



European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) support for the implementation of the Child guarantee

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THEMATIC AREAS (ESF+, ERDF)

A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

EMPLOYMENT

**EDUCATION,
TRAINING**

**SOCIAL
INCLUSION**

HEALTH

Horizontal principles: Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, equality between men and women, non-discrimination etc.

Contribution to Smarter Europe; Greener, low-carbon Europe

Policy objective 4, ERDF



❖ **LABOUR MARKET** (Art 3(d)(i) ERDF/CF Regulation)

4.1: enhancing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy;

❖ **EDUCATION AND TRAINING** (Art 3(d)(ii) ERDF/CF Regulation)

4.2: improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training;

❖ **SOCIAL INCLUSION** (Art 3(d)(iii) ERDF/CF Regulation)

4.3: promoting the socioeconomic inclusion of marginalised communities, low income households and disadvantaged groups including people with special needs, through integrated actions, including housing and social services;

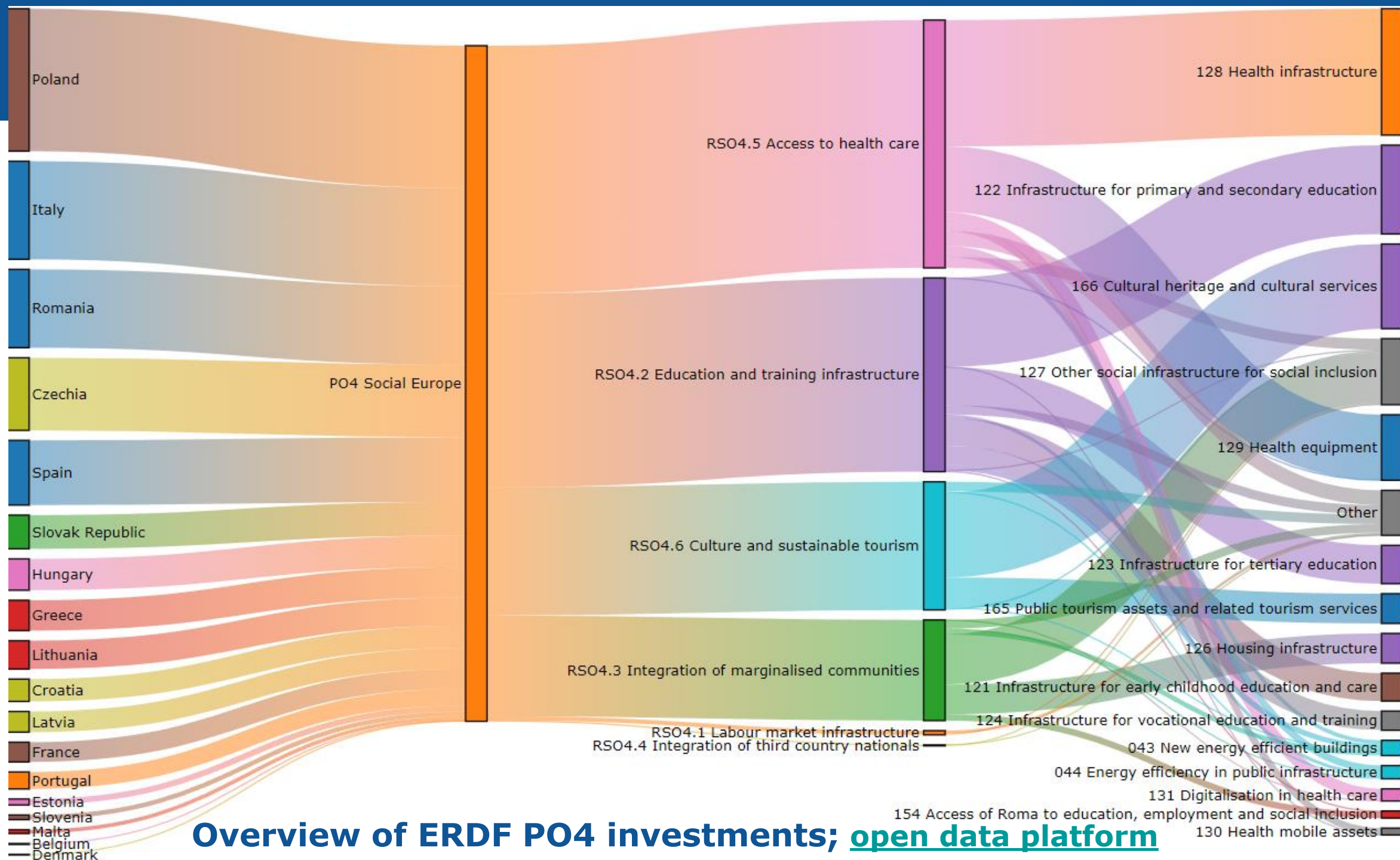
4.4: promoting the socio-economic integration of third country nationals, including migrants through integrated actions, including housing and social services (Art 3(d)(iv) ERDF/CF Regulation)

