



Inclusive Activation

Supporting the social inclusion of people furthest from the labour market

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Session 1

Policies and tools for inclusive activation

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FACES OF JOBLESSNESS A PEOPLE-CENTRED PERSPECTIVE ON EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS AND POLICIES

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BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES

Who is "vulnerable" or "disadvantaged"?

- Circumstances of jobless are often complex
- But this is not systematically reflected
 - in policy debates, or in the statistics that feed into policy
 - in categories such as Youth, Older workers, Benefit recipients say little about the problems that people face.
 Eg., "being young is not a barrier"

→ Need people-centred info on labour-market barriers to map out integration challenges for "vulnerable":

- Who are they ?
- What employment barriers do they face ?
- What **policy levers** to tackle those barriers ?





Faces of Joblessness

Linking policy debates with circumstances "on the ground"





Who is "furthest from the labour market"?



Who is "furthest from the labour market"?



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What difficulties? A typology of employment barriers



Work-related capabilities

- Education / skills
- Work experience
- Health problems
- Care
 responsibilities



Motivation / Incentives

- Out-of-work
 benefits
- Tax burdens on inwork earnings
- Non-labour incomes
- Earnings of other family members



Opportunities

- Cyclical labourmarket weakness
- Limited hiring in relevant labourmarket segment (eg, region, education)

Adapted from Immervoll and Scarpetta, 2012

Employment barriers Incidence across countries

% of individuals with potential labour market difficulties



Links to all studies are in final slide.



■ 4 or more barriers ■ 3 barriers ■ 2 barriers ■ single barrier ■ No major barrier



Sources: Australia, Estonia, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain: OECD project "Faces of Joblessness". Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania: World Bank project "Portraits of Labor Market Exclusion". Links to all studies are in final slide.





Complex circumstances... and their policy implication Themes in the policy dialogue



"Future of work": An increasing need to support the with volatile employment?



Employment-oriented support is crucial ... but already its reach can be minimal

On average, fewer than one in three jobseekers receive unemployment benefits

Coverage among 'jobseekers' (unemployed plus discouraged workers)

ILO unemployed

discouraged



Source: OECD 2018, "Unemployment-benefit coverage: Recent trends and their drivers", in: OECD Employment Outlook.



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Links & further information: OECD Faces of Joblessness: All country studies World Bank results for further countries Unemployment-benefit coverage: Recent trends and their drivers Connecting People with Good Jobs www.oecd.org/social/benefits-and-wages.htm Skills and Work Investing in Youth Ageing and Employment Policy Displaced Workers Mental Health and Work



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• Initially a 2-year project 2016/2017, innovative partnership:



- Unified method and broadly similar process / outputs
- Extensions @OECD: eg Australia, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania
- Main findings
 - employment difficulties very different across countries & groups
 - indicates different needs for support, even in demographically similar population segments ("older workers", "youth", "mothers")
 - ✓ traditional ways of presenting LM statistics cannot capture this
 - ✓ large majority face **multiple barriers**
 - existing programmes sometimes of right type but poor access, coordination







Existing **high-level** labour-market indicators contain little information on relevant employment barriers...

- ▲ standard breakdowns (age, sex, ...)
- ▲ no clear link with problems to be addressed ("being young is not a barrier")
- ▲ largely individual-based, little family context

Existing **in-depth** profiling systems designed for needs of specific process / institution (e.g., PES)...

- A generally not used for higher-level policy dialogue
- \triangle may not capture circumstances relevant for key policy

areas, eg. care responsibilities, incentives

▲ miss big parts of jobless, eg. only registered unemployed



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SERVICE INTEGRATION TO SUPPORT MINIMUM INCOME RECIPIENTS: SUCCESS FACTORS AND BARRIERS

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 Potential benefits (aims) and success factors of service integration

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- Barriers to integrating services
- Worth the effort?
 Costs and benefits of service integration







