

9th Meeting of the Network of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region

1 December 2021



Programme

Time	Agenda Item
14.00-14.15	Welcome and Introduction <i>Brief welcome address Outline of the meeting</i> Roland Hanak, EUSDR Priority Area 9 “Investing in People and Skills” Claudia Singer, EUSDR Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity” Moderation: Barbara Willsberger, L+R Social Research, EUSDR Priority Area 9 “Investing in People and Skills”
14.15-15.00	State of Play ESF+ Operational Programmes <i>Update on the state of programming in the ESF+ in the participating countries</i> Tour de table
15.00-15.45	Topics for Transnational Cooperation <i>Update of common topics for transnational cooperation Social Innovation Competence Centres – a unique possibility for transnational cooperation Possible ways to integrate transnational cooperation into the national programmes</i> Group Discussion
15.45 – 16.00	Closing Session



Programming | State of Play

State of Programming I



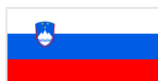
Process 1.6.2021	Mid-July 2021: OP Draft	First calls are expected to be published in the beginning of 2022		
Process 1.12.2021	January 2022: OP sent to the EC (due to discussions on JTF)	12 October 2021: OP was sent to EC; plan to start with first project on January 2022; informal response from desk officer –official response expected before Christmas		
Topics 1.6.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> equality b/w women & men active ageing active inclusion avoid school drop-outs life-long learning social innovation (TC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of women in labour market Individual work place - support for people with disabilities, migrant background, low-skilled qualification for care takers Vocational orientation in schools 		
Topics 1.12.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> equality b/w women & men active ageing Social inclusion avoid school drop-outs life-long learning social innovation (TC) <p>TC will not have a specific TC priority, but will integrate it in social innovation</p> <p>Employment is the overall focus of the ESF+OP</p>	<p>Focus on social inclusion:</p> <p>Child poverty</p> <p>Labour market</p> <p>Projects that are already tested in REACT (help women to escape prostitution; help women to access the labour market who experienced abuse); TC will be a horizontal objective; will not promote TC in a coordinated call.</p>		

State of Programming II



Process 1.6.2021	21 May: Discussion of strategic objectives; 8 June: document on strategic objectives will be finalised; Beginning of July: Drafting the OP in template September 2021: first comments		End of June: submit OP for inter-service consultation Plan to launch some of the more traditional programmes in 2021	Partnership Agreement is sent to the EC for comments; Exchange with EC on the conditions (by end of June); Working on enabling conditions; Text module has been integrated in the template of the OP
Process 1.12.2021	End of July: First Draft of OP sent to the EC; Meeting with stakeholder for labour market & social inclusion; Currently working on 2nd draft of OP		OP prepared for inter-service consultation; approval of the programme is probably expected for 2nd half next year;	Preparation of Partnership Agreement and OP is on-going; 1 Multi-Fund Programme; last draft of OP was sent in November 2021; EC response has been received
Topics 1.6.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour market & Employment Education social inclusion & health youth employment child poverty FEAD activities/material deprivation social innovation TC most likely horizontal topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women in the labour market Roma inclusion in the labour market Life-long Learning: not decided yet, which OP will address the topic OP will include Social Innovation 	Multi-Fond-Programme: enterprise development, research & development, innovation strong business focus 5,7 bn will go to ESF topics (youth employment, tertiary & vocational training) Raising quality of vocational education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> adaptable/accessible labour market services quality inclusive education Youth Guarantee active inclusion and available services FEAD Social innovation & experiments NEW: Roma inclusion is now part of all priorities
Topics 1.12.2021	Topics stayed the same as of June 2021; TC is expected to be integrated in the OP, but will be discussed		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable labour-market Youth Guarantee Quality and inclusive vocational education & higher education Transnational cooperation open for all 3 priorities, but there will not be a specific TC	7 priorities Topics stay the same as of June 2021 Active involvement of Roma is one of the priorities

State of Programming III



Process 1.6.2021	Currently, the focus lies on the Recovery Fund Discussion on enabling conditions & allocation of funding	
Process 1.12.2021	Informal comments on Partnership Agreement; SI works on improving the PA and draft responses to the EC; Financial Framework is expected to be endorsed in December 2021; final version of OP by end of December 2021; Consultation & preparation of programme documents; events for public consultation	
Topics 1.6.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> labour market long-term care ageing social inclusion competences modernisation of social services 	
Topics 1.12.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour market Eductaion & Training Social inclusion & poverty reduction Health & Long-term care <p>No decision on TC yet</p>	