❖ **HEALTH** (Art 3(d)(v) ERDF/CF Regulation)

4.5: ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care;

❖ **CULTURE AND TOURISM** (Art 3(d)(vi) ERDF/CF Regulation)

4.6. enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation.



Overview of ERDF PO4 investments; [open data platform](#)

Contribution of ERDF to the implementation of the European Child Guarantee (I)



- investments in **infrastructure development, equipment and access to mainstream quality services** in education, employment, housing, social, health and child care.
- ❖ **early childhood education and care**: investments in **early childhood education and care**, as well as in the workplaces (e.g. kindergartens, crèches, day care).
- ❖ **education and school-based activities**: investments in **school and out-of-school** infrastructure and equipment; providing conditions for **digital education**, including access to **internet**, purchase of **digital equipment** and **e-learning applications and platforms for schools**; supporting services in order to build inclusive education (e.g. **school bus**, **extending the capacity of the mainstream schools**).
- ❖ **healthcare**: investments in access to **healthcare services**, with a particular focus on **primary care**; **integration of care between all levels of care**, as well as social care; **digitalisation of health services** (e-health).
- ❖ **adequate housing**: investments to help the families by supporting **non-segregated social housing**, namely, **individual apartments for individuals/families** in the mainstream community (**also in the scope of desegregation measures**), supporting the **transition from institutional to non-residential family- and community-based care** for institutionalised children

When investing in infrastructure, **ERDF funding should not be used to build institutional care settings, and infrastructures for segregated/parallel services** ([Commission Staff Working Document Accompanying the document “Proposal for a Council Recommendation establishing a European Child Guarantee”, SWD\(2021\) 62 final](#), page 39)

Contribution of ERDF to the implementation of the European Child Guarantee (II)



- In order to respond to the complex needs of vulnerable children **an integrated approach** needs to be implemented in the design of investments. Measures should aim at covering multiple areas of focus of the European Child Guarantee in a complementary manner. **The ERDF and European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) can be used jointly by combining investments in infrastructure developments (ERDF) with service and human capacity developments (ESF+) to maximize the impact of the support.**
- The ESF+ and ERDF contribute to **public service reforms** to improve the access and availability of education, housing, social and healthcare services for children in need, such as children with disabilities, Roma children, children deprived from parental care etc.

The needs of vulnerable groups can be also addressed through **territorial instruments** which provide for the possibility of designing place-sensitive response to local challenges with strong involvement of local actors.