REFORM EPISODES IN 12 (16) COUNTRIES

| Achievement of objectives | Federal government | Unitary government with strong local autonomy | Unitary government with weak local autonomy |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|
| Less successful (in some outcome) | Austria, Switzerland | Denmark, Flanders (Belgium), Norway | Poland, Portugal, Romania |
| More successful | Germany | Basque Region (Spain), Finland, France, Netherlands, Vienna (Austria) | Ireland, Slovenia, United Kingdom |





POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND SUCCESS FACTORS 1

- Better response to multidimensional problems:
 - can offer
 wider range of services
 in coordinated way
- focus on services often needed in combination
- cautious about size of integration effort

- incentives for cooperation across units, esp in referral
- Better access to services:
 - easier to navigate system •
 - may be less stigmatising
- broaden target group
 (?)





POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND SUCCESS FACTORS 2

- More effective activation:

 (income support + encourage active job search)
 job search conditions +
 counselling and ALMP
- Better management:

better flow of information, synergies between services, pool fragmented resources, scale economies Clear, efficient allocation of roles between agencies

- High quality IT to enable exchange of information
- Well designed
 performance
 incentives
 (+performance
 measures)





POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND SUCCESS FACTORS 3

- Inspire innovation: more opportunity for interaction of experts from various backgrounds; greater scope to test new, innovative approaches
- good incentives for cooperation across units

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combine strong performance management with more local autonomy (?)





BARRIERS IN THE GOAL SETTING AND DESIGN PHASE

- Easily politicized via links to sensitive issues: activation, benefit fraud, municipal autonomy
- Political disunity can block reforms, but crisis or consensual political culture can help (De, No)
- Lacking cross-party consensus over direction of integration reform can lead to failure (At)
- Fragmented initial institutional setup can hamper successful design if goals are too ambitious (No)
- Need considerable design and implementation capacity and time – overall quality of governance (PI)





- Initial institutional conditions matter
- Fragmented institutional setup may be overcome by: local expertise, tradition of cooperation, prior consultation with s'holders, staff training
- Limited evidence on many design issues (toolkit) need monitoring, pilots and rigorous evaluations
- Important to allow sufficient time for implementation ...
- ... though time pressure may not lead to failure if there's local expertise (De, Dk, Es) political pressure (Si)





COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

- results from four countries: Dk, De, Si, BC/Es
- few well-documented reforms, esp on cost of prereform system (municipal, fragmented)

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- reform often broader: activation, benefit design etc – impact?
- few reforms generate net gains in short run (BC/Es), no significant gains (De, Dk, Si)
- BUT: setup costs usually modest (cc. 1/8 of annual costs of PES in De)





Thank you for your attention

Further information:

• Research report

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http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=8148&furtherPubs=yes

• Practitioners' checklist

http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=8147&furtherPubs=yes

INTEGRATING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION OF MINIMUM INCOME RECIPIENTS

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PRACTITIONERS' CHECKLIST

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Results: impact on employment and poverty

| | reduced poverty | did not reduce poverty |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| improved employment outcomes | BC(ES), DE, FI, FR, IE | NL, UK |
| no evidence of improved employment outcomes | V (AT) | BE, DK, NO , PL, SI , CH, PT |

Employment outcomes depend on

- adjustment of staff in order to keep caseloads at a manageable level
- improvements in the exchange of information

Poverty outcomes may improve despite the tightening of activation





Practival value of the project: pathways and policy transfer

| EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT | NO/AD-HOC COOPERATION | PARTIAL COOPERATION | INTEGRATED SERVICES |
|-----------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| LOWER HALF | (1) BG, CZ, EL, HR, HU, LT, LV, RO, SK (2) IT, PL | (1) SI | |
| UPPER HALF | (1) (2) CH | (1) CY, EE, IE, IS, LU, MT, PT, SE (2) AT, BE, FR, NL | (1) DK, ES, FI, NO (2) DE |








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Rising to the NEET Challenge: Effectiveness of action to integrate disadvantaged youth

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Today

- Global Overview of young "NEETs" young people who are Neither in Employment, Education nor Training
- The response in Europe The Youth
 Guarantee

Some reflections on Outreach: reaching the 'hard to reach'?



