



European platform against poverty and social exclusion

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3	Develop the Voluntary European Quality Framework on social services at a sectoral level, including in the field of long-term care and homelessness.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING - Quality framework for prevention of abuse and neglect in LTC developed by AGE Platform Europe in the context of WE DO project
4	Launch a European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. The Partnership will aim at promoting social innovation for the elderly, more equal and affordable access to modernised and responsive care services (i.e. specific aged related care, home based care) and new medical products and devices.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING - COM/2012/083 Modalities for joining the the Partnership open
6	<p>Undertake an assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of health expenditure, including in relation to the issues highlighted in the communication on "Solidarity in Health: reducing health inequalities in the EU".</p> <hr/> <p>A Report on Health Inequalities scheduled for 2012 will highlight the mutual links between poor health and poverty.</p>	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	<p>ONGOING to review implementation COM 2009-567 - Completed EPC- Commission joint report on health systems. Nov 2010. ECOFIN 16940/10-768; Commission developing a Joint Assessment Framework (JAF) in the area of health to be finalised by the end of 2013</p> <hr/> <p>DELAYED; Inter-service consultation expected in August 2013; final document to be published by the end of 2013</p>
11	Launch a wide-ranging initiative to promote more effective interventions at all levels of education against the cycle of disadvantage This will include a specific Commission Communication on "Equity in education and training systems to support the European inclusive growth.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING Staff working paper to be adopted at the end 2012. The Communication has been withdrawn

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13	Ensure that any future EU initiatives in the field of youth will include proposals which will, amongst other things, aim to combat poverty and social exclusion among disadvantaged youth through non-formal learning and participative methods.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING, Council recommendation(15652/1/12) , of 27 November 2012,- Council Conclusions on the contribution of quality youth work to the development, well-being and social inclusion of young people (8575/13), of 16 May 2013 Social Inclusion Strategy within the Youth in Action Programme"
16	Step up efforts to promote the economic independence of women, as one of the five priorities of the Strategy on equality between women and men for 2010-2015, with a particular emphasis on the higher risk of poverty for older women, lone parents, women with a disability, migrant women and women from ethnic minorities.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING
17	Identify methods and means to best continue the work initiated on homelessness and housing exclusion, taking into account the outcome of the consensus conference of December 2010.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING: + PEP conference + Mapping exercise + Pilot project
18	Assess gaps in the entitlement to family-related leave and monitor the transposition of existing directives related to leave entitlements - maternity, paternal - in the context of the strategy for the Equality between Men and Women (Women face higher at risk of poverty rates also due to their predominance in part-time, precarious and atypical forms of work).	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING
19	Ensure appropriate follow up to the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, targeting in particular circumstances and barriers that prevent people with disabilities from enjoying their rights fully. This includes the development of a quality framework for community-based services responsive to the needs of people with disabilities.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING

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20	Ensure appropriate follow up to the European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being; seek to promote the social inclusion of people with mental disorders	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING - A Joint Action on Mental Health has been established by DG SANCO to follow up the European Pact for Mental health. Commission following their activities through the Inter-Service Group on Mental health
21	Present an EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies and promote the mobilisation and implementation of the Structural Funds, including the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund in support of Roma inclusion in the current and future programming period.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COM(2011)173 final ONGOING
22	Undertake an assessment of the implementation of National Integration Roma Strategies submitted as part of their National Reform Programmes that Member States are invited to formulate in the context of their commitment to reduce poverty and exclusion. Assess Member States efforts at Roma inclusion as part of their National Reform Programmes in the context of their commitment to reduce poverty and exclusion.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING Communication to the EP and Council in April 2012 to be adopted on 26 June 2013. Country Specific Recommendations on Roma Inclusion to 5 Member States (BG, CZ, HU, RO, SK2. Commission proposals for CSRs adopted on 29 May 2013
23	Address the issue of Roma inclusion in all relevant EU policies, including social and territorial cohesion, economic development, fundamental rights, gender equality, personal security and protection against discrimination, access to employment, education, housing, health and social services, justice, sports and culture, as well as in EU's relations with third countries.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING
24	Step up efforts to combat the digital divide; support progress towards the key performance target (of halving the proportion of population that has never used the internet by 2015 to 15% and of increasing regular internet use from 60% to 75% by 2015 and from 41% to 60% for disadvantaged people); promote better access to e government for the disadvantaged.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING - good progress towards eInclusion and eGovernment targets

