

EUSDR Priority Area 9 “People and Skills” & Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation”

# Increasing the Impact for a Social Europe

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# Vision



- **Developing a common understanding** of the role of the EUSDR in relation to the ESF / ESF+;
- **Consolidating the network:** Enhancing Know-how-transfer and co-designing of a state of the art of social innovation; capitalising on and disseminating good practice out of project results and experiences;
- **Handling spill-over effects:** Curbing and/or managing negative spill over effects and increasing the positive impact through closer coordination;
- **Managing transnational cooperation:** Building a viable programme framework to manage transnational cooperation.

# How to reach?



- Coordination of the Network: Organizing 1-2 meetings per year and ongoing coordination/information via a common platform (by PA9 and PA10 in coordination with MAs);
- Agreement on topics of cooperation (bi- or multilateral), e.g. coordinated calls, flagship projects (by MAs);
- Facilitating the transnational cooperation between project promoters in the Danube Region, e.g. partner search forum, peer reviews, good practice platform (by PA9 and PA10 in coordination with MAs).



## Cooperation in the Danube Region



# How is the EUSDR implemented?

- Coordination and cooperation within formal and informal initiatives to make a better use of synergies and expertise, to align funding for greater impact and to contribute to integrated planning in the Danube Region.
- All stakeholders are encouraged to use the strategy for:
  - building up macro-regional/transnational partnerships and networks;
  - coordinating and co-creating policies across borders;
  - facilitating transnational project development and implementation.

# Relevant Priority Areas

- The EUSDR addresses a wide range of issues divided among 4 pillars and 12 Priority Areas (PA).
- Relevant Priority Areas for the ESF/ESF+:
  - **Priority Area 9 “Investing in People and Skills”** and
  - **Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation”**

# Coordination of Priority Areas

Activities of Priority Area Coordination focus on **cooperation** among institutions (e.g. small-scale partnerships and partnerships for excellence) and **support** to policy development (conferences; peer-learning, peer-counselling, studies and surveys etc.)

# Priority Area 9 „People and Skills“ – Actions related to the ESF

- **Intensify cooperation in labour market policies:** e.g. active labour market policies, skills mismatch, transition from school to work;
- **Integration of vulnerable groups into the labour market:** e.g. case management, subsidies to keep up employment, social entrepreneurship;
- **Fighting poverty and promoting social inclusion for all:** e.g. integrated approaches, diversification of social services;
- **Quality and efficiency of education and training systems:** e.g. labour market relevance of skills, vocational education and training (VET), quality assurance mechanism;
- **Lifelong learning and learning mobility:** e.g. mobility of learners and teachers as well as partnerships among schools and educational institutions, LLL strategies.



## Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacities and Cooperation“ – Actions related to the ESF\* I

- **Action: To combat institutional capacity and public service related problems in the Danube Region**
  - Increasing the quality/efficiency/resilience/scope of public social service provision
  - Increasing know-how of civil servants for better public service provision
  - Developing needs-based services
  
- **Action: To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions.**
  - Regional labour market inclusion
  - Joint vocational training



\*) The EUSDR Action Plan is currently under revision and is expected to be finalised in 2020. However, the key essence of the presented actions will not change.

## Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacities and Cooperation“ – Actions related to the ESF\* II

- **Action: To ensure sufficient information flow and exchange at all levels**
  - Improving communication and exchange between public authorities and private stakeholders (NGOs/CSOs, agencies, research institutions), particularly in the area of Roma inclusion, fighting trafficking in human beings (e.g.: prevention and re-integration)
  - Fostering communication and exchange between national, regional and local level
- **Action: To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds and to ensure better coordination of funding.**
  - Setting a financial/programme framework that supports innovative ideas and needs-based solutions
  - Developing programmes that take into account the actual challenges and real-life environment of (potential) project partners.
  - Providing/Building the capacities to implement programmes and projects in due time.



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# Thank you for your attention!

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## Discussion of Topics (Results 4th Meeting, Bratislava)

- Inclusion of vulnerable groups / Roma Inclusion
- Administrative Capacities - integrated approaches
- Youth, e.g. NEETS
- Digitalisation and eGovernment
- Lifelong Learning
- Long-term unemployed people

# Transnational Cooperation and the European Social Fund (Plus)

Sofia/Brussels, 8 October 2019







## TNC: macro-regional strategies / ESF

|           | TNC                                                    | MRS                                         |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| OBJECTIVE | Address common challenges within certain thematic area | Address common challenges of defined region |
| SCOPE     | Use of TNC in ESF IPs selected by MS under their OPs   | Cover areas beyond TOs of CPR               |
| PARTNERS  | Only from MS                                           | From MS and third countries                 |
| FUNDING   | Only from ESF                                          | From ESIF and other sources                 |

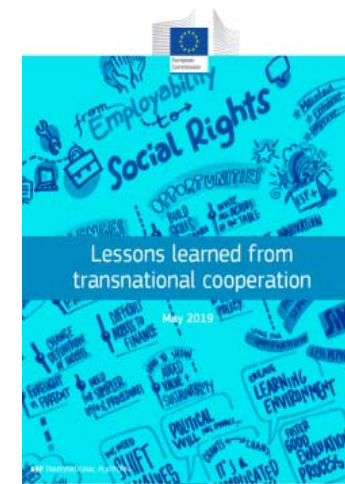


## ESF TNC: figures

- In 4 years more than 90 TN meetings with overall 3000 participants
- In the last year, 29 TN meetings
- **5 cross-network meetings** / events and joint events with other EU Funds / Programmes (future of work, citizens' involvement in decision-making processes, synergies bw ESF and Erasmus+ and with AMIF, Joint event with the Mutual Learning Programme on deinstitutionalisation)
- Study visits and peer reviews

# Recent outputs

- [TD8: Women's \(Un\)employment and Work-Life Balance](#)
- [TD9: Addressing youth unemployment through outreach, activation and service integration](#)
- [TD10: Inspirational practices for tomorrow's inclusive digital work](#)
- [Lessons learned from transnational cooperation](#)
- [Guidebook on How ESF Managing Authorities and Intermediate Bodies support partnership](#)
- [Online paper:](#)  
[Career & Age management](#)
- [Online paper:](#)  
[Future of work. Labour market transitions in the spotlight](#)





