports of biodiesel sold for export to the Union by the exporting producers in Argentina and Indonesia that had successfully challenged the original regulation before the Court ⁽¹¹⁾. On the other hand, the Commission found that the anti-dumping duties that had been levied on other companies had been legally collected under Union law and should not be repaid or remitted. The repayment or remission had to be requested from national customs authorities in accordance with the applicable customs legislation.
- (8) On 22 June 2023, the Court of Justice ruled in case C-268/22, *Vitol v. Belgische Staat* ⁽¹²⁾, concerning a request for a preliminary ruling under Article 267 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') from the *Nederlandstalige rechtbank eerste aanleg Brussel*, that Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1578, is invalid. In particular, the Court of Justice noted that all the appropriate conclusions must be drawn from the findings made by both the General Court and the Commission itself further to the re-opening, in May 2018, of the anti-dumping investigation regarding the imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia ⁽¹³⁾.
- (9) According to Article 266 of the TFEU, the Union institutions are required to take the necessary steps to comply with the Court's judgments.
- (10) The Commission recalled that Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013, as amended, was repealed as from 20 October 2018 by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1570. However, the judgment in case C-268/22 has the effect of invalidating the original Regulation, as amended in 2017, *erga omnes* and *ex-tunc*. In other words, the ruling is applicable to all parties and Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013, as amended, is considered invalid from the day it entered into force with respect to all parties.
- (11) The Commission considered that the errors found by the Court cannot be remedied so that the correct application of the rules could not warrant the reimposition of the measures. Accordingly, Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1578, shall be repealed in its entirety with effect from 27 November 2013. Furthermore, any definitive duty paid, and provisional duty collected pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013, as amended, shall be repaid or remitted in accordance with the applicable customs legislation. It follows, in particular, that any operator which has paid those duties is able, in principle, to claim their repayment only if and in so far as the three-year period laid down for that purpose in Article 121(1)(a) of the Union Customs Code has not expired. The fact that Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013 has been declared invalid (including with *erga omnes* effect) would not represent an unforeseeable circumstance or force majeure allowing for an extension of this period under second subparagraph of Article 121(1) of the Union Customs Code.

⁽⁹⁾ WTO, Report of the Panel, WT/DS480/R, 25 January 2018.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1570 of 18 October 2018 terminating the proceedings concerning imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013 (OJ L 262, 19.10.2018, p. 40).

⁽¹¹⁾ See footnote 6.

⁽¹²⁾ Judgement of 22 June 2023, VITOL, C-268/22, not published, ECLI:EU:C:2023:508.

⁽¹³⁾ *Ibidem*, para. 71.

- (12) In view of Article 109 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁴⁾ when an amount is to be reimbursed following a judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union, the interest to be paid should be the rate applied by the European Central Bank to its principal refinancing operations, as published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* on the first calendar day of each month.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The anti-dumping duties on imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1578, are repealed as from 27 November 2013.
2. Any anti-dumping duty paid pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1578, shall be repaid or remitted in accordance with the applicable customs legislation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 September 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽¹⁴⁾ 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 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2073

of 25 September 2023

concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186 in conjunction with Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) By means of Decision 98/591/EC ⁽²⁾, the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America ⁽³⁾ ('the Agreement'). The Agreement was signed in Washington, DC, on 5 December 1997 and entered into force on 14 October 1998.
- (2) In accordance with Article 12, point (b), of the Agreement, the Agreement was concluded for an initial period of five years. Subject to review by the Parties in the final year of each successive period, the Agreement can be extended, with possible amendments, for additional periods of five years by mutual written agreement between the Parties.
- (3) By means of Decisions 2004/756/EC ⁽⁴⁾, 2009/306/EC ⁽⁵⁾, 2014/240/EU ⁽⁶⁾ and (EU) 2018/1578 ⁽⁷⁾, the Council approved the extension of the Agreement for successive additional periods of five years. The Agreement is due to expire on 14 October 2023.
- (4) The assessment carried out by the Commission demonstrates that the Agreement provides an important framework for facilitating cooperation between the Union and the United States of America in common priority areas for science and technology, leading to mutual benefits. It is therefore in the Union's interest to extend the Agreement for an additional period of five years.
- (5) The Exchange of Letters between the Parties, dated 7 November 2022 and 13 December 2022, confirmed their interest in extending the Agreement for an additional period of five years.

⁽¹⁾ Consent of 13 September 2023 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 98/591/EC of 13 October 1998 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 284, 22.10.1998, p. 35).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 284, 22.10.1998, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision 2004/756/EC of 4 October 2004 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 335, 11.11.2004, p. 5).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Decision 2009/306/EC of 30 March 2009 concerning the extension and amendment of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 90, 2.4.2009, p. 20).