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25	Present proposals in 2011 to make sure that public sector websites (and websites providing basic services to citizens) are fully accessible by 2015 to people with disabilities, and promote the identification and exchange of best practices in the area of e-Inclusion.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING COM(2012) 721 final Proposal for a Directive on accessibility of public sector bodies' websites
26	Monitor the implementation of the new EU internal energy market legislation, which entails some specific provision on access of vulnerable customers and requires Member States to take appropriate measures, such as: formulating national energy action plans, providing benefits in social security systems to ensure the necessary electricity supply, providing for support for energy efficiency improvements, addressing energy poverty where identified.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING
27	Promote and support the development and implementation of energy efficiency measures (refurbishments of buildings and consumer information) targeting in particular vulnerable consumers and marginalised communities through various financial instruments including the use revenues from auctioned Emission Trading System allowances (Directive 2009/29/EC).	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING COM(2011) 109 final; SEC(2011) 276 final National Energy Efficiency Action Plans: update on implementation - Energy Efficiency Plan 2011, trasposition foreseen in 2014
28	Provide a voluntary tourism exchange mechanism between Member States, enabling in particular certain key-groups such as young or elderly people, people with reduced mobility and low-income families to travel, particularly during the low season (Calypso).	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING - Encouraging and supporting the vulnerable Calypso target groups, to travel out of their own countries in low season, building a transnational exchange. Call for proposal (1 Mio EUR) in preparation.
29	Support training of workers in the sea-related sectors in need of professional qualifications, with a view to promote employment and contribute to sustainable management of coastal areas.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING

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30	Promote the EU agenda for combating poverty and social exclusion worldwide and in particular in enlargement and neighbourhood policy countries. Invite enlargement and neighbourhood policy countries to consider setting explicit and ambitious targets on poverty reduction of disadvantaged communities, in particular Roma.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	ONGOING
31	In line with the Budget Review, the European Social Fund should be used to sustain Member States' efforts to achieve the Europe 2020 objectives, including the poverty reduction target. [...] The Commission will aim at facilitating access to global grants for small organisations and an improved access to funding for groups with multiple disadvantages and at high risk of poverty. [...] Work on simplification to facilitate the use of the ESF [...] Reinforcing support to disadvantaged groups like the Roma [...], including people living in institutions. Support the inclusion of digital literacy and competences under one of the priorities for ESF funding for the 2014-20 [...] with a view to providing targeted initiatives aimed at people experiencing poverty and social exclusion. Stepping up integrated approaches to fight poverty in certain deprived areas.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COM(2011)615 final ; COM(2011)607 final Negotiations EP and Council finalized on 27/06/2013 ; 25 % minimum ESF share in cohesion policy allocations
32	Propose for the new Cohesion Policy post-2013 a Common Strategic Framework (CSF) that will ensure coherence and complementarity between the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Fisheries Fund. The CSF would identify EU priorities to address the European poverty target and the actions set out in this flagship initiative.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	ONGOING - 20%MS'ESF resources to social inclusion
34	Make full use of financial instruments and in particular, the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development to support social and territorial cohesion, with a particular focus on combating urban and rural deprivation and promoting community-based approaches for local development, including urban regeneration.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	ONGOING

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35	Promote the targeted use of Structural Funds (ESF and ERDF) to support the shift from institutional to community-base care in the areas of parentless children, disabled people and the elderly.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	ONGOING
37	Promote the mobilisation and implementation of the Structural Funds, including the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund in support of Roma inclusion in the current and future programming period, in the framework of an integrated approach, including urban regeneration, housing, childcare, health care facilities, education and training.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	ONGOING
38	Ensure that the objectives of poverty reduction social inclusion are duly reflected in 7th (2007-2013) Framework Programme on Research and Innovation and its possible successor, in line with the Council conclusions of 26 May 2010 on the Social Dimension of the European Research Area (ERA).	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	ONGOING COM(2011)809 final SEC(2011) 1427 ; SEC(2011) 1428 . Establishing Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)
41	Ensure proper implementation of the Food distribution programme for the most deprived persons in the EU, reaching out to 13 million European citizens each year.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	ONGOING