A shift in focus of youth employment policy

- From Youth Unemployment to NEET (Not in Employment or in Education and Training)
 - Broadens the focus to include also the inactive a number of implications
- In Europe Youth Guarantee; but also globally
 SDG indicator (8.b.1)

What does NEET mean?





NEET – predominantly affects young women



- The proportion of young people neither employment nor in education 0 (NEET) has reached 22% world-wide: three-quarters of young NEETs are women.
- Women are disproportionally affected in emerging (80.3%) and \bigcirc developing (66.1%) countries.



Global Overview of NEET (M&F, 15-24)



Ratio of female to male NEET rates (15-24)



Implications

- Greater emphasis on gender gaps and issues
- Need to think about outreach and activation also in youth employment policy
- NEET is highly heterogeneous need a range of tailored policy solutions within a comprehensive framework

The response in Europe: The Youth Guarantee

In April 2013, the Council of the European Union adopted a Recommendation on "Establishing a Youth Guarantee (YG) that asks Member States to:

"ensure that all young people under the age of 25 years receive a **goodquality offer** of <u>employment</u>, <u>continued education</u>, an <u>apprenticeship</u> or a <u>traineeship</u> **within a period of four months** of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education". The response in Europe: The Youth Guarantee (II)

- Time limited response: within four months
- Concerns all young NEETs not just the unemployed
- In practice, has often provoked substantial reform of youth related services
 - But how effective have these been?

Since 2012, NEET rates have fallen but not **Inactive** NEET rates



…and not much progress made with the least educated

NEET rates by education, 25-29 year olds, EU28, 2007, 2012, 2017



Reaching out to the hard to reach: Outreach

There is no single definition of "outreach", but in the field of youth employment it typically encompasses:

- 1. Awareness raising and information to attract youth to available services
- 2. Interventions to identify, contact and engage inactive or disengaged youth, and
- 3. Individualized labour market integration services delivered in proximity (e.g. in local communities, schools, malls, public events, or one-stop-shops or mobile settings).

Outreach: Four steps

Individualized support

1. identify and contact inactive and disengaged youth 2. Engage and lead youth towards available services 3. Delivery of tailored reintegration programmes and services

4. Monitoring and adjustement

Elements of an outreach model



Elements of outreach in the Portuguese YG

| 2) Referral network (Training centres, CQEPs, schools, guidance services, universities, local authorities, social partners, charities, immigration support centres | | 9) National awareness- raising campaign | (7) IEFP Job Centres Formação Transversal |
|--|-------|--|---|
| 6) Signalling, diagnosis, referral activities | | (3) WEB PLATFORM | 8) CQEP (Career counselling and guidance) |
| | | | |
| | OUTRE | ACH | DIRECT SERVICE DELIVERY |



✓ NEET/lack of employment is not the only issue

- increasingly issues with job quality (temporary employment, gig work, internships, etc..)
- Thusfar, the performance of the Youth Guarantee has been mixed
 - Has involved major reforms of broader benefit to countries
 - Does not appear to (yet) have had a significant impact on inactive and disengaged youth
 - Promising approaches do exist



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Tools for Inclusive Activation "not everybody is activable right away"...

Alessandra Marini Vienna, November 5, 2018

Meet Sofia

- Sofia is pregnant with her fourth child.
- Two of her three children are under five and she has a first grader who may be autistic.
- She is afraid of her husband, who is an alcoholic and has sporadically used drugs (domestic violence @ home).
- She is not working and worries that if she leaves her husband – the sole breadwinner - she won't be able to support her family.
- Her parents have been a source of support but her father is manifesting memory loss and her mother is anxious and overwhelmed.
- She is depressed and very stressed.



Montgomery County Maryland – A window into an Integrated Health and Human Service department

Activation may be the least of Sofia's problems...