## Recommendations

- Agree scope and purpose of TNs from the start
- Well-developed annual work programmes with clear outputs
- Ensure social partners' involvement
- More connections btw core team and experts with EC Desk Officers and ESF developments in MS
- Revisit role of ESF Contact Points
- Improve IT systems and communications
- Dissemination at national level



# Synergies between ESF and other EU funds/programmes

| Challenge                                                                                        | Lessons learnt / recommendation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Insufficient or lack of synergies reduce impact, create inefficiencies and result in incoherence | ESF and Erasmus+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• joint work of TNs on Youth Employment and Learning &amp; Skills: survey among ESF MAs, scan of good practices and joint event</li></ul>                                                                        |
|                                                                                                  | ESF and AMIF <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integration pathways (in line with ESF+)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                  | ESF and ERDF <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnership principle as a vehicle</li><li>• Joint action to address key societal challenges (e.g. digitalisation)</li><li>• Consistency across ESIF is needed for move towards community-based services</li></ul> |



# Proposal for ESF+ post 2020



# FAIR & BALANCED

## A new architecture for the future

In billion euro, current prices



### I. SINGLE MARKET, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL

- 1 Research and Innovation
- 2 European Strategic Investments
- 3 Single Market
- 4 Space



### II. COHESION AND VALUES

- 5 Regional Development and Cohesion
- 6 Economic and Monetary Union
- 7 Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values



### III. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

- 8 Agriculture and Maritime Policy
- 9 Environment and Climate Action



### IV. MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

- 10 Migration
- 11 Border Management



### V. SECURITY AND DEFENCE

- 12 Security
- 13 Defence
- 14 Crisis Response



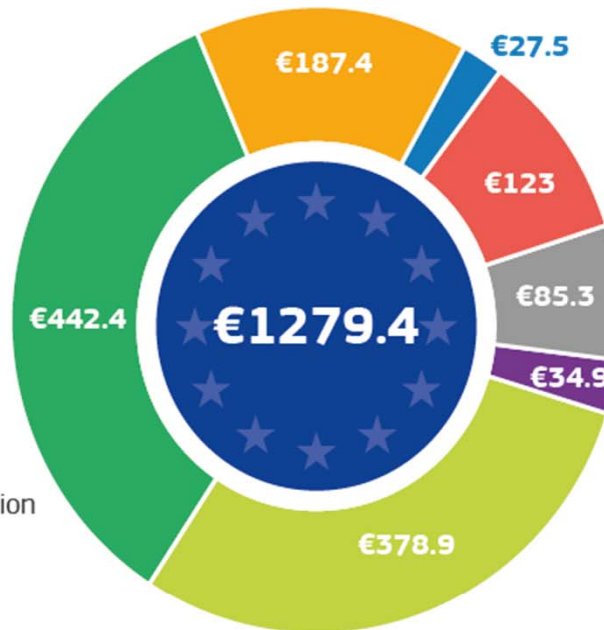
### VI. NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE WORLD

- 15 External Action
- 16 Pre-Accession Assistance



### VII. EUROPEAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- 17 European Public Administration



Source: European Commission



# The ESF+ in the MFF 2021-2027



## II COHESION & VALUES

### 5 Regional Development & Cohesion

- European Regional Development Fund
- Cohesion Fund
- Support to the Turkish-Cypriot Community

### 6 Economic & Monetary Union

- Reform Support Programme including the Reform Delivery Tool and Convergence Facility
- Protection of the Euro Against Counterfeiting

### 7 Investing in People, Social Cohesion & Values

- European Social Fund + (incl. Integration of Migrants & Health)
- ERASMUS+
- European Solidarity Corps
- Justice, Rights & Values
- Creative Europe (incl. MEDIA)

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Solidarity  
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European  
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Stabilization  
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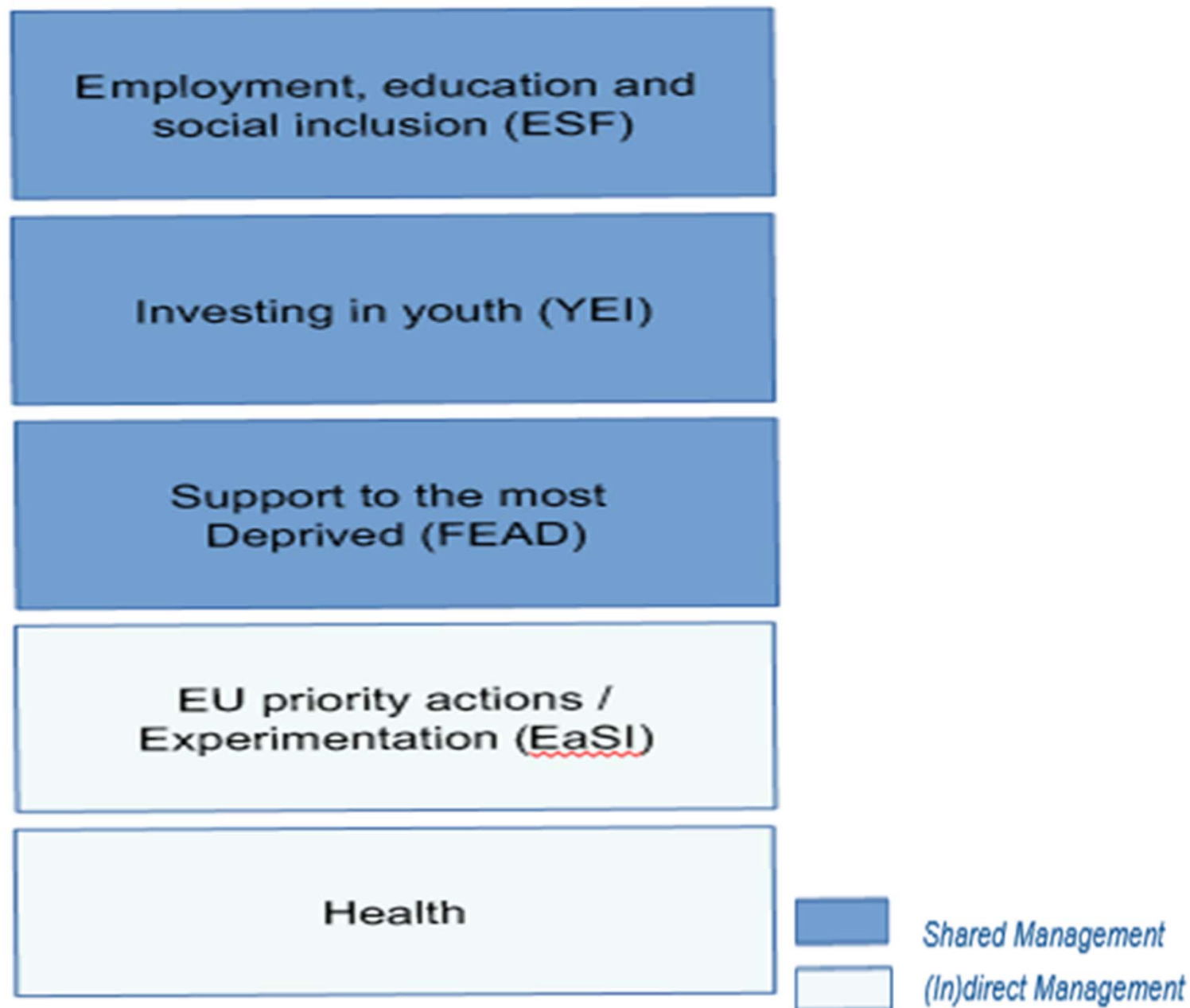
Globalization  
Adjustment  
Fund



