







New Action Plan of the Danube Strategy. Using the potential to increase the impact for social cohesion

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How do Macro-regional Strategies link to ESF+ Programming?

Article 17 – Common Provisions Regulation 2021-2027 (COM(2018) 375 final)

- "[...] 3. Each programme shall set out:
- (i) economic, social and territorial disparities, except for programmes supported by the EMFF;
- (ii) market failures, investment needs and complementarity with other forms of support;
- (iii) challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and other relevant Union recommendations addressed to the Member State;
- (iv) challenges in administrative capacity and governance;
- (v) lessons learnt from past experience;

[...]"

- (vi) macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies where Member States and regions participate in such strategies;
- (vii) for programmes supported by the AMIF, the ISF and the BMVI, progress in implementing the relevant Union acquis and action plans;
 - ⇒Macro-regional Strategies set out policy objectives in spefically defined geographic areas that should be taken into account by ESIF programmes
 - ⇒ Macro-regional Strategies provide strategic guidance on policy challenges with transnational/macro-regional relevance









New Action Plan for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region



AIM of the ACTION PLAN

- ✓ Up-date
- ✓ Streamline
 - ✓ Embed

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- ✓ 4 Priorities of the EU
- ✓ Geopolitical Policies
- ✓ Cohesion Policy



The new ACTION PLAN will be published by the European Commission in March 2020

The ACTION PLAN includes

- √ 12 Priority Areas,
 - ✓ 85 Actions,
- ✓ PA 9 & PA 10 address 8 Actions each











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Actions of Priority Area 9 "People and Skills" in the context of social cohesion and the ESF+

Intensify Cooperation in Labour Market Policies

- ⇒ Labour market information systems
- ⇒ Transition from school to work
- ⇒ ...

Digitalizsation and Innovation in the World of Work

- ⇒ Exchange of social security standards (e.g. platform and crowd work)
- ⇒ Adoption of existing labour law

Integration of Vulnerable Groups into the Labour Market

- □ Tailor made measures and projects developed with the concerned groups
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- New models of entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship
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Fighting Poverty and Promoting Social Inclusion

- ⇒ Empowering groups at risk of poverty to get access to the labour market
- □ Integrated and participatory approaches
- ➾ ..









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Quality and Efficiency of Education and Training Systems

- ⇒ Strengthen the labour market relevance of skills
- ⇒ Strengthen vocational education and training, in particular work based learning
- ⇒

Relevant and High-Quality Knowledge, Skills and Competences

- ⇒ Reducing low achievement in basic skills
- □ Development of digital competences
- ⇒

Livelong Learning and Learning Mobility

- ⇒ Promoting balanced mobility and brain circulation as well as reducing brain drain
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Inclusive Education, Equity, Common Values and Sustainable Development

- □ Reducing early school leaving
- ⇒ Inclusive education for all
- ⇔ Addressing gender gaps in education and training
- ➾ ...









Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity & Cooperation"

Priority Area 10 addresses institutional capacity-building

at local, regional and national level, involvement of civil society

in public governance, increasing local development and better spending.









Actions of Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity" in the context of social cohesion and the ESF+

To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services

- ⇒ Designing needs-based public service delivery
- ⇒ Reducing administrative burden
- ⇒ Digitalising of public services
- □ Increasing institutional capacities and knowledge through mutual learning

To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors to enhance well-being.

- ⇒ Strengthening cooperation and coordination within public administration (at all levels) and with non-state actors
- ⇒ Co-Designing initiatives between public administrations and nonstate actors to improve cohesion

To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development

- ⇒ Increasing capacities of cities and municipalities for cooperation and service provision in the area of Roma inclusion
- ⇒ Establishing measures for social inclusion of vulnerable groups (e.g. victims of fighting trafficking in human beings)









Actions of Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity" in the context of social cohesion and the ESF+

To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services

Specific Objective ii Modernising labour market institutions and services

Specific Objective ix
Enhancing equal access to quality,
sustainable and affordable services

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Specific Objective vii Fostering active inclusion

Specific Objective viii Promoting integration of 3rd country nationals and marginalsied groups

Specific Objective x
Promoting social integration

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Thank you for your attention!

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