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27/04/2017 (Agence Europe) – During the European Parliament's mini-plenary session in Brussels on Thursday 27 April, MEPs adopted (470 votes in favour to 166 against with 14 abstentions) the report by **Lambert van Nistelrooij** (EPP, Netherlands) and Constanze Krehl (S&D, Germany) on the proposal for a regulation on the support programme for structural reform 2017-2020. The support programme is aimed at offering technical aid on a voluntary basis to any member state that would like to improve its administrative and institutional capacities for conducting structural reforms (see EUROPE 11678). The programme is allocated €142.8 million until 2020. The vote was welcomed by Commissioner for the Euro Valdis Dombrovskis in a press release, who says this system will be used to set up reforms that will generate a surplus of growth in the long-term. (PH)

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