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State of Play

General remark: EC calls for a clear strategic link to macro-regional strategies (!)

Next steps | First formal draft is expected to be sent to the EC in January 2021; OP is planned to be finished by May/June 2021

Topics: Equality between men & women (in the labour market), active ageing, social inclusion (linked to employment), school drop-outs/decrease NEETs rate, life-long learning

Topics: Social inclusion, women rights, labour market (the programming is not finished yet, specific objectives could be subject to change)

Next steps: programming still under way

Topics

Next steps



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Additional Info: Topics (3 OPs): 1 ESF OP; 1 Multi-Fund-Programme (with ESF component? under discussion); Regional OP (might also have a ESF component after discussion with EC);

Next steps 1a | Working Group on PO4: consists of different stakeholder groups (i.e.: public authorities, civil society, academia, interest organisations & social partners)

Next steps 1b | The PO4 WG is used as a discussion forum; first meeting is expected to take place in mid-December 2020

Next steps 3 | Project Pipeline: collecting project proposals; need to further explain topics (e.g. social innovation)/encourage transnational project development

Next steps 2 | first draft of OP expected in March 2021; currently working on national programme for Recovery & Resilience (same stakeholders work on ESIF and Recovery Facility)

Topics: Social inclusion & EURES cooperation (for transnational cooperation)

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Topics: Labour market inclusion, (higher) education & training, social inclusion; EUSDR will be a major topic for transnational cooperation

Next steps 1 | Planning carried out by Ministry of Innovation & Technology; Multi-Fund-Programm

Next steps 2 | Informal version of the OP will be submitted in December 2020; currently, there are on-going negotiations at expert-level



Topics: Active labour market, social inclusion, social innovations, most deprived, active ageing; transnational cooperation: social innovation (e.g.: social enterprises, innovation in social services)

Next steps 1 | Planned to have 1 big Multi-Fund Op (but still discussions about having separate OPs); preparations for the topics are on-going;

Next steps 2 | Currently, there are discussions with stakeholders (civil society organisations, social partners); at the stage of finalising the text for the OP



Topics: social inclusion, education, social activation, active labour market, active ageing; transnational cooperation: social innovation

Next steps 1 | Multi-Fund-Programm e, draft sent to EC

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**Women in
the labour
market**

Digitisation

**Social
Innovation**

**Social
Entrepreneurship**

**Roma
Inclusion/
Inclusion of
vulnerable
groups**

**Ageing
population**

**Life-long
Learning**

Legend

**Supported
topic, very
likely in
the OP**

**Maybe/
potential
interest in
the topic**

**not
expected
to be part
of the OP**

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HR: Keep the list to stay flexible in the course of further planning/programming

SK: Focus on women 30+ (flexible working conditions/flexible working hours)

Women in the labour market

HU: Currently it doesn't look as if it will be a big strand.

HR: Might be a topic for ERDF, but not for ESF+

Digitisation

HU: Will be in a different OP that deals specifically with digitisation

Roma Inclusion/Inclusion of vulnerable groups

SI

SK

HR: Social inclusion could be used in different fields for transnational cooperation

Ageing population

HR: Interesting to keep

Social Innovation

HR: Provides some potential

SI

HU: Social Innovation belongs to a different OP

Social Entrepreneurship

HR: Provides some potential, but needs more convincing

HR: Vocational training sounds interesting. (experience in transnational cooperation with Spain in the field of tourism)

SI: Supports the suggestion

HU: Suggestion to add vocational training (also in view of the Youth Guarantee)

Life-long Learning

HU: LLL could be a potential topic for TC

HR: Depends on priorities from Ministry for Education

HU: Many of the proposed topics are part of other OPs

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HR: Text module as an introduction followed by a specification of activities

SK is in favour of the text module as it matches the required format for the OPs.

HU: Needs to discuss with programming authorities, but generally appreciates the brief, concise formulation

The ESF Operational Programme of XX supports transnational cooperation with partners located in at least one other EU Member State in accordance with Article XX of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) Regulation.

Transnational cooperation contributes to the objectives of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and any other strategy relevant for MS. It should primarily be carried out as project partnerships at the level of beneficiaries.

In order to foster transnational cooperation, Managing Authority participates in relevant networks on the EU or macro-regional levels.