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# The ESF+: 5 funds coming together



# **ESF + €101,2 Billion**

## **ESF+ Shared management**

**€100 billion**

### **Concentration requirements**

- CSR implementation
- at least 25% Social inclusion
- at least 2% material deprivation (4% EU-level target)
- at least 10% in Member States with high NEET rate

Outermost Regions/NSPA €400 million

## **ESF+**

### **(in)direct management**

- Employment and Social Innovation strand
- Health strand

### **Transnationality**

**€200 million**

**€1,2 billion**

**€761 million**

**€413 million**



# General provisions and main objectives

# ESF+ OBJECTIVES

Policy Objective 4: **A more social Europe** (European Pillar of Social Rights)

## ESF+ Specific Objectives

### EMPLOYMENT

- Access to employment
- Modernising labour market
- Women's labour market participation, work/life balance, childcare, working environment, adaptation of workers, active and healthy ageing

### EDUCATION TRAINING

- Quality of education and training systems
- Equal access to inclusive education and training
- Lifelong learning, notably upskilling and reskilling taking into account digital skills, better anticipating change and new skills requirements

### SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Active inclusion
- Integration of third country nationals and marginalised communities e.g. Roma
- Access to quality, sustainable and affordable services; modernising social protection systems, accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long term care
- Social integration of people at risk of poverty including most deprived and children;
- Addressing material deprivation

Contribution to the other Policy Objectives (Art. 4 CPR) in particular a Smarter Europe; Greener, low-carbon Europe + horiz. pples

Health

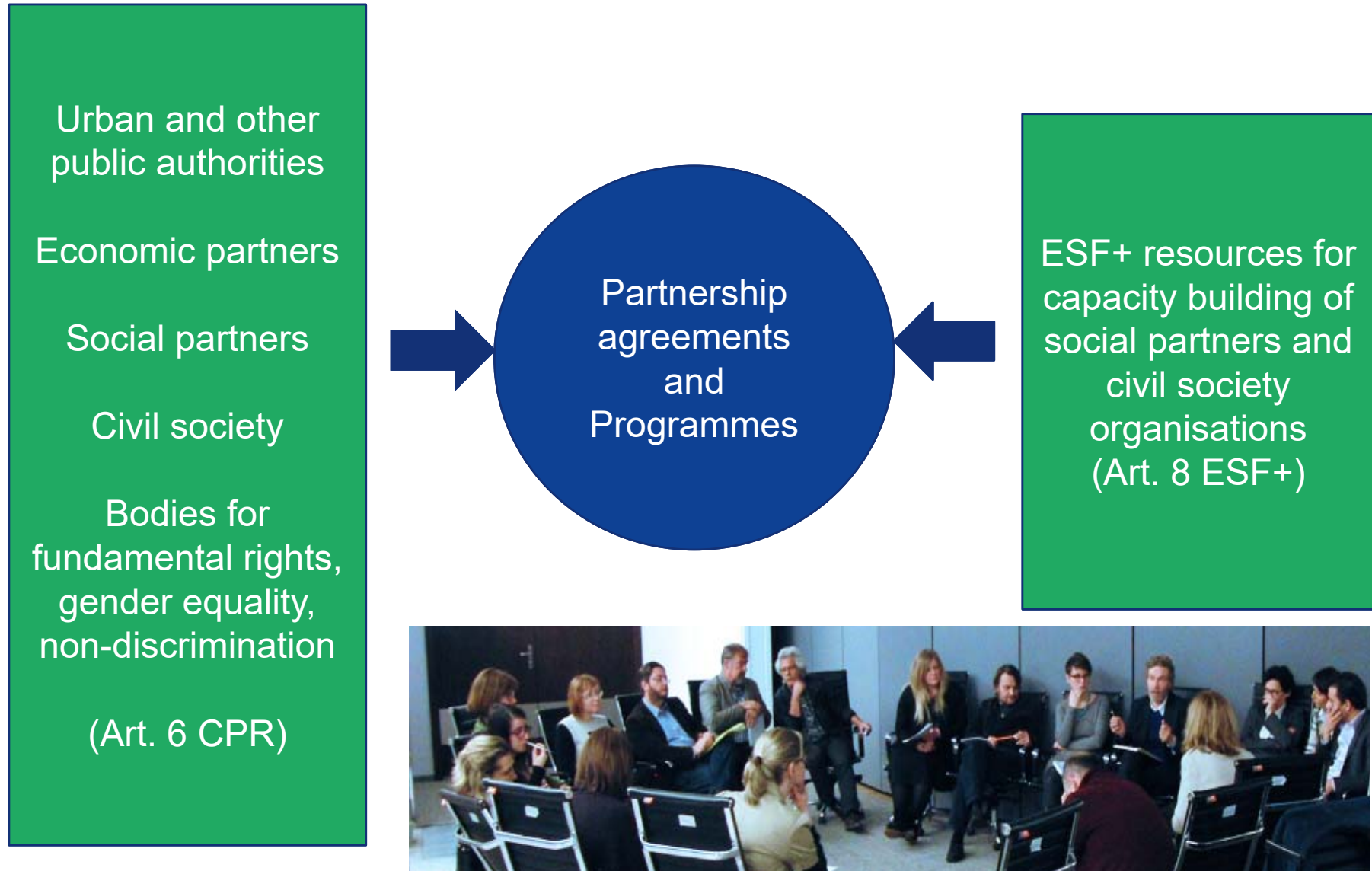


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Commission

# Key Changes

- Stronger alignment with the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights
- Thematic concentration requirements reflect key EU Priorities and target those most in need
- The scope of the ESF+ is broader
- Eligibility rules are updated to counter fraud and misuse of EU funds
- Obligations on monitoring and reporting are simplified and indicators are reduced

