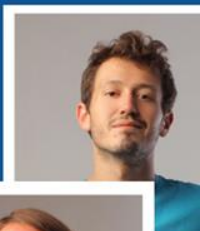
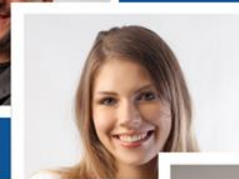
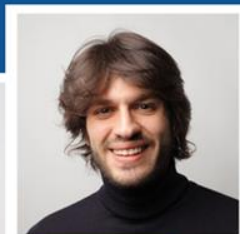
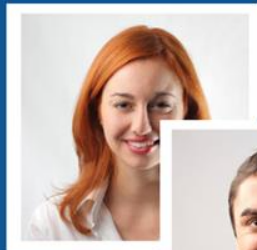
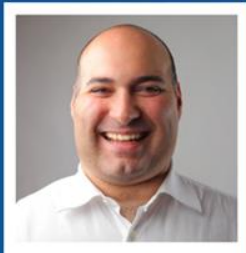


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State of play

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ESF regulation takes it outset in the Europe 2020 and the European Semester

- Guideline 10: social inclusion and combat poverty
- Country Specific Recommendations



ESF minimum share for the first time in the history of cohesion policy

- **23.1% ESF minimum share**
- Rationale: ensure MS have sufficient resources to achieve the employment, social and education targets and objectives of Europe 2020
- **Earmarking for social inclusion: 20% at national level**



The social inclusion strand of ESF

- The general approach in the new ESF regulation is to have a horizontal focus.
 - mainstreaming
 - not explicit focus on any groups
- Only exception is marginalised groups where there is an explicit targeting though not exclusive.



Current state of play - general

**After the entering into force of the ESF regulation
Member States are preparing their**

1. Partnership Agreements
2. Operational programmes

For the new programming period

- **16 Partnership Agreements have been adopted and the rest is expected to be adopted before the end of 2014**
- **For the OPs 8 have been adopted (yesterday afternoon) and negotiations are ongoing between the Commission and the Member States/managing authorities for the rest.**



The focus on Roma in the 2014-2020 ESF

The link to the CSR implies that 5 Member States are expected to focus on Roma in their Operational Programmes

In addition other countries might choose to focus on Roma in their Programmes



Focus in the CSRs 2014 in relation to Roma

- **For most of the 5 countries with a CSR mentioning Roma (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia) the recommendation is to improve the access to inclusive education/pre-school/early childhood**
- **For Romania Roma peoples access to the labour market has been assessed as a challenge to tackle.**



The main picture for the CSR countries

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- **Mixture of mono and multi funds**
- **There is a mixture of direct targeting under IP 9ii – marginalised communities including Roma and mainstreaming**
- **When there are more OPs where Roma is targeted they are often complementary**
- **Most of the OPs are using an integrated approach**
- **The chosen approach is in many cases holistic**
- **In many cases when there were good practices in 2007-2013, the new programmes build on that experience**



The main picture for the CSR countries

- **Most are targeting inclusion of Roma children in schools where the targeting is**
 - for pre-school children
 - For school children (prevention of early school leaving)
 - For continued education
 - Capacity building for parents
 - Capacity building for teachers
- **Focus on access to health services**
- **Targeting entrepreneurship including social enterprises**
- **Focus on increasing employability through individualised counselling**
- **Awareness raising for Roma communities about their rights**



The main picture for the other countries

- **Many actions are an inclusive part of support to marginalised communities and Roma with focus on training to increase employability and probability to get a job**
- **Many are targeting entrepreneurship including social enterprises**
- **Support to health services both aimed at Roma population and professionals**
- **Awareness raising to combat stereotyping and discrimination**
- **Focus on social housing**
- **In some countries there is a need to create facilities like**
 - Public baths
 - Mobile units for people to leave in
 - Language training to ensure integration

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