Distance from Labor Market



Complexity/# of Social Risks

Benefits and Services: a very difficult system for Sofia



- Countries have a variety of benefits and services
- Vulnerable clients must navigate through complex supply
- Usually lower quality services for poor clients
- No vulnerable family has full support

Sofia needs support: a "mediator" is needed



Key attributes of a mediation modality (*)

Institutional arrangements that facilitate the beneficiaries entry to the system (<u>single entry point</u>)

Identification of services that contribute, directly or indirectly, to the expected results (relevant services)



Mechanisms to ensure effectiveness of the providers to meet the beneficiaries' demands (service standards).

Operation of institutional networks <u>close</u> to beneficiaries. (Municipalities and Local Networks)

Main tools for connecting beneficiaries to services





ation result: B) Attivazione del servizio sociale per progetto semplificato Automatic 3. Extend 4. Absence 5. Contri results results results results results results results results results

Applying lessons learned - Italy REI Case Management System – a prototype

o. connicting relations between the family and the continunity service

tion result: D) Servizio specialistico (es. Centro salute mentale, Servizi dipendenze, etc.) per progettazione specifica



Applying lessons learned – Greece Community Centre platform

Back to Sofia



Service Integration Teaming Approach – care coordination, data sharing and tracking for beneficial impact

Montgomery County Maryland – A window into an Integrated Health and Human Service department

- ► Intake and Eligibility Screening for Needs
- ➢ Referrals and Assessment
- ≻Mental Health
- Domestic Violence and child welfare joint outreach applying AR strategies
- ➢ Substance Abuse Treatment
- ► TANF/SNAP Medicaid/MCHIP food pantry
- ➢ Nurse Home Visiting and maternity and family strengthening services
- ChildCare Subsidy and early childhood support services
- ➤Housing Support Services
- Developmental Disabilities and partnership with the public school system
- Adult services home visiting, chore services, senior nutrition sites and senior centers
- ► Integrated Policy, Practice and Infrastructure
- ➤Workforce Development Services for mom



- Social workers: <u>critical integrators and connectors</u>, can offer a wider set of remedies to a complex set of needs, *including* activation
- <u>Build on Innovation</u>: Greece and Italy, coming *late* to guaranteed minimum income schemes, built on innovation and mediation models of LAC
- Improving the activation **potential** is an important goal in itself







Session 2 Translating policy into practice

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AN INCLUSION PLAN FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN GIPUZKOA: THE ROLE OF STRONG PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSCHIP

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LOCATION Gipuzkoa (Basque Country)

POPULATION

719,282

GDP p/c (2016)

€33,712 SPENDING ON SOCIAL SERVICES (2016)

€1,293.06 per capita
GOVERNMENT LEVELS

BASQUE GOVERNMENT

- Planning
- Minimum income system

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF GIPUZKOA

Specialised care

LOCAL COUNCILS

Community care

Elkar-EKIN INCLUSION PLAN

1/ IMPROVING CARE FOR PEOPLE IN SOCIAL EXCLUSION

2/ GENERATE EMPLOYABILITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE IN SITUATIONS OF SOCIAL VULNERABILITY

3/ PROMOTE SOCIAL COHESION AND INCLUSIVE ACTIVATION

4/ STRENGTHEN COORDINATION WITH OTHER SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS

5/ COMMUNICATE AND RAISE AWARENESS OF CITIZENSHIP

ELKAR-EKIN LANEAN

Strategy for employability and social and labour inclusion

- Reduce inequalities and advance the economic and social cohesion of Gipuzkoa
- Promote social inclusion and improve the quality of life
 Through:
- access and maintenance of employment and occupation
- maintenance and improvement of working conditions and occupation

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



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LEADERSHIP AND CO-DESIGN



3rd SECTOR **PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP** Work with the Third Sector at different levels:

- Analysis and design of policies and resources
- Resource management
- Development of the intervention model

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Starting point

- Employment Service responsible for labour integration, also for means-tested basic benefit recipients; supporting organisations, support the Labour Market Service in this task
- High proportion of young means-tested basic benefit recipients
- Existing offers for young means-tested basic benefit recipients were not sufficiently effective and efficient
- Vienna Government Convention 2015: increased support for young meanstested basic benefit recipients for their integration into the first labour market
- → Cooperation of the Labour Market Service with the City of Vienna: joint concept development, project implementation and financing of the project Back to the Future Employment