# Partnership





# Transnational cooperation for social innovation





# Transnational cooperation: looking into the future

- Currently: two types of actions: mutual learning and coordinated calls... with some limitations
- EUR 200 million in indirect management to test out innovative actions that could be up-scaled under shared management
- Transfer of responsibility: from MS to EU level
- Extend the support to transnational projects in MS
- Planned activities:
  1. Administration of and support for transnational projects at European level
  2. Research, mutual learning, capacity building and dissemination





## EaSI strand - operational objectives

- Develop high-quality comparative analytical knowledge
- Facilitate information-sharing, mutual learning, peer reviews and dialogue
- Support social experimentations and build up the stakeholders' capacity to transfer and upscale social policy innovations
- Support services to employers and job-seekers
- Develop the market eco-system related to microfinance
- Support EU-level networking among relevant stakeholders
- Develop social enterprises and a social investment market
- Provide guidance for the development of social infrastructure
- Support transnational cooperation to facilitate the upscaling of innovative solutions
- Support the implementation of international social and labour standards

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# **EUSBSR** EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

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## **Macro-Regional Strategies: the value proposition to the macro-region**

8 October 2019 | Workshop of ESF MA in Danube Region | Sofia



**Why** are Macro-Regional Strategies needed?

**What** challenges or opportunities do they address?

**How** are they implemented, the so called *modus operandi*?

**Why?**

### Why are Macro-Regional Strategies needed?

- **Major societal challenges** that can not be solved by a single country, region or municipality. For example, migration / integration, the quality of marine environment and unsustainable energy supply or **opportunities** that we much more effective can address together.
- **Europe in crisis**; war in Ukraine, Brexit, financial crisis, refugee crisis, citizens questioning the membership in EU (what's in it for me) - Europe needs to be re-integrated
- **More cost-effective solutions**; solving problems together instead of “re-inventing wheels”.



### Prerequisites

#### Three no

- No new funding
- No new institutions
- No new legislation

#### but one big YES

### Multilevel governance

Use existing resources - channel them to the implementation of macro-regional strategies and promote cooperation between existing institutions at all levels, by engaging in collaborative working formats.

## Macro-Regional Strategies - laboratories for a new Europe

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**Macro-Regional Strategies** - are new, emerging '*experimental governance*' in Europe.

**Bringing all types of stakeholders into designing the future of Europe** is the essence of the Macro-Regional Strategies as adaptive, macro-regional development strategies.

Unlike "old, formal" strategies, this one is very **pragmatic** - aims to solve *real macro-regional challenges* that no country can solve alone (like integrating vulnerable social groups in the society and labour market).

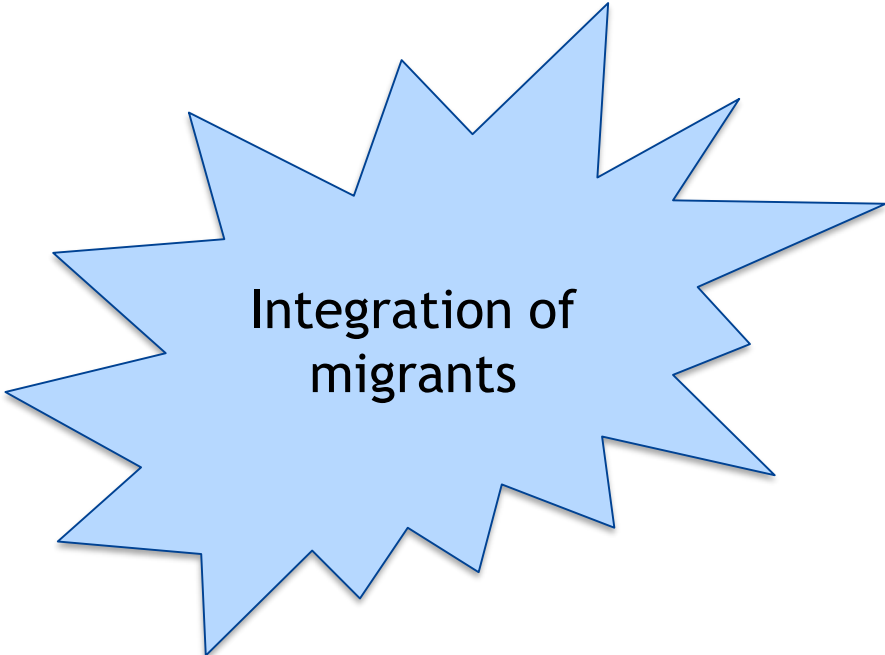
Built on **participatory approaches** which bring together different perspectives in scoping and approaching the challenge, and work both by on the **level of policy** and that of **action on the ground**.

Finding and financing common solutions require **aligning different funding sources**, too - another reason to bring together various partners with access to funding, on national, regional and local levels.

# What?

**Challenge:** larger than one country can handle

**Focus:** Define the macroregional added value



## Integration of migrants

### Local answer:

Finding accommodation for newly arrived refugees

### Macroregional answer:

Developing methods for quickly learning a new language



## Integration of NEETs

### Local answer:

Establish guidance centres  
with multi-competent teams

### Macroregional answer:

Develop a NEET agenda to be  
communicated with policy  
makers



**Listed Actions with a macro-regional added value -  
form an Action Plan**





# ACTION PLAN STRUCTURE

**Policy Area**

**Action 1**

**Targets and indicators**

**1 Flagship (process)**

**Projects**

**Action 2**

**Targets and indicators**

**1 Flagship (process)**

**Projects**

**Action 3**

**Targets and indicators**

**1 Flagship (process)**

**Projects**

How?



