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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006[[1]](#footnote-1), and in particular the fifth subparagraph of Article 22(7) thereof,

Whereas:

1. Article 5(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014[[2]](#footnote-2) sets out requirements for the determination of milestones and targets for output indicators in the performance framework for the different European Structural and Investment Funds (‘ESIF funds’).
2. The requirements set out in Article 5(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 imply that the managing authorities of the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund and — in selected cases ― the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development should only report outputs against milestones and targets in the performance framework if these were delivered by operations, where all the actions leading to outputs were implemented in full.
3. To simplify reporting procedures, improve legal certainty and ensure that in the context of the performance framework the achievement of a milestone or target for an output indicator can be assessed based on the data that most accurately reflects the implementation progress, Article 5(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 should be amended to align the requirements for all ESIF funds, except for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, where all output indicators refer to operations implemented in full.
4. To make it possible for the envisaged measures to be applied promptly, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
5. The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 150(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, given that the Coordination Committee for the European Structural and Investment Funds established by Article 150(1) of that Regulation delivered an opinion.
6. Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 5(3) of the Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 is replaced by the following:

‘3. For all ESI Funds, except for the EMFF, the milestone and target for an output indicator shall refer to operations, where all the actions leading to outputs have been implemented in full, but for which not all the payments have necessarily been made, or to the values achieved by operations which have been started, but where some of the actions leading to outputs are still ongoing.

For the EMFF, the milestone and target for an output indicator shall refer only to operations, where all the actions leading to outputs have been implemented in full, but for which not all the payments have necessarily been made.’.

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,

For the Commission

The President

1. OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 of 7 March 2014 laying down rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund with regard to methodologies for climate change support, the determination of milestones and targets in the performance framework and the nomenclature of categories of intervention for the European Structural and Investment Funds (OJ L 69, 8.3.2014, p. 65). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)