Back to the Future – Employment

- Target group: young means-tested basic benefit recipients aged 18 to 24
- Co-financed by ESF, Employment Service and City of Vienna
- Funding period: 12 months (time frame 24 months)
- Total budget: 5 million euros/year (excluding investment costs)
- ➢ Project costs/place/year: max. €25,000
- 200 transit jobs
- Goal: Placement in the primary labour market



Specific features of the project

- Duration of employment opportunity:
 - Preparatory phase of max. 8 weeks (financial support from the Employment Service)
 - max. 10 months of employment (target: remuneration about the minimum standard salary €863)
 - Extension option for some of the participants for a max. of another 12 months of employment
 - Phased employment model → higher hourly rate and thus higher remuneration possible; a downgrading to a lower level is also possible



Specific features of the project

- Self-generating ratio of at least 20%
- Outplacement
- ➤ Employment before supervison/care→ important: follow-up care (nobody should get lost)



Employment requirements

- Low qualification requirements (e.g. simple craft activities, industrial services with a high proportion of manual work)
- Variety of activities with different degrees of difficulty and in various professional fields
- Business-related activities that provide participants with relevant work experience for the primary labour market





Activities

- Growing vegetables and fruit open air and in greenhouses
- Processing, preparation and sale of self-produced vegetables and fruit in the "Stadt Bauern Laden".
- Collaboration with the social restaurant "Lobauerhof" (also catering)
- Participation in the buffet "Start Eating" (preparation of snacks, desserts etc.)
- Manufacture and repair of furniture in wood workshops

Info: www.startworking.at





Activities

- Unpacking and packaging of food (company: Manner)
- Preparation of IT hardware for resale or recycling (company: AfB)
- Partial and final assembly of consumer goods
- Supporting activities in the warehouse sector
- Picking and packing work
- Sale and processing of e-bikes (cooperation with Greenstorm.EU)

Info: www.craftjobs.at/



Results so far

| Period 1.10.2016-31.03.2018 | Craft Jobs | | | Start Working | | | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Women | Men | Total | Women | Men | Total | |
| Number of participants | 354 | 1,153 | 1,507 | 365 | 1,049 | 1,414 | 2,921 |
| Participation in Info Day | 150 | 490 | 640 | 150 | 451 | 601 | 1,241 |
| Participation in preparatory phase | 89 | 264 | 353 | 94 | 286 | 380 | 733 |
| Accessed employment | 44 | 131 | 175 | 39 | 156 | 195 | 370 |
| Placement in employment | 9 | 50 | 59 | 15 | 41 | 56 | 115 |
| Termination by participants | 54 | 138 | 192 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 197 |
| Withdrawal for other reasons | 15 | 13 | 28 | 59 | 163 | 222 | 250 |



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First results of the evaluation

- only 19% of participants have a higher level of vocational education and training (higher than compulsory schooling)
- > 8% of participants have a certified disability
- > 1/3 without migration background, 44% belong to the first migration generation
- > 30% are entitled to asylum or subsidiary protection
- > 45% already have training experience
- Low percentage of women (26%)
- 1/4 already has a means-tested basic benefit history as a minor (inheritance of poverty)



First results of the evaluation

- Frequently multiple problems (low level of education, lack of work experience, social instability, physical and psychological stress, financial problems)
- Work testing seen as more effective for labour market integration than further training
- Language problems latent issue

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Relatively frequent absences, long periods of sickness (>30 days)



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Employment for all? Reflections from a basic income experience

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Social security benefit systems must be renewed

- Very complex social security systems, lack of flexibility
- Final social benefit receivers increasing
- Massive bureaucracy



Social security benefit systems today

- Incentive traps prohibit people to take on work.
- Bureaucratic traps bring extensive burden to both customers and the executor.