How to implement the Action Plan?

# **Modus Operandi in EUSBSR**



Modus operandi



### Flagships - joint transnational development processes

Within the MRS framework, the collaborative processes are called **flagships** - strategic actions born to respond to macro-regional challenges, for which they gather relevant stakeholders from all levels of society.

**Flagships** become "the home" ('**containers**') for projects, chains of projects, processes, thematic groups and platforms - that together produce a much higher impact on the issue.



A flagship within  
the Baltic Sea Strategy.



# FLAGSHIP STRUCTURE

**FLAGSHIP LEADER**  
Swedish Association of  
Local Authorities and  
Regions  
Sweden

**Flagship Leader – a new role!**

**EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING**  
Learning platform  
City of Turku  
Finland

**INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES**  
Learning platform  
City of Turku  
Finland

**NEETs**  
Learning platform  
Norden Association  
Sweden

Monitoring and  
Evaluation

Peer-learning

Thematic working groups

Projects

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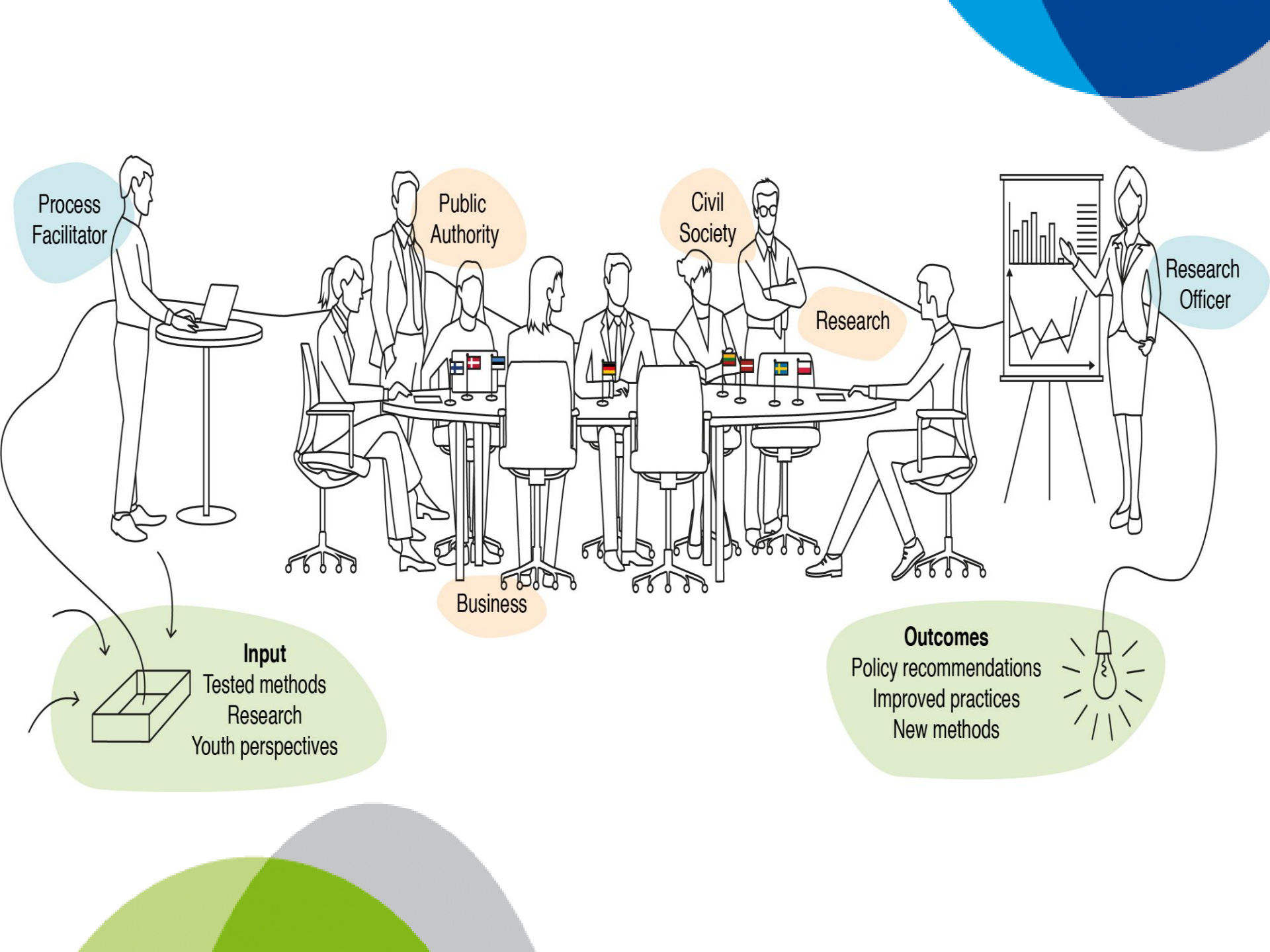
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Projects

**"production units"**





## Benefits of 'flagships' (vs 'projects')?

- All types of stakeholders (MLG + civil society)
- Incompatibilities between EU members and neighbours MATTER LESS
- Not limited in time
- Real alignment of funding
- Real alignment of policies
- Collaboration capacity of all involved grows through learning-in-action



**LARGER IMPACT on the Macro-Regional issue**



## How do flagships emerge?

1. Agree on a societal challenge or opportunity to be addressed by the Strategy? A pragmatic challenge/opportunity with a clear macroregional added value (Action Plan).
2. Assess all relevant perspectives on this challenge/opportunity (environmental, social etc.).
3. Make a stakeholder analyses. Whom can bring about change? Need to be engaged.
4. Design the flagship with thematic platforms/working groups, appoint flagship leader and platform coordinators.
5. What funding programmes need to be used? Multiple and relevant funding sources (ESIF, sector programmes other funding). Often starting with ETC-programmes.

# EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES



200 km

source : DG REGIO

## Engaged actors

External stakeholders and society at large

Cross-PA/HA actors and stakeholders join

MLG-actors join in PA/HA

PA/HA implementing actors (internal to MRS)

Macro-Region Performs

**RESULT: Stable Efficiency, ESIF dynamically aligned with MRS's ongoing development**

*Barriers and Drivers*

**RESULT: Continuity, Transparency, Productivity, Early Efficiency**

*Barriers and Drivers*

**RESULT: PA/HA ready**

*Barriers and Drivers*

**Phase 1: PA / HA Set up**

- Action Plan for PA/HA
- Targets&Indicators
- Roles&responsibilities
- Formats for policy work and action

**Phase 1A: Mobilisation**  
activities to enact MLG and listen to the field

**Phase 2: PA Formats perform**

- Flagships, platforms..in place
- >Policy developed and enacted
- PA Integration and cohesion of formats > **PA Impact assessment**

**Phase 2A: PA Performs Cross-PA/HA-field**  
explored for joint actions

**Phase 3: EUSBSR Performs**

- Cross-PA structures&processes
- all HA enacted across MRS
- MA networks operative, funding dialogues ongoing
- Regular consultations with EU COM
- Continuous capacity development of all implementers

**PAC / HAC Modus operandi**

## Alignment of funding - mainstream programmes in the present programmes 2014-2020

- Today 4 MA-networks (ERDF, ESF, EARDF, EMFF). First ESF (2011) followed by ERDF (2016)
- Collaboration based on ESIF Article 70 - allowed to spend up to 15% outside the programme area
- ESF agreed on 7 common thematic priorities in the present programme.
- Today 2 flagships in Policy Area Education are supported by ESF. One of them with help from the ESF Transnational Platform / Common Framework.
  - School to Work (S2W) - 3 SE + 1 FI + 1 EE + 1 LT + 1 FL
  - Baltic Sea Labour Forum (BSLF) - Sustainable Working Life - 1SE + 1FI + 1LV
- Today 2 transnational projects financed by ERDF and linked to Policy Area Innovation.



## Alignment of funding - mainstream programmes

what is needed for next programmes?

- Alignment require a structure for coordination between Managing Authorities / Intermediate bodies in the eight Member States (MA-networks)
- An interface between the MA-networks and EUSBSR implementing stakeholders (Policy Area Coordinators/Flagships leaders)
- Agreement on common thematic priorities in national/regional programmes aligned with the EUSBSR Action Plan.
- The MA-networks should be able to coordinate or synchronize calls aiming to support flagships.
- MA-networks are not exclusively for supporting the Macro-Regional Strategy but can also provide support to more traditional transnational projects.

## Alignment of funding - mainstream programmes

the road map towards embedding EUSBSR in ERDF/ESF 2021-2027

- 2 Round Tables with 8 Ministries in charge of ERDF/ESF and corresponding Geographical Units at DG REGIO/DG EMPL. The 1<sup>st</sup> in Brussels on 23 September. Next in February 2020.
- A capacity building programme has been designed for the support of the ERDF and ESF MA-networks - building capacity for the next programmes.

1<sup>st</sup> Module on 23/24 September on HOW to make the alignment between EUSBSR and ERDF/ESF work in practice. Drafting provisions to be inserted in the Operational Programmes on issues such as definition of flagships, SCO, fixed co-financing rates etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> Module in Riga on 9/10 December.

Two more Modules in spring 2020.



# **EUSBSR**

## **EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION**

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# „You are! – Transfer of Identified Social Innovations” OP “Human Resources Development” 2014-2020

**5th Meeting of ESF Managing Authorities  
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**MR. HRISTO YORDANOV  
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„You are! –

## Transfer of Identified Social Innovations”

The project was realized with the financial support from the ESF and OP “Human Resource Development” 2014-2020

The project was aimed at improving transnational cooperation between National Employment Agency (NEA) and the French Public Employment Services (PES) - Pole Emploi. It focuses on identifying successful initiatives and innovation in the labor market in France and the subsequent transfer of these innovative social practices and expertise in Bulgaria.



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# „You are! – Transfer of Identified Social Innovations”

01

Identification of social innovations from the activities of PES France.

02

Transfer of already identified innovative e-services and approaches aimed at more efficient work with users of EA services.

03

Building a higher administrative capacity of the EA by investing in the exchange of experience and enhancing the expertise of its staff.