Transnational Cooperation | Topics

Topics for transnational cooperation



Women in the
Labour Market



Digitalisation



Vocational Training



Social Entrepreneurship



Inclusion of Roma/
Vulnerable Groups



Ageing Population



Life-long Learning



Social Innovation



Women in the Labour Market



Equality between women & men
(narrow pay gap, tackle stereotypical professional views, flexibility of work)

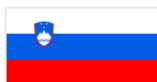


Integration of women in labour market
(esp. women with experience of violence, prostitution)



Women in the labour market
(e.g. flexible working conditions for women/esp. mothers)

Related topics



Labour market

Projects



2 projects currently implemented in REACT-EU:

1. Labour market integration of women, who experienced prostitution
2. Labour market integration of women, who experienced (domestic) violence



Project on flexible working conditions for young mothers



Inclusion of Roma/ Vulnerable Groups



Active inclusion



Social inclusion & health;
Child poverty; Social innovation



Adaptable/accessible services;
Quality inclusive education;
Active inclusion and available services;
Roma inclusion is part of all priorities

Projects



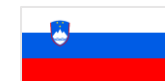
Child poverty;
Further proposals for projects, e.g. area of Roma
inclusion



Individual work place - support for people with
disabilities, migrant background, low-skilled



Roma inclusion in the labour market



Social inclusion



Digitalisation

considered a horizontal topic/aspect for projects



Modernisation of social services



Horizontal topic in the OP



HU has a specific OP to improve digitalization in all sectors; could also be a possibility for social innovation/modernatisation of social services

Related topics



Raising quality of vocational education:
(developing digital content for VE)



Quality and inclusive education:
Improving digital skills



Ageing Population



Active ageing



Ageing population



Ageing & long-term care

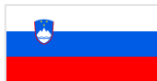


Ageing population & long-term care

Related topics



Qualification for care takers



Long-term Care

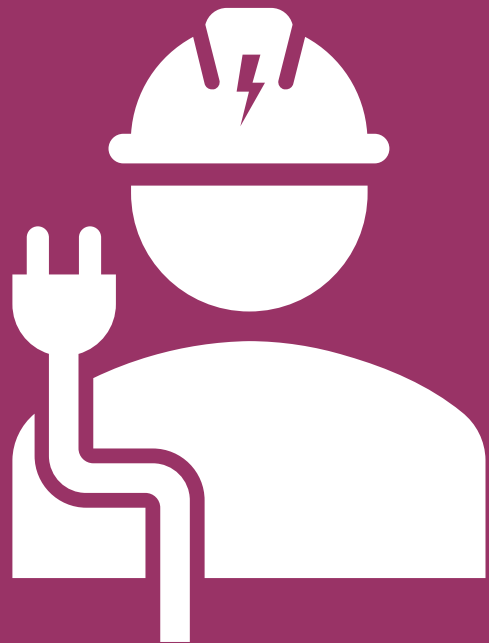
Projects



Project for qualification of assistant nurses & household professions with a focus on ageing population



Pilot project (in Burgenland) provides financial compensation and training for relatives caring for relatives in need for care. Additionally, the training is seen as a stepping stone to attract and recruit care takers.



Vocational Training & Youth Employment



Vocational orientation in schools
(break up job stereotypes)
Activities in schools: 1-week training to try out
professions (e.g. building furniture);
Go for Europe: exchange of apprentices to learn
languages & social skills abroad;
Part-time educational programme with
accompanying social work assistance



Tertiary & vocational training;
Raising quality of vocational education
(developing digital content for VE); Youth
employment (special Youth Guarantee priority
for NEETs); Training for teachers in vocational &
tertiary education;
Activities on drop-out prevention;
Facilitating access to tertiary education from
vocational training;
Vocational orientation for primary schools



Education; Youth employment,
Vocational schooling (establishing a
new school for masters of crafts);
Pre-school education; Investment in
NEETs



Vocational Training



Activities for NEETs (as objective for the
Youth Guarantee): One-stop shops for
all regions in the framework of the
transnational mobility programme



Avoid school drop-outs
(focus on measures in school,
step end of school and labour market)



Life-long learning



Life-long Learning



Life-long Learning
through work-place
based training



Life-long Learning in the area
of active inclusion &
accessible services



Life-long Learning
(not decided yet, which OP will address the topic)



Life-long Learning activities in the area of labour
market/employment/education



Social entrepreneurship



Social entrepreneurship could be supported under social innovation



Support for social entrepreneurship activities (e.g. regional information centres, investment aid) as part of active labour market measures



Social Innovation



Social Innovation



Social innovation & experiments



Further topics

FEAD activities



FEAD activities



FEAD

Competences



Competences

Projects



Investments in health staff

AoB

Next Meeting in spring 2022 (in Croatia – tbc)

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