⁽⁶⁾ Council Decision 2014/240/EU of 14 April 2014 concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 128, 30.4.2014, p. 43).

⁽⁷⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2018/1578 of 18 September 2018 concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (OJ L 263, 22.10.2018, p. 1).

(6) The extension of the Agreement should therefore be approved on behalf of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America, for an additional period of five years, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification to the Government of the United States of America that the Union has completed its internal procedures necessary for the extension of the Agreement in accordance with Article 12, point (b), of the Agreement.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2023.

For the Council
The President
H. GÓMEZ HERNÁNDEZ

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2074**of 25 September 2023****appointing a member, proposed by the Kingdom of Sweden, of the European Economic and Social Committee**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 302 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/853 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposal of the Swedish Government,

After consulting the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(2) of the Treaty, the Economic and Social Committee is to consist of representatives of organisations of employers, of the employed, and of other parties representative of civil society, notably in socioeconomic, civic, professional and cultural areas.
- (2) On 2 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/1392 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025.
- (3) A member's seat on the European Economic and Social Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Thord Stefan BACK.
- (4) The Swedish Government has proposed Mr Tomas ARVIDSSON, *Direktör, Transportindustrieförbundet (Transportföretagen), Svenskt Näringslivs allmänna avdelning* (Director, Swedish Confederation of Transport Enterprises, the General Department of the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise), as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Mr Tomas ARVIDSSON, *Direktör, Transportindustrieförbundet (Transportföretagen), Svenskt Näringslivs allmänna avdelning* (Director, Swedish Confederation of Transport Enterprises, the General Department of the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise), is hereby appointed as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/1392 of 2 October 2020 appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020 (OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2023.

For the Council

The President

H. GÓMEZ HERNÁNDEZ

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2075**of 25 September 2023****appointing two members, proposed by the Republic of Finland, of the European Economic and Social Committee**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 302 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/853 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposals of the Finnish Government,

After consulting the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(2) of the Treaty, the Economic and Social Committee is to consist of representatives of organisations of employers, of the employed, and of other parties representative of civil society, notably in socioeconomic, civic, professional and cultural areas.
- (2) On 2 October 2020 the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/1392 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025.
- (3) Two members' seats on the European Economic and Social Committee have become vacant following the resignations of Mr Timo VUORI and Ms Janica YLIKARJULA.
- (4) The Finnish Government has proposed Mr Teppo SÄKKINEN, *Elinkeino- ja ilmastoasiantuntija, Keskuskauppakamari* (Climate expert, Finland Chamber of Commerce), and Ms Päivi WOOD, *Johtava asiantuntija, Elinkeinoelämän keskusliitto* (Chief policy adviser on EU affairs, Confederation of Finnish Industries, EK) as members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed as members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025:

- Mr Teppo SÄKKINEN, *Elinkeino- ja ilmastoasiantuntija, Keskuskauppakamari* (Climate expert, Finland Chamber of Commerce),
- and
- Ms Päivi WOOD, *Johtava asiantuntija, Elinkeinoelämän keskusliitto* (Chief policy adviser on EU affairs, Confederation of Finnish Industries, EK).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/1392 of 2 October 2020 appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020 (OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1).

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2023.

For the Council
The President
H. GÓMEZ HERNÁNDEZ

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2076**of 25 September 2023****appointing a member, proposed by the Kingdom of Denmark, of the European Economic and Social Committee**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 302 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/853 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposal of the Danish Government,

After consulting the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(2) of the Treaty, the Economic and Social Committee is to consist of representatives of organisations of employers, of the employed, and of other parties representative of civil society, notably in socioeconomic, civic, professional and cultural areas.
- (2) On 2 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/1392 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025.
- (3) A member's seat on the European Economic and Social Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Ms Ulla MOTH-LUND CHRISTENSEN.
- (4) The Danish Government has proposed Ms Juliane Marie NEIIENDAM, *Bestyrelsesmedlem i Kvinderådet Danmark* (Board member of the Women's Council Denmark), as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Juliane Marie NEIIENDAM, *Bestyrelsesmedlem i Kvinderådet Danmark* (Board member of the Women's Council Denmark), is hereby appointed as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/1392 of 2 October 2020 appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020 (OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1).

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2023.