Specific Goals



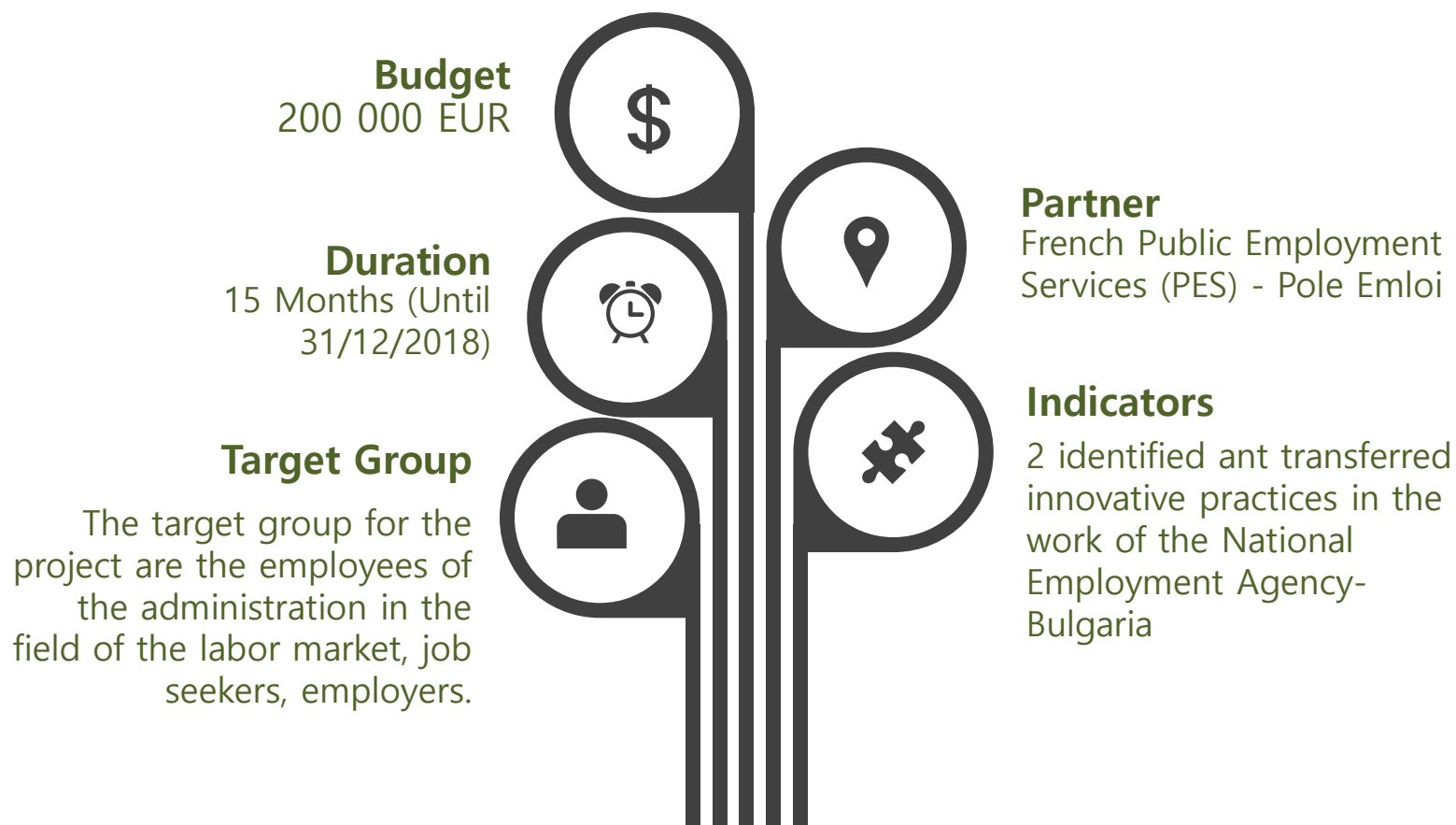


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„You are! –  
Transfer of Identified Social Innovations”

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

01

Strengthening the administrative and expert capacity of partners and stakeholders through the exchange of experiences and good practices

02

Adaptation / Validation of social innovation in EA

03

Purchase of equipment, furniture and DNA to ensure the newly introduced innovative practices

04

Assessment of the results achieved in relation to the applicability of innovative social practices



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## „You are! – Transfer of Identified Social Innovations”

Strengthening the administrative and expert  
capacity of partners and stakeholders  
through the exchange of experience and  
good practices

### Planning

Desktop study of partner's  
employment promotion services,  
incl. electronic to identify good  
practices that were analyzed  
before the study visit in France.



### Analysis and Identification of Good Practices

Preparation of an analysis of the  
available social innovations and  
good practices applied in the  
PES-France



### Exchange of Experience

One 6-day study visit in the  
partner's institution to exchange  
experience and good practices.



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## Study visit in PES-France



The study visit was held  
in the period of **9-14  
September 2018** in  
**Paris, France.**

During the study visit  
the employees from  
both PES-Bulgaria and  
PES-France exchanged  
information on the  
identified specific social  
innovations, with the aim  
of exploring the applied  
models, describing the  
problems encountered in  
practice in their  
interaction with the end  
user - job seeker or  
employer.





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## „You are! – Transfer of Identified Social Innovations”

### Adaptation/Validation of social innovations in the Employment Agency

The purpose of the activity was to adapt/validate the already identified innovative social practices in EA. It consisted in putting into practice the identified **2 social innovations**.

#### Introducing and Innovation System in the EA

- An **web page** for innovation proposals on the EA website;
- **Evaluation Committee** on the proposals received;
- **Decision** of the Executive Director of the EA



#### Upgrading the appearance of the EA in front of the clients and updating the **INSTRUCTIONS** for organizing the information spaces

Creating a new look of the information spaces and services of the EA and future equipment of self-information zones in order to improve the service for the unemployed and the employers.



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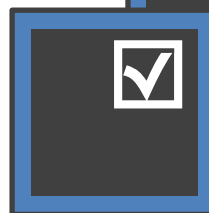
## OTHER RESULTS

### 9 Regional Seminars

The seminars were held with representatives of the regional structures of the EA, with the purpose of dissemination and feedback regarding the identified good practices.

### New information spaces in 4 LLO's

There were created new information spaces in 4 Labor Offices in Vidin, Zlatograd, Popovo, Svishtov.



### Received Proposals for Innovation

Since the completion of the project, there were submitted 5 internal proposals for innovating the working process of EA.

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## Information Space in VIDIN



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## Information Space in ZLATOGRAD

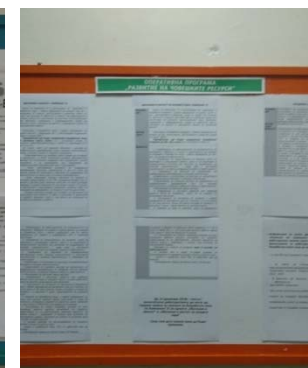
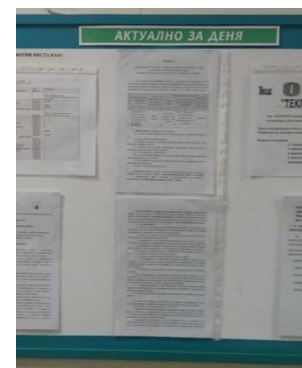


The created **information space** in the Local Labor Office in **Zlatograd** near the entrance of the building and is accessible to all clients, including people with disabilities.

