

Stakeholders consultation on the ESF+/EaSI strand work programme 2022

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Introduction

This public consultation aims to gather information regarding the orientations for the Annual Work Programme 2022 of the Employment and Social Innovation Strand of the European Social Fund Plus in accordance with Article 39(8) of the ESF+ Regulation [Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013] where we would like to hear the views of non-governmental organisations (international, European, national, regional and local).

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About you

* What is the name of organisation on behalf of which you are responding?

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*** For the purposes of reporting, how would you prefer your consultation to be published?**

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Questions

Do you have any suggestions on what could the EaSI strand annual work programmes and activities do more in relation to the priorities of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan?

The priorities of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan are the compass for the Annual Work Programmes of the ESF+ EaSI strand, namely: 1) education, training and life-long learning; 2) gender equality; 3) equal opportunities; 4) active support to employment; 5) secure and adaptable employment; 6) wages; 7) information about employment conditions and protection in case of dismissals; 8) social dialogue and involvement of workers; 9) work-life balance; 10) healthy, safe and well-adapted work environment and data protection; 11) childcare and support to children; 12) social protection; 13) unemployment benefits; 14) minimum income; 15) old-age income and pensions; 16) healthcare; 17) inclusion of people with disabilities; 18) long-term care; 19) housing and assistance for the homeless; 20) access to essential services.

EuroHealthNet would like to suggest the following activities in addition and in relation to the priorities of the European Pillar of Social Rights: PRINCIPLE 16 - analyse health and social developments in relation to barriers and enablers in access to integrated health and social care to support evidence-based decision-making in prioritising investments and systems' reforms; support building capacity and opportunities to exchange and co-create solutions and mechanisms for integrated health and social care, with a particular focus on promotion and preventative interventions, processes and approaches; improve indicators and monitoring to capture realities on access and quality of care across the EU and within its member states; PRINCIPLE 10 - support protection of psychosocial health and wellbeing at workplaces (stress, depression, burn-out) and in debates around the new world of work, including in relation to digitisation and skills; invest in deployment of good practices in prevention of occupational chronic NCDs (eg. learnings of CHRODIS+); PRINCIPLE 11 - support actions at national, regional and local/community level complementary to activities planned under Child Guarantee national action plans especially in underdeveloped areas (access to healthcare, nutrition) and in areas not covered by the EU Child Guarantee, such as early years healthy environments; PRINCIPLE 1 - create more opportunities to discuss and invest in development of digital health skills, literacy and competences across the lifecourse and across a social gradient; PRINCIPLE 12 and 20 - monitor, collect data, and analyse barriers and enables in access to social protection and essential services across the lifecourse; link up with a proposal for minimum income and minimum living wage, considering wider societal and health aspects (lower mortality and morbidity rates, social cohesion). Outside of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, we would like the EaSI work programme and its activities support (i) monitoring, data collection and analysis of health/social protection cross-section benefits, for instance through pilots to support the European Semester process and the Recovery and Resilience Facility; (ii) investigate taking forward the Economy of Wellbeing approaches in support of the EPSR's Action Plan implementation; prepare studies to support 'beyond-GDP' measurement and monitoring frameworks for the EPSR's implementation progress; (iii) analyse issues related to 'behavioural change' and 'behavioural science insights' in support of evidence-based social and employment policy, as well as in relation to social and health aspects of the green transition and how best to enable all citizens - according to need and ability - be part of and benefit from the climate change mitigation and adaptation measures; (iv) analyse the role social protection, health promotion and prevention play in the EU crisis preparedness and resilience building.

Do you have any other comments or suggestions on possible developments for the future EaSI strand annual work programmes? (possibility to send us a position paper at EMPL-EaSI@ec.europa.eu)

*** On which activities should the EaSI strand Annual Work Programme 2022 focus in relation to the priorities of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan?** (multiple choices possible)

- Labour mobility
- Social economy
- Green and digital skills
- Undeclared work
- Posted workers
- Job creation
- Social inclusion
- Fair working conditions
- Occupational safety and health
- Life-long learning

- Equality and equal opportunities
- Reintegration on the labour market
- Skills (upskilling and re-skilling)
- Child Guarantee
- Healthcare and long-term care
- Youth unemployment
- Other (please specify)
- Do not know

In your opinion, did the EaSI Annual Work Programme 2021 cover the above mentioned themes sufficiently? The EaSI Annual Work Programme 2021 can be consulted on the EaSI strand website.

*** Which should be the main target groups of the EaSI Annual Work Programme 2022?** (multiple choices possible)

- Employees
- Platform workers
- Cross-border/Frontier workers
- Social entrepreneurs, actors of the social economy
- Micro entrepreneurs
- Self-employed
- Short-term workers (up to 6 months contract)
- Women
- Persons with disabilities
- Marginalised communities, including Roma
- People in vulnerable situations/other groups at risk of exclusion
- Homeless
- Migrants and third country citizens
- Refugees
- Young people (15 – 29 years)
- Children and teenagers (up to 14 years)
- Elderly (> 65 years)
- Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)/inactive
- Long Term Unemployed (LTU)
- Other
- Do not know

Please explain your suggestion:

While we see a point in listing and selecting all/most of the groups above, we strongly support a proportionate universalism approach to defining priority groups and actions. As socio-economic and health vulnerabilities in society and communities change (as shown by COVID-19), there's a need to balance targeted and universal interventions, investments and policies in ways that are proportionate to needs and levels of disadvantage in a population. The support must be sustainable, not one-off.

In your opinion, did the EaSI Annual Work Programme 2021 cover the above mentioned target groups sufficiently? The EaSI Annual Work Programme 2021 can be consulted on the EaSI strand website.

*** Have you been involved in the following EaSI strand related activities?** (multiple choices possible)

- Informing about the EaSI strand
- Informing about the EaSI strand calls for proposals
- Supporting members of your (national) organisation(s) in applying to the EaSI call for proposals
- Supporting beneficiaries of your (national) organisation(s) in promoting their project results
- Propose actions for the EaSI strand
- Other
- No, I was not involved in any of these EaSI strand activities.
- Do not know

If so, could you please share with us your experience?

Useful links

[EaSI strand annual workprogramme 2021 \(https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1081&langId=en\)](https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1081&langId=en)

[ESF+/EaSI strand \(https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/how-direct-management-works\)](https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/how-direct-management-works)

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