Main features for Cohesion Policy support for integrated territorial development:

- ❖ Interventions should be part of **territorial or local strategies** under the responsibility of relevant territorial authorities or bodies
- ❖ Locally coordinated interventions through an **integrated approach** (cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder, multi-territorial)
- ❖ Relevant **local or territorial bodies involved** in project selection
- ❖ **Partnership with relevant actors** to be ensured at local level

Territorial instruments:

- ❖ ITI
- ❖ CLLD
- ❖ SUD

Contribution of ERDF to the implementation of the European Child Guarantee (III)



Projects could contain the following elements:

- **be embedded in a national/regional/local policy framework** which addresses the social exclusion of children (such as based on individual needs assessment, mapping of available infrastructure and services) and the related local plans to implement this framework
- **ensure the provision of equal access to quality and inclusive mainstream services** in education, housing, social and health care for children in need
- address the complex needs by **developing measures in an integrated manner** in the areas of education, housing, social and health care (e.g. address the need of the vulnerable children but also support their families, community)
- **engage broad range of relevant stakeholders at the local level and local community** in the design and implementation of the project
- **combine investments in infrastructure developments (ERDF) with service and human capacity developments (ESF+)**
- ensure that the needs of the children with disabilities and children deprived from parental care are addressed by **supporting non-residential community - and family-based services, foster families** etc.
- explore the **possibilities of different national and EU funding sources** to support the projects and **ensure the financial sustainability of the projects in a medium and long-term.**

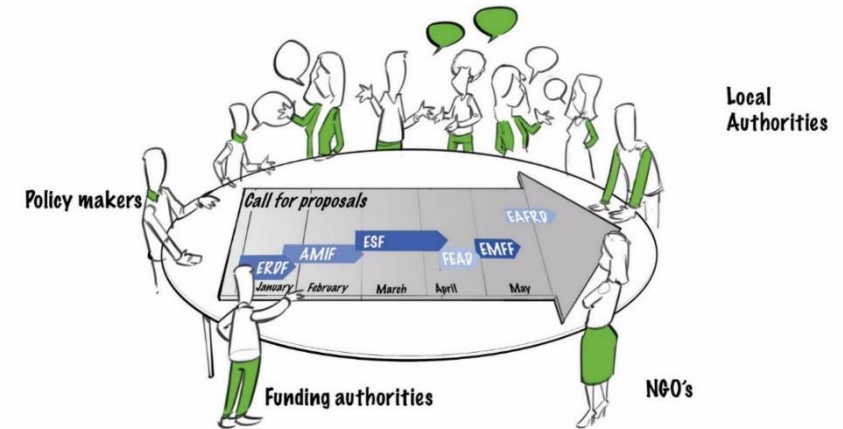
Mainstream vs. targeted approach

- **Mainstream actions** should not exclude facilitating access to marginalized communities to mainstream services + **targeted actions** should not contribute to further segregation of Roma communities
 - Targeted actions are part of the mainstream action:
 - Example: mobile health screening buses for outreach services in Roma neighborhoods (**targeted**), as part of the nationwide health screening program (**mainstream**)
 - Targeted actions ensuring access to mainstream services
 - Example: school buses carry children living in marginalized areas (**targeted**) to mainstream, inclusive schools (**mainstream**)
- Mainstream actions include targeted actions to ensure equal access for Roma communities
 - Example: Refurbishment of primary schools (**mainstream**) include desegregation measures of Roma schools (**targeted**)
 - *Indicators:* e.g. number of desegregated schools

Examples of indicators

- X number of families relocated
- X number of children moved to mainstream schools
- X volume of capacity increased in mainstream schools
- X number of segregated schools that were closed down

Useful links



- Final texts of 2021-2027 CPR, ERDF, ESF+ regulations: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2021:231:FULL&from=EN>
- [How to access EU funds?](#)
- **ERDF** ([website](#)) support [in your country](#); [project examples](#); [publications](#); **[programmes](#)**
- Shared management → call for proposals are published by [managing authorities](#)
- [Open Data Platform](#) (by theme, country, fund)
- [4th MEETING of the EXPERT GROUP ON THE CPR FUNDS \(CPR EXPERT GROUP\) 22 June 2022](#); [ERDF](#) and [ESF+](#) PPT presentations

Thank you!