



EPR EU FLASH POLICY WEBINAR

WELCOME!

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

>> **Speakers:**

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>> **Introductions**

>> **Technicalities**

>> **Agenda**





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- 10.30-10.40 Welcome & Introductions**
- 10.40- 11.15 EU Funding programmes post-2020**
- 11.15- 11.50 EU recommendations**
- 11.50-12.25 Long-term unemployment**
- 12.25-12.30 Wrap up & Next Steps**



EU FUNDING PROGRAMS POST-2020 PROPOSALS



We welcome...



Overall positive feeling

ESF + refers to social inclusion

Erasmus + more funding – More funds for training

Simplification and more direct management from the EU = avoid bad use of funds and common rules between programmes

Health within ESF = ESF+ 25% (asked for 30%)

5 clear **policy objectives**: *smarter Europe, greener low carbon Europe, more connected Europe, more social Europe closer to citizens*



Challenges



Health care and social care now mixed

Merging funds is criticised - less clear alignment to Social Pillar
BUT social remains on the funding agenda.

Over focus on employment as way to inclusion- activate population.

General reference to disadvantaged groups – no clear mention of disability.

EPR Suggestions to improve proposals

- Involve beneficiaries in the process to make management easier.
- More alignment of the funding programmes with the EU priorities.
- Make sure social care, social services are clearly mentioned on ESF + not just health care.

› **What is happening in the EU?**

› Since 2017:

- › *'The biggest debate on its future for a generation'* kick started by the Commission's White Paper on the Future of Europe in 2017

› In 2019:

- › Will end with the Informal Leaders' Meeting in Sibiu, Romania on 9 May 2019, before the EP elections.

› **The budget**

- › The long-term budget by this time is decisive → needs to send out a strong message. The new EU budget will be:

- › - simpler,
- › - more flexible
- › - more focused budget (principles of prosperity, sustainability solidarity and security)

- › **29 May 2018**
European Commission's legislative proposals for spending programmes (1 of 3)

- › **6 June 2018**
European Commission's legislative proposals for spending programmes (2 of 3)

- › **12 June 2018**
European Commission's legislative proposals for spending programmes (3 of 3)

- › **28-29 June 2018**
European Council meeting, Brussels

- › **2-5 July 2018**
European Parliament plenary

- › **10-13 September 2018**
European Parliament plenary

- › **20 September 2018**
Informal European Council, Vienna, Austria

- › **1-4 October 2018**
European Parliament plenary

- › **18-19 October 2018**
European Council meeting, Brussels

- › **22-25 October 2018**
European Parliament plenary

- › **13-14 December 2018**
European Council meeting, Brussels

- › **21-22 March 2019**
European Council meeting, Brussels

- › **9 May 2019**
EU leaders' summit, Sibiu, Romania

- › **23-26 May 2019**
European elections

➤ FOCUS ON CERTAIN PROGRAMMES



Erasmus+



30 bill EUR

- **Doubled budget** from current funding period (2014-2020)
- Reach out to **more beneficiaries** specially young people but also adults, learners in VET.
- Reach out to people from **ALL social backgrounds**
- **Mobility and cooperation** with third countries
- **Improved online tools** for the programme
- Re designate national agencies in charge
- **More coherence** between different countries: simplified and reduced reporting

➤ FOCUS ON CERTAIN PROGRAMMES



100 bill EUR



- **Increased 20 bill** from current funding period (2014-2020)
- **Research & Innovation in the social sector** to be supported
- Health, Inclusive & Secure society (access to fundamental rights, socio-economic transformations contributing to inclusion), Digital skills improvement and Mobility.
- **Simplified processes** for reporting and reimbursements
- **More flexibility** in funds allocation and costs claims

FOCUS ON CERTAIN PROGRAMMES

RIGHTS AND VALUES



> 600 Mill EUR



- Previously Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme and the Europe for Citizens programme → Simplification of 3 programmes

- 3 strands:

1. Protecting & promoting the rights of PWD; Combating inequalities & discrimination
2. Promoting democratic participation & cultural heritage
3. Fight violence against “groups at risk”, i.e. including PWD

