



# European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

Support to children

Contribution to the European Child Guarantee

# Scope

## The ESF + aims to:



help tackling the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic



achieve high employment levels, especially for youth



ensure social inclusion



contribute to poverty eradication in particular for children



grow a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy



# ESF+ Architecture

**European Social Fund**  
*(shared management)*

**ESF**

**FEAD**

**Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived**  
*(shared management)*

**YEI**

**Youth Employment Initiative**  
*(shared management)*

**EaSI**

**European Programme for Employment  
and Social Innovation**  
*(direct management)*



# Budget

**ESF + total budget 2021- 2027**  
**€99,3 billion** *(2018 prices)*

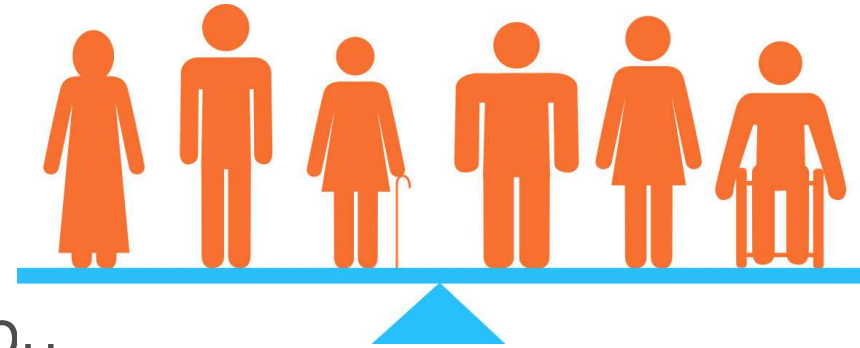
**ESF+ shared management      €87.3 billion**

Outermost Regions/NSPA €473 million

Transnational cooperation €175 million

**ESF+ direct management      € 676 million**  
- Employment and Social Innovation strand

# Horizontal principles



- Mainstream and targeted actions to support...
  - gender equality
  - equal opportunities
  - non-discrimination
- Promote the transition from residential/ institutional care to family and community-based care.
- The ESF+ should not support any action that contributes to segregation or to social exclusion.
- **NEW Art. 6a CPR (ESF+ sh. Man. Strand) and Art. 29a (EaSI strand)**

## Policy Objective 4 - A More Social & Inclusive Europe – Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

### EMPLOYMENT

- (a) Access to employment of all jobseekers
- (b) Modernising labour market institutions and services
- (c) Gender-balanced labour market participation, work/life balance,
- (d) well-adapted working environment, adaptation of workers & enterprises, active & healthy ageing

### EDUCATION TRAINING

- (e) Improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems
- (f) Promoting equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education
- (g) Lifelong learning, upskilling, anticipating change and new skills requirements

Contribution to  
"Smarter Europe"  
"Greener Europe"

### SOCIAL INCLUSION

- (h) Active inclusion
- (i) Socio-integration of TCNs incl. migrants
- (j) socio-eco integration of marginalised communities e.g. Roma
- (k) access to services; social protection healthcare systems and long term care
- (l) Social integration of people at risk of poverty;
- (m) material deprivation

Horizontal principles



# Thematic Concentration requirements

*For all Member States*



Social Inclusion  
at least 25%



Support to the  
most deprived  
at least 3%



Co-financing  
rate of 90% for  
support to MD





# Thematic Concentration requirements



## Support to youth employment - at least 12.5%

- Applicable to MS with a NEET rate above the EU average (2017-2019)
- All other MS: *“an appropriate amount”*  
+ Commission statement

## Support to tackling child poverty – at least 5%

- Applicable to MS with an AROPE benchmark above the EU average (2017 – 2019)
- All other MS: *“an appropriate amount”*.  
+ Commission statement



## Support to the capacity building of social partners and civil society – at least 0.25%

- Applicable to MS with a CSR in this area
- All other MS: *“an appropriate amount”*.



# ESF+ support to children (1)

## ➤ Education and training

- support to increase access and completion to all levels of education and training
- targeted outreach and support to individual learners
- increasing the accessibility of higher education to persons of disadvantaged background.

## ➤ Services, social protection and healthcare

- actions aimed at improving accessibility of products and services, including services for children such as childcare services;
- fostering equal access to affordable healthcare to benefit vulnerable groups;
- support the transition from institutional care to independent living community-based services for parentless children and children with disabilities.

## ESF+ support to children (2)

### ➤ **Social inclusion**

- measures promoting the social integration of children at risk of poverty and social exclusion
- innovative actions and experimentation aimed at promoting the social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion

### ➤ **Material deprivation**

- food assistance, including lunches at school
- basic material assistance, e.g. basic educational materials such as school bags and stationery

### ➤ **Education and training systems**

- the modernisation of education and training sectors
- the development of the competences of education staff

### ➤ **Fighting child poverty through bringing parents back to work**

## **ERDF support to children and children's services**

- Infrastructure in education, employment, housing and health
- DI: transition from institutional to small, community-based and family care
- Building/extension of/ access to services: transport, e-services, equipment, assisted housing...
- Regeneration of deprived urban and rural areas; tackling segregation
- Inclusive, non-segregating facilities and services
- No renovation of institutional facilities or parallel services
- A close link with ESF+

# Thank you



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