

EPR EU funds webinar series: The new ESF programme

2nd November 2021 (10.00 am- 12.30 CET, Brussels time)

Online, Zoom

Background & Introduction

2021 saw the launch of the new EU Multiannual Financial Framework and the launch of the new 2021-2027 seven-year period of indirect funds programmes. The focus will be on new ESF programme and the opportunities for providers; the Youth Employment Initiative and the new ALMA (Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve) Initiative, to support young people not in any kind of employment, education or training. On this there will be a presentation and Q&A with Maria-Anna Paraskeva, Senior Policy Officer, European Commission, DG EMPL ESF+.

The Social Services Helpdesk project will also be presented, which aims to support social service providers in accessing the ESF and other funds. The last session will be an exchange among members about their experiences of ESF and recommendations for using and improving access to it, and sharing barriers to accessing ESF funding. The outcomes will feed into the work of the Helpdesk project.

Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome and introductions** (EPR Secretariat)
- 10.10 – 10.35 **Key changes in the new ESF; the Youth Employment Initiative; the ALMA Initiative for young people (Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve);** (Maria-Anna Paraskeva)
- 10.35 – 10.50 **Q&A**
- 10.50 – 11.10 **The Social Services Helpdesk Project** – overview, planned role of EPR and how members could contribute to and benefit from it. *The project consortium is still awaiting the final result of the application* (EPR Secretariat)
- 11.10 – 11.50 **Experiences with the ESF – lessons learnt and recommendations** (EPR members)
- 11.50 – 12.00 **Wrap Up and Conclusions**

Registrations

Please use the registration form you can find [here](#). The deadline to register is 29th October 2021, 12.00. Registered participants will receive a link to join the Zoom meeting later that day. We recommend joining with a headset or headphones and checking your sound in advance.

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