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45	Launch a major initiative to promote social innovation. The initiative would: establish a "high-level steering committee" to provide advice and guidance on developing EU actions in this field; create a European research excellence network promoting capacity building for the design and evaluation of social innovation programmes; launch a European research project in the area of social innovation aimed at devising workable methods and concrete impact measurements; define common principles about designing, implementing and evaluating small scale projects designed to test policy innovations (or reforms) before adopting them more widely (social experiments); ensure communication and awareness raising about relevant ongoing social innovation; make use of existing financial instruments, including PROGRESS, to support evidence-based social innovation and experimentation.	3. Developing an evidence-based approach to social innovations	ONGOING
47	Develop cross-sectoral approaches that articulate actions in several related policy fields such as employment, education, health, youth, housing, migration and social protection that have the potential to lead to social innovation.	3. Developing an evidence-based approach to social innovations	ONGOING
48	Promote the sustainable involvement of civil society through the PROGRESS programme by providing support to key EU wide networks as well as through regular exchanges and partnerships between a wider set of stakeholders in specific priority areas, such as active inclusion, child poverty, Roma inclusion, homelessness and financial inclusion.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	ONGOING 14 EU networks funded
49	Elaborate voluntary guidelines on stakeholders' involvement (and the participation of people experiencing poverty) in the definition and the implementation of policy actions and programmes to address poverty and exclusion, and promote their implementation at national, regional and local level.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	DELAYED

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50	Organise regular exchanges with stakeholders on key thematic priorities and in particular: active inclusion, child poverty, Roma inclusion, homelessness and housing exclusion, financial inclusion.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	<p style="text-align: center;">ONGOING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EU stakeholder meetings Thematic working groups (active inclusion, child poverty, Roma, homelessness)</p>
51	Cooperate with Social Partners to support the implementation of the Framework Agreement on the Active Inclusion of people further from the labour market.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ONGOING ETUC guide financially supported by Commission;</u> Plus 2 projects that included actions to raise awareness and help implement this agreement at national level.</p>
53	Develop awareness-raising actions on social economy's benefits targeting key public and private actors (including public services and entrepreneurs) and enhance access of social economy actors to relevant EU financial programmes, among others by supporting the development of partnerships around active inclusion measures.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	<p style="text-align: center;">ONGOING - Pilot Project supported by the EP with 10 projects (Call for proposal VP/2010/014 and VP2011/012) Total 2.5M€</p>
55	Promote actions to increase understanding and use of social inclusion considerations in public procurement.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	<p style="text-align: center;">ONGOING COM(2011) 896 final SEC(2011)1585 final; SEC(2011)1586 final Proposal for A Directive on Public Procurement. + Guide produced 2010: "Buying Social: A Guide to Taking Account of Social Considerations in Public Procurement"</p>
57	Assist and advise Member States in view of the definition of national targets for the reduction of poverty and exclusion and of the most appropriate policies and reforms to meet the targets.	5. Stepping up policy coordination between the Member States	<p style="text-align: center;">ONGOING SPC</p>

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58	Based on the experience of the first European Semester of Europe 2020, the Commission will discuss with Member States and other institutional and non-institutional actors, how to best adapt the working methods of the Social Open Method of Coordination to the new governance of Europe 2020. The Commission will present a report summarising the orientations emerged and the follow up it will give to it.	5. Stepping up policy coordination between the Member States	DELAYED
59	Support the work of the Social Protection Committee, including work of the Indicators Subgroup, to improve and develop social indicators, disaggregated by relevant target group, enhancing their quality and timely availability.	5. Stepping up policy coordination between the Member States	ONGOING Indicator sub group Health Inequalities
60	Undertake a comprehensive assessment of national policies in the field of social protection and social inclusion, including links with anti-discrimination and equality, before the mid-term review of the Europe 2020 strategy, in close cooperation with the Social Protection Committee.	5. Stepping up policy coordination between the Member States	ONGOING and recurrent
62	Strengthen the dialogue with the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, in particular through regular exchanges on progress towards the poverty target.	6. Building on the legacy of the European Year 2010 against poverty	ONGOING through EU stakeholders meeting
63	Continue an open, transparent and regular dialogue with stakeholders and civil society including relevant faith based organisations on the themes of poverty and social inclusion, in line with Art.17 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.	6. Building on the legacy of the European Year 2010 against poverty	ONGOING through EU stakeholders meeting