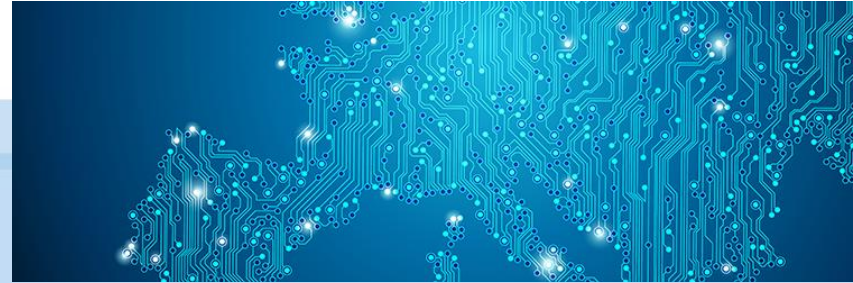
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DIGITAL EUROPE



NEW FUND 9.2 bill EUR

- Implementation of EC Communication on Transformation of Health and Care in the Digital Single Market
- **Further education for employers & employees**
- Digital networks cooperation and synergies between sectors
- **Digital tools to access social services** & improve citizens engagement
- Digital skills counts with 700 Mill EUR
- Wide use of technologies across society and economy 1.3 billion EUR



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ESF +



100 BILL EUR



Investing in people
European Social Fund

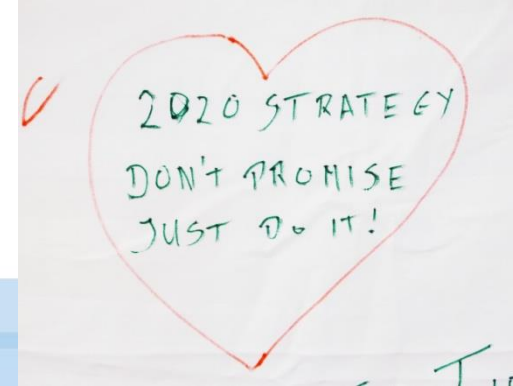
- **5 programmes merged:** ESF, Youth Employment Initiative, Employment & Social Innovation EaSI, Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived FEAD and EU Health programme.
- Aligned with EU policies in **social, health and employment sector**
- Increased alignment to the **European Semester**
- Aligned to the European Pillar of Social Rights
- Increased relevance of **Social Innovation**
- 761 million EUR to Employment & Social – **25% social inclusion**
- 413 million EUR to Health
- Participation and capacity building of social partners and non profits

INITIAL THOUGHTS?

DISCUSSIONS IN YOUR COUNTRY?

NEXT STEPS

EUROPEAN SEMESTER SPRING PACKAGE



>> REMINDER <<

>> What is EUROPE 2020

- strategy on growth and jobs (smart, sustainable & inclusive)
- targets: employment (+75%), education, poverty (-20 mill)

>> What is the EUROPEAN SEMESTER – main tool for its implementation= dialogue between the European Commission and Member States.

AGS presented in Leuven sets topics for Country Specific Recommendations issued now for the year to come.



EUROPEAN SEMESTER: ANNUAL GROWTH SURVEY 2018

AGS 2018

- > **Why is the AGS important?** → Sets priorities of work/action in the EU for the next year



What does that imply?

Basis for recommendations for 2018
per country = **CSRs** (May)



Funding

– Topics for Call for proposals =
Projects



EUROPEAN SEMESTER: **SPRING PACKAGE** COUNTRY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

What's new this year on the CSRs?

- 2018 - building on European Pillar of Social Rights
- 3 dimensions: > equal opportunities & access to labour market.
 - >> fair working conditions
 - >>> social protection & inclusion
- Focus : skills, social safety nets' adequacy, social dialogue.
- European Commission dialogue with not for profits - Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth (Astangu, Once, Heliomare)
- 2017 recommendations on social issues 50% - 2018 59%

Criticisms: references to employment refer to activation – NOT quality of employment.

Few references to vulnerable groups



> EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

>> REMINDER <<

The European Pillar of Social Rights

initiative for social policy in the EU proclaimed in November 2017 to respond to:

- New forms of work
- Increasing inequalities and poverty
- Demographic ageing

To recover from the stopped social process during socio-economic crisis.

20 principles divided on **3 chapters**:

- Chapter I: equal opportunities and access to labour market (1. education, training and life-long learning/3. equal treatment/ 4. active support to employment)
- Chapter II: fair working conditions
- Chapter III: social protection inclusion (16. Health care/ 17. Inclusion for PWD/ 18. LTC)

EUROPEAN SEMESTER: **SPRING PACKAGE**

Belgium 2017

- Ensure most disadvantaged groups, including people w migrant background, equal access to quality education, vocational training, labour market
- Increase digital technologies

Some progress

vocational training, quality of education reforms, labour market with regard to disadvantaged groups, communities are phasing in major school reforms BUT not in accessing the labour market.