For the Council
The President
H. GÓMEZ HERNÁNDEZ

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2077**of 25 September 2023****appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Republic of Cyprus, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposals of the Cyprus Government,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 10 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/2157 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
- (3) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Christodoulos IOANNOU.
- (4) The Cyprus Government has proposed Ms Isabella TYMVIOU, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, Δημοτική Σύμβουλος-Δήμος Λευκωσίας (City Councillor, Nicosia Municipality), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Isabella TYMVIOU, representative of a local body who holds an electoral mandate, Δημοτική Σύμβουλος-Δήμος Λευκωσίας (City Councillor, Nicosia Municipality), is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2023.

For the Council
The President
H. GÓMEZ HERNÁNDEZ

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of 10 December 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 237, 17.12.2019, p. 78).

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2023/2078**of 26 September 2023****on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2023/743 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/3/2023)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 of 31 March 2020 on a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 March 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/472, which established and launched a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI).
- (2) Pursuant to Article 8(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2020/472, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI.
- (3) On 4 April 2023, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/743 ⁽²⁾ appointing Rear Admiral Valentino RINALDI as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI from 1 April 2023.
- (4) On 5 September 2023, the Greek military authorities proposed the appointment of Commodore Konstantinos BAKALAKOS to succeed Rear Admiral Valentino RINALDI as the EU Force Commander of EUNAVFOR MED IRINI from 1 October 2023. The EU Operation Commander supported that proposed appointment.
- (5) On 12 September 2023, the EU Military Committee supported the recommendation made by the Greek military authorities.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Commodore Konstantinos BAKALAKOS as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI should be taken.
- (7) Decision (CFSP) 2023/743 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Commodore Konstantinos BAKALAKOS is hereby appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) from 1 October 2023.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2023/743 is repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2023/743 of 4 April 2023 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/1681 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/1/2023) (OJ L 98, 11.4.2023, p. 6).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 October 2023.

Done at Brussels, 26 September 2023.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

D. PRONK

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Definitive adoption (EU, Euratom) 2023/278 of the European Union's annual budget for the financial year 2023

(Official Journal of the European Union L 58 of 23 February 2023)

On page 14, in General Statement of Expenditure, Overview Tables of the 2023 Budget according to the 2021-2027 MFF, 1. MFF ceilings of the 2023 Budget, the table is modified as follows:

for:

	Heading	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS									
1.	Single Market, Innovation and Digital	20 919	21 878	21 727	20 984	21 272	21 847	22 077	150 102
2.	Cohesion, Resilience and Values	6 364	67 806	70 137	72 367	74 993	66 536	70 283	427 582
2a.	Economic, social and territorial cohesion	1 769	61 345	62 939	64 683	66 479	56 725	58 639	372 579
2b.	Resilience and values	4 595	6 461	7 198	7 684	8 514	9 811	11 644	55 003
3.	Natural Resources and Environment	56 841	56 965	57 295	57 449	57 558	57 332	57 557	400 997
	of which: Market related expenditure and direct payments	40 368	40 639	40 693	41 649	41 782	41 913	42 047	289 091
4.	Migration and Border Management	1 791	3 360	3 814	3 866	4 387	4 315	4 465	25 847
5.	Security and Defence	1 696	1 896	1 946	2 004	2 243	2 435	2 705	14 925
6.	Neighbourhood and the World	16 247	16 802	16 329	15 830	15 304	14 754	15 331	110 597
7.	European Public Administration	10 635	11 058	11 419	11 773	12 124	12 506	12 959	82 474
	of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions	8 216	8 528	8 772	9 006	9 219	9 464	9 786	62 991
	TOTAL COMMITMENTS	114 493	179 765	182 667	184 273	187 881	179 725	185 377	1 212 524
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	166 140	170 558	168 575	168 853	172 230	175 674	179 187	1 196 835'

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Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1803 of 13 August 2023 adopting certain international accounting standards in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(Official Journal of the European Union L 237 of 26 September 2023)

On page 1, in the title, and on page 3, in the concluding formula:

for: '13 August 2023',

read: '13 September 2023'.

Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1862 of 4 October 2022 establishing the lists of reserved and blocked domain names under the .eu top-level domain in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/517 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(Official Journal of the European Union L 259 of 6 October 2022)

On page 109, in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1862 (A. List of names that may be registered or reserved, by country), the list for Iceland shall read as follows:

ICELAND

1. arepublicadeislândia
2. deijslandrepubliek
3. derepubliekvanijsland
4. iceland
5. icelandrepublic
6. iepublikaislande
7. ijsland
8. island
9. islanda
10. islande
11. islandia
12. islândia
13. islandica
14. islandrepublik
15. islandskylisejnik
16. islannintasavaltá
17. islanti
18. izland
19. ísland
20. íslenskalýðveldið
21. köztársaságizland
22. larepublicadiislanda
23. larepúblicadeislandia
24. larépubliquedislande
25. lislande
26. lýðveldiðísland
27. puklerkaislandska
28. rahvavabariikisland
29. repubblicadiislanda
30. republikataisland
31. republicoficeland
32. republikaisland
33. republikaislandia
34. republikavisland
35. republikkenisland
36. republikvonisland

