

Motions and Declarations

Motion/Declaration number	To be completed by EFA Secretariat
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Name of the person introducing the Motion/Declaration to the GA	Corlienke de Jong
Member party	FNP – Frisian National Party
Title (of the Motion/Declaration)	Funding Just Transition Mechanism
<p><u>Funding of the proposed Just Transition should not be detrimental to existing European schemes for regional development</u></p> <p>Considering</p> <p>a) That the European Commission presented its European Green Deal in December 2019 (1) as a strategy aiming at the transition towards a sustainable future and low carbon economy for the whole of the EU;</p> <p>b) That the European Commission proposes the establishment of a Just Transition Fund (JTF) (2) as part of a broader Just Transition Mechanism elaborating the Sustainable European Investment Plan as part of the Green Deal, which will support EU regions most affected by the transition to a low carbon economy;</p> <p>c) That the European regions the Just Transition Fund is aiming at, have hitherto been receiving significant amounts of funding from the existing Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) as well as from additional national co-financing from the Member States involved;</p> <p>d) That the opinion is voiced by some that the existing cohesion and regional development funds shall be reduced and a budget freeze shall be applied, forcing new policies such as Just Transition to be funded from existing means;</p> <p>Of the opinion</p> <p>e) That the existing ERDF, ESF+ funding and connected national co-financing are very important for enhancing regional cohesion and development of the exact same regions JTF is aiming at;</p> <p>f) That an intense debate about reduction and determination of the total future EU budget is still ongoing among the remaining Member States after Brexit;</p> <p>g) That reduction of the existing ERDF and ESF+ funding could discourage Member State governments to provide national co-financing, thus reducing future regional funding by an extra amount or stopping regional EU schemes altogether;</p> <p>h) That the effects of above on the funding of the abovementioned European regions are still unclear and reason for concern;</p>	

the European Free Alliance calls for:

1. the EU to promote and ensure that funding of the proposed Just Transition Mechanism and Just Transition Fund should by no means be detrimental to existing ERDF and ESF+ funding for regional cohesion and development, including national means for co-financing.

(1) COM (2019) 640 final, 11.12.2019;

(2) COM (2020) 22 final / 2020/0006 (COD), 14.1.2020.