



# Transnational cooperation in the context of ESF+

## ESF Social Innovation+

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# Transnational cooperation platform 2020-2022

- An external service provider (ICF) facilitated mutual learning activities
- Work organised in four communities of practice
  - Employment, Education and Skills
  - Social Inclusion
  - Social Innovation
  - Results-based Management

# ESF Social Innovation+

**Focus:** Transnational cooperation to facilitate the transfer and scaling of innovative solutions

**Budget:** 197 MEUR for the period 2021-2027, allocated from the shared management

## Implementation:

- Indirect management: the Commission will entrust an ESF entity to implement the initiative
- Lithuanian ESF Agency, ESFA, selected following a call for expression of interest

# Two work streams

## Grant scheme

- Calls for proposals, 6 – 8 calls during the programming period
  - conceptualising and validating tested approaches,
  - concrete transfer and roll-out projects
  - support organisations' cooperation

## European competence centre for social innovation

- Mutual learning and capacity building:
  - Between project beneficiaries
  - Continuation to the work of the COPs on Employment, Inclusion, Social Innovation
- Networking, data and knowledge, awareness raising, in cooperation with the national competence centres
- Support mechanisms, such as the social innovation database

# Timetable

Selection of the entity to be entrusted with the implementation	November 2021
Pillar assessment of the systems and procedures of the entity	During the year 2022
Singing the contribution agreement	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2022
Rolling out first activities	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2022
Last year with budget allocations and consequent new activities to roll out	2027
End of the implementation period	2030

# Thank you



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# Towards a Network of Supporters: Bundling and supporting civil society engagement for Ukraine and bordering regions in the Danube region

## Central Point of Contact

- Church sponsors
- Large and small aid organizations
- Associations and educational institutions
- Networks
- Social enterprises

## Projects

- Mothers' centers in Slovakia, Hungary and BW support refugee women and children
- Hackathon in support of Ukraine
- Relief transports
- ...

## Project funding

- EUSDR financial resources of the Ministry of State
- Program Perspective Danube of the BW Foundation
- Other public and private sponsors and donators

# Key assumptions

Development is very dynamic, structures and measures must be flexible accordingly

Duration of war and destruction not foreseeable, as well as the number of refugees

Needs and objectives of the participating organizations will continuously adapt accordingly



Central coordination / control of as many civil society measures as possible desired, but difficult due to complexity.

Too many actors and institutions, each with their own priorities and actions

Too dynamic field



As a result, there is a great need for information, exchange and networking. Platforms are needed!



# What exactly is to be coordinated / content of the information exchange / mission

Information exchange and platform for civil society, aid organizations, (cities and municipalities) from BW, which would like to help in Ukraine and the border regions in the Danube area

Better coordination of ongoing existing actions and open exchange, practical help for supporters

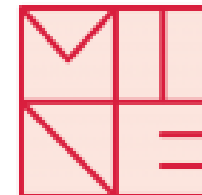
Preparations for concerted action as soon as reconstruction is possible

NOT in focus: situation in Baden-Württemberg itself

# **Funded Project: *Support the Supporters!* - *Mütterzentren bieten Sicherheit, Fürsorge und Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe*, Mother Centers International Network for Empowerment**

## Project Goals:

- Promote care and reception of mothers and families who have fled war in the Uk. through already existing and active reception centers in the neighbor countries of the Uk.
- Mother centers are to be "home away from home" and "provide space for community building, dialogue, exchange, activities, relief and recreation."
- Community-building activities, counseling, and learning programs for refugee mothers & families.



# Funded Project: *SmarterTogether4Ukraine*, City of Ulm

## Project Goals:

- Providing assistance to people in Ulm who have fled the war in the Uk.
- Mediation between supply and demand for information, skills and support.
- Creation of an internet support point ("Pop-In-Point Ukraine") for Ukrainian women, children and older people who have fled in Ulm with supervised internet services, help for refugees with internet spots, communication area, children's playground, coordination point for volunteer supporters.

# Baden-Württemberg Small Project Funds Danube Region / Ukraine

## Funding by the State Ministry

- Project fund currently amounting to €500,000 per year.
- Is intended to support pilot measures, capacity building, networks and initiation work in the sense of a seed fund
- Ukraine assistance: currently three projects in preparation.

## Funding by BW Foundation: Perspective Danube

- Total volume of the program approx. 750,000 € (2022)
- Program line A: short-term funding of small projects up to €10,000, rapid approval
- Program line B: larger projects up to 50.000 €
- Suitable for town twinning, associations, aid organizations, etc. from BW, which would like to support Ukraine across borders.

## Other financing sources

- Private foundations, donations.
- BMZ Special Program for Municipal Partnerships:
- <https://skew.engagement-global.de/partnerschaften-mit-kommunen-in-der-ukraine-aus-aktuellem-anlass.html>

# Relevant projects in the ESF+ period in Baden- Württemberg

**Philipp Demiroglou**, 10th Meeting of  
ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region, 04.07.2022



**Baden-Württemberg**  
Ministerium für Soziales, Gesundheit und Integration

# AITA 2024

- Aimed at single mothers and unemployed women, who take care of family members
- Participants are coached and supported to find and take part in part-time qualification opportunities
- Transnational exchange with similar projects (e.g. ABZ Frauenberufszentrum Wien)
- 235 Participants planned
- Arbeitslosenselbsthilfeorganisation Schwäbisch Gmünd a.l.s.o. e.V.
- Duration 01.01.22 – 31.12.24
- ESF contributions 748.439,51 €



# AssBe+

- Aimed at the long-term unemployed with migration background
- Three stage consulting and support program to integrate participants into the labour market
- Transnational exchange with 10 similar projects along the Danube
- 72 Participants planned
- Sozialunternehmen Neue Arbeit gGmbH
- Duration 01.01.22 – 31.12.24
- ESF contributions 440.553,18 €



# AQTAdigi+

- Single parents and home carers
- Participants are coached and supported to find and take part in part-time qualification opportunities
- Transnational exchange with 15 partner companies in 10 countries working on part time qualification
- 180 Participants planned
- NintegrA Unternehmen für Integration gGmbH #
- Duration 01.01.22 – 31.12.24
- ESF contributions 799.613,53 €





# Looking back at REACT-EU

- Three projects working with prostitutes
- Participants are coached to empower them to find a new line of work and improve their quality of life.
- Transnational exchange by participating in networks of companies working on similar topics and keeping in contact with advice centres in home countries of the participants.
- 35 Participants planned
- Duration 01.07.21 – 31.12.22
- REACT-EU contributions about 1 Mio. €



# New project call

- New project call was just released (04.07.2022)
- Open until 26.08.2022
- (Re-) integration of people who have experienced violence or do sex work
- Asking for projects that empower the target group and improve their quality of life
- Projects with at least 10 participants
- Project partners are asked to consider transnational cooperation in their projects, especially along the Danube
- [Link](#) (in German)



# Thank you for listening!