37. repúblicadeislandia
38. repúblicadeislândia
39. républiquedislande
40. δημοκρατίατηςισλανδίας
41. ισλανδία
42. álftanes
43. árneshreppur
44. ásahreppur
45. bífröst
46. bíldudalur
47. blönduós
48. blönduósbær
49. bolungarvík
50. bæjarhreppur
51. dalvík
52. djúpavogshreppur
53. djúpivogur
54. fellabær
55. fljótsdalshreppur
56. flóahreppur
57. grenivík
58. grindavík
59. grindavíkurbær
60. grímsey
61. grímseyjarhreppur
62. grímsnes-oggrafningshreppur
63. grýtubakkahreppur
64. hnífsdalur
65. hofsós
66. hólar
67. hólmavík
68. hrísey
69. húsavík
70. hvolsvöllur
71. höfn
72. keflavík
73. kirkjubæjarklaustur
74. kjósarhreppur
75. kópasker
76. kópavogsbær
77. kópavogur
78. laugarás
79. litli-árskógssandur

80. mosfellsbær
81. mýrdalshreppur
82. mývatn
83. ólafsvík
84. raufarhöfn
85. reykholahreppur
86. reykjanesbær
87. reykjavík
88. reykjavíkcity
89. reykjavíkurborg
90. skaftárhreppur
91. skagaströnd
92. skógar
93. snæfellsbær
94. snæfellsnes
95. sólheimar
96. stykkishólmsbær
97. stykkishólmur
98. tjörneshreppur
99. vestmannaeyjabær
100. vík
101. ásbyrgi
102. snæfellsjökull
103. vatnajökull
104. þingeyri
105. akraneskaupstaður
106. akureyrarkaupstaður
107. bakkafjörður
108. bessastaðahreppur
109. bláskógabyggð
110. bolungarvíkurkaupstaður
111. borgarbyggð
112. borgarfjarðahreppur
113. borgarfjörðureystri
114. borðeyri
115. breiðdalshreppur
116. breiðdalsvík
117. búðardalur
118. dalabyggð
119. dalvíkurbyggð
120. egilsstaðir
121. eiðar
122. eskifjörður

123. eyjafjarðarsveit
124. fjallabyggð
125. fjarðabyggð
126. fljótsdalshérað
127. flúðir
128. fáskrúðsfjörður
129. garðabær
130. garður
131. grundarfjarðarbær
132. grundarfjörður
133. hafnarfjarðarkaupstaður
134. hafnarfjörður
135. hallormsstaður
136. hvalfjarðarsveit
137. hveragerði
138. hveragerðisbær
139. hörgárbyggð
140. húnavatnshreppur
141. húnaþingvestra
142. langanesbyggð
143. neskaupsstaður
144. njarðvík
145. norðfjörður
146. norðurþing
147. patreksfjörður
148. rangárþingeystra
149. rangárþingytra
150. reykjahlíð
151. reyðarfjörður
152. sandgerði
153. sandgerðisbær
154. sauðárkrókur
155. seltjarnarneskaupstaður
156. seyðisfjarðarkaupstaður
157. seyðisfjörður
158. siglufjörður
159. skagabyggð
160. skeiða-oggnúpverjahreppur
161. skútustaðahreppur
162. strandabyggð
163. stöðvarfjörður
164. suðureyri
165. svalbardseyri

166. svalbarðshreppur
 167. svalbarðsstrandarhreppur
 168. sveitarfélagiðgarður
 169. sveitarfélagiðhornafjörður
 170. sveitarfélagiðskagafjörður
 171. sveitarfélagiðskagaströnd
 172. sveitarfélagiðvogar
 173. sveitarfélagiðálftanes
 174. sveitarfélagiðárborg
 175. sveitarfélagiðölfus
 176. súðavík
 177. súðavíkurhreppur
 178. tálknafjarðarhreppur
 179. tálknafjörður
 180. varmahlið
 181. vesturbyggð
 182. vopnafjarðarhreppur
 183. vopnafjörður
 184. ísafjarðarbær
 185. ísafjörður
 186. Ólafsfjörður
 187. Þingeyjarsveit
 188. Þingvellir
 189. Þórshöfn'
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