2018

- Increase in long-term care expenditure
- Remove disincentives to work and stronger active labour market policies for low-skilled, people with migrant background and older workers. Pursue education and training reforms by fostering equity



EUROPEAN SEMESTER: SPRING PACKAGE

Estonia 2017

Reduce the gender pay
gap

Some progress but not enough

2018

Improve the social safety net for older people and people with disabilities.
Reduce the gender pay gap by improving wage transparency in the private
sector. Promote research and innovation;

EUROPEAN SEMESTER: **SPRING PACKAGE**

Germany 2017

Accelerate public investment at all levels of government, especially in education and research.

Transitions to standard employment

Limited progress

2018

- Improve educational outcomes and skills levels of disadvantaged groups.
- Promote higher wage growth, while respecting the role of the social partners.
- Upward trend in public and private investment, and in particular on education, research and innovation at all levels of government, notably at regional and municipal levels.

EUROPEAN SEMESTER: **SPRING PACKAGE**

Italy 2017

Reforms of public employment, taxes
Ensure effective active labour market policies. Facilitate the take-up of work for second earners

Limited progress

2018

- Reduce the share of old-age pensions in public spending to create space for other social spending.
- Increase the efficiency and quality of local public services.
- Ensure equal access to effective job-search assistance and training. Encourage labour market participation of women through a comprehensive strategy, rationalising family support policies and increasing the coverage of childcare facilities.
- Increase participation in vocational-oriented tertiary education.

EUROPEAN SEMESTER: **SPRING PACKAGE**

Spain 2017

- Reinforce the coordination between regional employment services, social services and employers, to better respond to jobseekers' and employers' needs.
- Include access to quality childcare

Limited progress

2018

Ensure that employment and social services have the capacity to provide effective support for jobseekers, better cooperation with employers.

- Improve family support.
- Reduce early school leaving and regional disparities in educational outcomes, in particular by better supporting students and teachers.
- Mitigate existing skills mismatches between business and education.



EUROPEAN SEMESTER: **SPRING PACKAGE**

The Netherlands 2017

- Tackle remaining barriers to hiring staff on permanent contracts
- Promote higher real wage growth

Limited progress

2018

- Reduce the incentives to use temporary contracts and self-employed without employees, while promoting adequate social protection for the self-employed, and tackle self-employment.
- Create conditions to promote higher wage growth, respecting the role of the social partners.

EUROPEAN SEMESTER: **SPRING PACKAGE**

Concrete recommendations on:

- **Housing**
- **Child poverty** (Spain had on 2017)
- Positive feedback from last year regarding fiscal consolidation
- **Negative feedback on Long-Term Care** not addressed by national governments and only from a cost perspective.
- **Social issues** are punctual references we will keep trying for them to be streamlined
- **Inclusive education** more mentioned than before BUT not reference to PWD
- European Commission asks us for data

LONG TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Public Consultation – Deadline 31st of July 2018

>> e-Bulletin

Joint response with EPR Members

QUIZ

➤ KEY ELEMENTS - WHAT HAVE GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO?

Encouraging registration with employment service.

Ensuring all persons long-term unemployed are offered in-depth individual assessment and guidance

Offering “job integration agreements”
single point of contact

Improving employer involvement

➤ WHAT HAVE GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO?

Job offers after 18 months of unemployment inform about job offers in other EU countries, provide relevant **services for job integration validation of non-formal and informal learning;**

Integration agreement could cover: Rehabilitation, counselling & guidance; education; VET; work experience; social support; early childhood education & care; health and long-term care services; debt-counselling; housing and transport support.

Partnerships will be supported

WHAT IS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON LTU?

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS!

WHAT'S NEXT & WRAP UP



- Advocacy work together with Social Platform and Social Services Europe on the funding programmes proposals.
- **Elections 2019 Your vision for Europe:** How do local and national non profit working in the social field see the European Union, what are the priorities by the Social Platform. **Deadline 30 August 2018.**
- Accessibility Act - September

EPR:

- Employment paper
- Focus Skills paper on trends and digital skills
- Report from Webinar and...

Thank you!