Basic income experiment aims to

- Develop social security to more participative system
- Renew social security
- Reduce bureaucracy
- Simplify complexity



- 1. More incentives to take on work
- Labour income does not reduce the amount of basic income.
- Basic unemployment benefit is coordinated with earnings and there are incentive traps in the system.



2. Financial security garantee

- Basic income is paid in advance always the same time per month unconditionally and automatically.
- Unemployment benefit is paid afterwards and it's amount is reduced by possible labour earnings.



3a. Less bureaucracy

- To calculate the amount of the unemployment benefit, customer needs to supply all the necessary information repeatedly to executor.
 - Application form, pay checks and other clarifications needed to calculate the amount of the benefit.



3b. Less bureaucracy

• Status changes are irrelevant.



 Social security system consists over 40 basic benefits and it is sometimes impossible for customers to know what they are entitled to.



What are we studying after the experiment?

- Employment
- Income
- Activity in job search
- Social benefit take-up
- Health

- Social trust and participation
- Life satisfaction
- Psychological wellbeing
- Satisfaction with the benefit system
- Attitude to basic income

• Data is collected from registries, by inquiries and interviews.



Basic Income or not – Social security systems must be simplified and renewed







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How can the EU support national and local public social services in promoting inclusive activation

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1. Poverty & social situation in the EU - Member States in brief

- 2. EU initiatives supporting active inclusion
- 3. EU funds supporting active inclusion and innovation



1. Poverty & social situation in the EU

Improving employment and social situation

...but remaining relatively high poverty and social exclusion ...significant differences among the Member States

Some of remaining challenges

- In-work poverty
- Long-term unemployment, young people not in education, employment or training (NEET)
- Income inequality



2. EU initiatives supporting active inclusion

- Commission Recommendation on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market (2008)
- National Roma Integration Strategies (2012)
- Social Investment Package (2013)
- Recommendation on Investing in Children (2013)
- Council Recommendation on Youth Guarantee (2013)
- Council Recommendation on the integration of long-term unemployed (2015)
- New Skills Agenda for Europe (2016)
- The European Pillar of Social Rights (2017)
- Social Fairness Package (2018)





Active inclusion approach

Integrated approach linking 3 strands:

a) Income support

Adequate income support, recognised an individual's basic right to resources and social assistance sufficient to lead a life that is compatible with human dignity

b) Inclusive Labour Markets

Active labour market policies, Access to lifelong learning and skills improvement, One-stop-shops, tailor-made individual support, job search assistance

c) Access to quality and affordable services

Social assistance services, housing support, childcare, long-term care services, healthcare

The EC Staff Working Document on implementation of the Active Inclusion Recommendation (published in April 2017)



European Pillar of Social Rights

Proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in 2017

Sets out 20 rights and principles to support fair and well-functioning labour markets and welfare systems

• Equal opportunities and access to the labour market

Fair working conditions

Social protection and inclusion



The EU supports the active inclusion approach also through

1.) European Semester and Country Specific Recommendations

2.) Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee

3.) Mutual learning and Peer reviews

4.) Funding



3. EU funds supporting active inclusion (2014-2020)



- European Social Fund (€ 80 billion) is main budgetary instrument for supporting structural reforms and investment, around 25% of ESF (€ 21.2 billion) to social inclusion, combating poverty and discrimination. In addition, to Youth Guarantee and Youth Employment Initiative (€ 8.4 billion)
- European Regional Development Funds (€ 21.5 billion) contributes to education, healthcare, childcare, housing and other social infrastructure
- Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (€ 3.8 billion) provides assistance to most deprived, basic packages including food or clothing etc.
- Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (€ 9.2 billion) provides support to social policy innovation programmes and projects



ESF + proposal 2021-2027 (€ 101.2 billion)





General objectives of ESF+

- Support the implementation of the **European Pillar of Social Rights**
- Support the challenges identified in country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester
- Health strand: ensure a high level of health protection in the Union



Partnerships

Member States to ensure adequate participation of **social partners and civil society organisations**

Member States to allocate an appropriate amount of ESF+ resources in each programme for the **capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations**.





Thank you for your attention.