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This call for proposals on social policy experimentations intends to improve the quality and effectiveness of social policies and to facilitate their adaptation to new social needs and societal challenges. Through this call, PROGRESS countries embarking on welfare reforms are offered financial support to experiment envisaged policy changes and reforms before implementing them, if successful, on a wider scale. Selected projects have to contribute to developing and testing socially innovative approaches to policy priorities in the context of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Open Method of Coordination on social protection and social inclusion. The Commission invites potential applicants to consider in particular the following themes:

- Promotion of active and healthy ageing, which is underpinned by cross-sectoral actions aiming, among others, at improving the health status and the quality of life, supporting the sustainability and efficiency of health care and social services systems, ensuring decent working conditions and prolonging working lives, as well as at promoting social inclusion and independent living for all citizens, with a particular focus on older people, as outlined in the Strategic Implementation Plan of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing.
- Promotion of youth activation measures to tackle and prevent youth unemployment and exclusion, in particular for young people facing multiple barriers to labour market entry;
- Provision of quality childcare services, which requires a comprehensive approach in line with the Strategy for Equality between women and men (2010- 2015) and the Communication on Early Childhood Education and Care .

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