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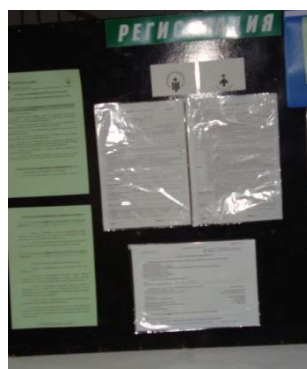


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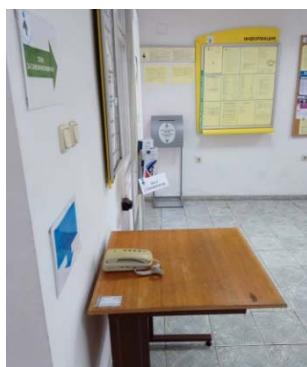
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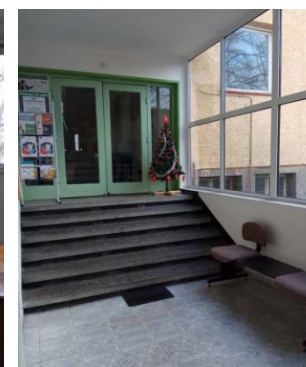


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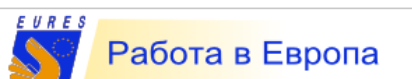
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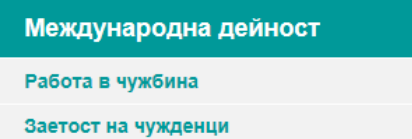
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# **Text Module “Transnational Cooperation” within the Operational Programmes**

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# Background

We are convinced that:

- the impact of **transnational cooperation** can be increased considerably if the **ESF-MAs** from the **participating countries** of the **EUSDR** cooperate already in their programming of the **OPs** for the next **ESF+ funding period**.





## Proposal and objective

We propose:

- **corresponding declarations of intent** in the **OPs** of the participating countries of the **EUSDR with a view to transnational cooperation** in the common funding priority/priorities.



# Positive effects

- (1) **Beneficiaries** would **know in advance** that possible project partners in other participating countries of the EUSDR may receive ESF funding for a transnational cooperation in a specific field as well.

## Positive effects

- (2) **Corresponding wordings** in the OPs concerning transnational cooperation could **provide a common basis for subsequent cooperation.**

# Legal framework

**Art. 17 (3) (d) (v) Proposal for a Common Provisions Regulation for 2021-2027 (COM(2018) 375 fin.):**

**Art. 17** Content of programmes

(3) Each programme shall set out:

(d) for each specific objective:

(v) the interregional and transnational actions with beneficiaries located in at least one other Member State;



# Legal framework

## **Proposal for a ESF+ Regulation (COM(2018) 382 fin.)**

„transnational cooperation“ is especially mentioned in the articles concerning „direct and indirect management“:

- **Art. 23 (i),**
- **Art. 24 (2) (b) (iv), Art. 24 (2) (c) (iv),**
- **Art. 27 (2) (b) (ii), Art. 27 (2) (c) (v).**

# Legal framework

**Proposal for a ESF+ Regulation in the version of the European Council (8211/19):**

**[“Part II” – “shared management”]**

## **Article 13a Transnational cooperation**

Member States may support transnational cooperation under any of the specific objectives set out in points (i) to (x) of Article 4(1).



# Legal framework

**Proposal for a ESF+ Regulation in the version of the European Parliament (P8\_TA-PROV(2019)0350):**

**[“Part II” – “shared management”]**

## **Article 11b Transnational cooperation**

1. ....
2. Transnational cooperation actions may be programmed under any of the specific objectives set out in points (i) to (x) of Article 4(1).
3. ...





# Legal framework

**Back to the Proposal for a Common Provisions Regulation (COM(2018) 375 fin.):**

**Annex V**

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**Template for programmes supported from the ERDF  
(Investment for Jobs and growth goal), ESF+, the  
Cohesion Fund and the EMFF – Article 16(3)**



# Screenshots from COM(2018) 375 fin.

## ANNEX V

Template for programmes supported from the ERDF (Investment for Jobs and growth goal), ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF – Article 16(3)

### **2. Priorities other than technical assistance**

*Reference: Article 17(2) and 17(3)(c)*

#### **2.1 Title of the priority [300] (repeated for each priority)**

**2.1.1. Specific objective<sup>2</sup> (Jobs and growth goal) or Area of support (EMFF) – repeated for each selected specific objective or area of support, for priorities other than technical assistance**

##### **2.1.1.1 Interventions of the Funds**

*Reference: Article 17(3)(d)(i)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi);*

*The related types of actions – Article 17(3)(d)(i):*

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*The interregional and transnational actions – Article – 17(3)(d)(v)*

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## **Structure of the text module**

- I. Introduction
- II. General objectives of TNC
- III. Concrete reference to the EUSDR
- IV. Specification of TNC
- V. Link to this network
- VI. Responsibility of each programme for his area



# Draft of a text module

## I. Introduction:

The ESF Operational Programme of XX supports transnational cooperation with partners

**[“partners” means that there is no need for an ESF+-project]**

located in at least one other EU Member State

**[ = link to Art. 17 (3) (d) (v) of the Common Provisions Regulation]**

in accordance with Article XX of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) Regulation

**[ = link to Art. 13a in the version of the EC / Art. 11b in the version of the EP].**



# Draft of a text module

## **II. General objectives of TNC:**

The support of this kind of transnational cooperation serves to promote the European Idea, to support mutual learning and to increase the European added value of the interventions supported by the ESF.



# Draft of a text module

## **III. Concrete reference to the EUSDR:**

Transnational cooperation is particularly supported in the Danube Region and contributes to achieve the objectives of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

**[ = *link and contribution to the EUSDR*].**

Transnational cooperation should primarily be carried out as project partnerships at the level of beneficiaries

**[ = *link to Art. 17 (3) (d) (v) of the Common Provisions Regulation; other possibilities are remaining*].**





# Draft of a text module

## IV. Specification of TNC

The joint development of concepts and the exchange of experience concerning the work with the relevant target groups contribute to an enhanced understanding of subject-specific topics in the European context

**[ = *this should be achieved by the cooperation between (ESF-)projects*].**

Innovative Best-practice models can thus be incorporated directly into the implementation of the projects. A participant-related exchange may also be part of transnational cooperation

**[= *project-related and participant-related approach*].**



# Draft of a text module

## V. Link to this network

In the framework of the EUSDR, the ESF XX continues to participate in the network of the ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region that was established in the 2014-2020 funding period

**[ = *sharing know-how and experience between the ESF-MAs; keeping in contact with EUSDR-structures esp. PA 9/PA 10*].**



# Draft of a text module

## **VI. Responsibility of each programme for his area**

For the promotion of cross-border, interregional and transnational interventions, the principle applies that the EU funds are to be used in the respective programme area.



# **Draft of a text module**

**We are looking forward to the discussion.**



# **Draft of a text module**

**Thank you for your attention and the discussion.**

