

The European Social Fund Plus







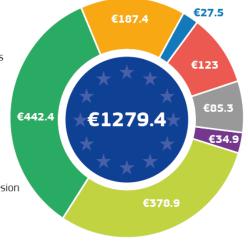


In billion euro, current prices



I. SINGLE MARKET, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL

- 1 Research and Innovation
- 2 European Strategic Investments
- 3 Single Market
- 4 Space





V. SECURITY AND DEFENCE

- 12 Security
- 13 Defence
- 14 Crisis Response



II. COHESION AND VALUES

- **5** Regional Development and Cohesion
- **6** Economic and Monetary Union
- **7** Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values



VI. NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE WORLD

- 15 External Action
- 16 Pre-Accession Assistance



III. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

- 8 Agriculture and Maritime Policy
- 9 Environment and Climate Action



IV. MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

- 10 Migration
- **11** Border Management



VII. EUROPEAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

17 European Public Administration

Source: European Commission







The ESF+: 5 funds coming together

European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

social inclusion (ESF)

Employment, education and

Support to the most Deprived (FEAD) Experimentation (EaSI)

EU priority actions /

Health



Shared Management (In)direct Management





Why include the Health Programme?

- Close link between health and social issues
- ESF+ as the main EU instrument to implement the European Pillar of Social Rights (including its health aspects)
- To better address health aspects in social spending where relevant (and vice versa)
- Better coherence, complementarity and synergies between support mechanisms



ESF+ 2021-2027



European Social Fund PlusSupport to the most deprived

€100 Billion at least 4%

Employment and Social Innovation strand

€761 Million

Health strand

€413 million

Total Budget

€101,2 Billion





Structure of the ESF+ Regulation

- Part I General provisions (applicable to all)
- Part II Implementation under the ESF+ strand under shared management
- Part III Implementation under direct and indirect management
- Part IV Final provisions
- Annexes









Specific objectives of the ESF+

EU Pillar of Social Rights 11 + 1 specific objectives in the areas of

- Employment / equal access to the labour market
- Education and training
- Social inclusion
- Health (health promotion, disease prevention, health care systems, safety of healthcare, reduction of health inequalities, protection against cross-border health threats)

Horizontal principles

Gender equality

Equal opps

Non discrimination

Contribution to "Smarter Europe" "Greener Europe"



European Commission







ESF+ shared management - links with health

- Stronger alignment with the European Semester: Appropriate amount of ESF+ resources under shared management to support CSRs and challenges under the EU Semester
- Enabling conditions (including one on health) monitored during the whole period
- Innovative actions: higher co-financing for social innovation / social experimentation
- Upscaling of new approaches tested under direct management





Complementarity with other funds

- Ensuring <u>coordination</u>, <u>complementarity</u> and <u>coherence</u> between the ESF+ and other Union funds or programmes.
- Avoid duplication of effort

How?

 Authorities of relevant programmes should be involved in the preparation and implementation of ESF+ programmes.

e.g The ESF can be used to top-up support by Erasmus, for instance, for students with a disadvantaged background







Direct management Strands: EaSI and Health Strand

- Operational objectives (article 23 for EaSI, article 26 for Health)
- Eligible activities: analytical activities, policy implementation, capacity building, communication and dissemination
- Geographical coverage: broader than shared management (going beyond MS)



Common provisions for the EaSI and Health strands - Art. 30-37

In addition to the rules specific for each programme, some common rules are also established concerning:

- Participation of associated third countries
- Forms of funding and methods of implementation: under the FR
- Work programme and coordination
- Monitoring and reporting, evaluation
- Protection of the financial interests of the Union
- Audit
- Information, communication and publicity





Health strand - implementation

Commission assisted by Health Authorities of Member States

- Main interlocutor: Steering Group for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Upstream and more interactive/productive consultations compared to current arrangements









Final provisions - Art. 38-43

- The comitology committee for the ESF+ shared management strand is the one established by the future CPR
- ESF+ committee under Art. 163 TFEU for all ESF+ strands (incl. working groups for the different strands)





THANK YOU FOR LISTENING



Our social funds are indispensable bricks in the new architecture of the EU budget, to empower people, make sure they can make the best out of our changing world of work, and accompany those who need it most.

Marianne Thyssen

