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EU funding opportunities for social
services



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European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020

Key features:

- Contributing to Europe 2020 strategy and objectives for smart sustainable and inclusive growth
- Concentration
- Integrated approach
- Ex-ante conditionality for effectiveness
- Result orientation
- Alignment with Country Specific recommendations



Funding opportunities for social services

Europe 2020: jobs & growth

smart

sustainable

inclusive

ESIF – Thematic objectives 2014-2020

1. Research, technological development and innovation
2. ICT access, use and quality
3. Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
4. Shift towards a low-carbon economy
5. Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
6. Environmental protection and resource efficiency
7. Sustainable transport and key network infrastructure
8. Sustainable and Quality Employment and labour mobility
9. Social inclusion, combating poverty and discrimination
10. Education, training for skills and lifelong learning
11. Institutional capacity and efficiency of public administration

ESIF – relevant ex-ante conditionalities

General ex-ante conditionality

•Anti-discrimination

- Administrative capacity for the implementation and application of EU antidiscrimination law and policy in the field of ESI Funds

•Thematic conditionality for Social inclusion, combating poverty and discrimination

•National strategic policy framework for poverty reduction

- ... depending on the identified needs, includes measures for the shift from institutional to community based care.
- Thematic: investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning
- Early school leaving

- Requirements to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities (horizontal principle and direct investments)



ERDF

ERDF member states' expenditure in current programming period 2007-2013:

- *Social infrastructures: education-, health-, childcare-, housing infrastructure (17,9 billion EUR)*
- *Education infrastructure: childcare, preschool, primary, secondary, tertiary education (8,4 billion EUR)*
- **Alignment with the most important trends and needs:**
 - Demographic change
 - Territorial inequalities
- *Shift to the community-based care*



ESF

ESF minimum share for the first time in the history of cohesion policy:

- **23.1% ESF minimum share**

Rationale: ensure MS have sufficient resources to achieve the employment, social and education targets and objectives of Europe 2020

- **Earmarking for social inclusion: 20% at national level**



ESF – Thematic priorities

Thematic objective “Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination”:

- promoting **active inclusion, equal opportunities** and improving the employability
- supporting **socio-economic integration of marginalised communities** including Roma
- **fighting discrimination**
- improving **access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services**, including health and social services
- **promoting social entrepreneurship** and vocational integration in social enterprises and the social and solidarity economy in order to facilitate access to employment



ESF – Thematic priorities

Thematic objective “investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and life-long learning”:

- Reducing and **preventing early school-leaving** and promoting equal access to good quality early-childhood, primary and secondary education
- Improving the **quality and efficiency of, and access to, tertiary and equivalent education**, especially for disadvantaged groups
- Enhancing **equal access to lifelong learning** for all age groups in formal, non-formal and informal settings, upgrading the knowledge, skills and competences of the workforce
- Improving the **labour market relevance of education and training systems**, facilitating the transition from education to work, and strengthening vocational education and training systems and their quality



ESF – Thematic priorities

Thematic objective “Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration”:

- Investment in **institutional capacity** and in the efficiency of **public administrations and public services** at the national, regional and local levels with a view to reforms, better regulation and good governance
- **Capacity building for all stakeholders** delivering education, lifelong learning, training and employment and social policies, including through sectoral and territorial pacts to mobilise for reform at the national, regional and local levels.



Employment and social innovation programme

The [Employment and Social Innovation \(EaSI\) programme](#) is a financing instrument at EU level to promote a high level of quality and sustainable employment, guaranteeing adequate and decent social protection, combating social exclusion and poverty and improving working conditions.



EASI – Progress axis

3 thematic sections:

- [employment](#), in particular to fight youth unemployment;
- [social protection, social inclusion](#) and the reduction and prevention of [poverty](#);
- [working conditions](#).

Objectives:

- Develop and disseminate high-quality comparative analytical knowledge.
- Facilitate effective and inclusive information-sharing, mutual learning and dialogue.
- Provide financial support to test [social and labour market policy innovations](#).
- Provide organisations with financial support to increase their capacity to develop, promote and support the implementation of EU instruments and policies.



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