



Role and framework for partnership including specific fora i.e. Community of Practice on Partnership, Just Transition Platform

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Legal framework for partnership

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Legal Framework for Partnership

- Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union to maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society
- White Paper from the Commission entitled “European Governance” (COM(2001) 428 final, 25.7.2001)
- European Code of Conduct on Partnership: Delegated Regulation EU (No 240/2014) applicable for 2014-2020 and 2021-2027
- Common Provisions Regulation (CPR): Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Partnership and multi-level governance



European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

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Overview of activities: ESF partnership network (2015-19)

- Focus group on partnership – July 2015
- Baseline study – March 2016
- 12 meetings
- ECCP review
- Social partner peer review
- Workshops
- Publications:
 - 2018 Co-production - enhancing the role of citizens in governance and service delivery – [publication on Europa.eu](#)
 - 2018 - Review of the European Code of Conduct on Partnership - [publication on Europa.eu](#)
 - 2019 (revised) Partnership Guidebook on partnership implementation by managing authorities and intermediate bodies – [publication on Europa.eu](#)
 - 2019 Partnership in EU funds (working paper)



ESF+ provisions for partnership

- ESF+ recital 28
- ESF+ article 9
 1. MS to ensure “*meaningful participation of the social partners and CSOs in the delivery of employment, education and social inclusion policies supported by the ESF+ strand under shared management*”;
 2. An “*appropriate amount*” of ESF+ under shared management in each programme to capacity building of the social partners and civil society organisations (eg. “*training, networking measures, and strengthening of the social dialogue, and to activities jointly undertaken by the social partners*”)

In MS with Country Specific Recommendations in the field: **0.25%**

- Partnership for innovation “*public authorities, social partners, social enterprises, private sector, and civil society*” (ESF+ art. 14)
- European Code of Conduct on Partnership (ECCP): continues to apply

→ Publications available on ESF+ website: <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/publications>



European Community of Practice on Partnership (ECoPP)

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European Community of Practice on Partnership 2021-2027

- Set out in Art. 18 the European Code of Conduct on Partnership (ECCCP) in the Commission Delegated Regulation no 240/2014 (the regulation continues to apply during the 2021-2027 period)
- Builds on the experiences of the community under ESF Transnational Cooperation Platform that existed in 2015-2019
- will involve all **2021-27 Common Provision Regulation and Common Agriculture Policy** funds:
 - CPR funds: ERDF/CF/JTF, ESF+, AMIF/ISF/BMVI, EMFAF
 - EAGF/EAFRD

What will the ECoPP do?

The community's tasks shall be to:

- Facilitate **exchange of experience** with regard to partnership;
 - Stimulate **capacity building**;
 - **Disseminate** relevant outcomes, in particular **good practice and innovative approaches**;
 - **Review** the application and functioning of the **European Code of Conduct** and prepare proposals for its possible update
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- **Annual plenary meetings** are envisaged – the first planned for early 2022
 - **Subgroups on key issues** (made up of MAs and other stakeholders)- opportunities to discuss Fund-specific issues and focus on implementation of the partnership principle

Composition of the ECoPP:

200 members

81
representatives of
MAs (3 per MS)

119 partners
(among those
stipulated in Art 8
CPR)

Nominated from
MAs/Coordination
Authorities

Selection through
Open Call for
Applications

Next steps

- COM published an open Call for Applications and will select Article 8 members (balanced representation vis-à-vis geographical coverage, fund specific representation and categories of stakeholders)

[\(The European Commission launches the call for expressions of interest for the European Community of Practice on Partnership 2021-2027 - Regional Policy - European Commission \(europa.eu\)\)](#)

- COM sent letters to the PermReps with request for nominations (ensuring representativeness of MAs across Funds)
- DDL for nominations and applications **31 December 2021**





Just Transition Platform

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The Just Transition Platform (JTP)

- **Assist all stakeholders** in accessing JTM support
- High-level **JTP events** help to:
 - share knowledge and good practices
 - support capacity-building and exchanges across sectors
 - provide advice on just transition to authorities and stakeholders involved in JTM-related activities
- **Dedicated webpage** with helpdesk and database of projects and experts
- **Working groups** for carbon intensive-regions
- Link to Coal Regions in Transition initiative (dedicated work stream for coal, peat, oil shale regions)



JTF in carbon-intensive regions

- The transition to a climate-neutral Europe in 2050 will not only affect coal regions or declining sectors
- Sectors with high carbon-intensity are expected to undergo significant **transformation**
 - for instance steel, metals, cement, chemicals...
- JTF will support territories that are heavily **dependent on carbon-intensive industries**...
- ... and that experience a **negative impact** from the transition by 2030 or before, such as:
 - **social** impacts, linked to unemployment or needs for reskilling
 - **economic** impacts, linked to changes in production patterns
 - **demographic, health** or **environmental** impacts

Addressing knowledge gaps

- What are the pathways of carbon-intensive industries, and which impacts will this have in EU regions?
 - Calculations of regional employment impact of EU ETS installations (<https://europa.eu/!nkXRqB>)
 - Regional industrial transitions to climate neutrality: sectors, locations and socio-economic impacts (ongoing study by OECD)
- How can we make sure that this transition happens in a fair way?
 - Working Groups on carbon-intensive regions
 - Knowledge capitalisation work of the Just Transition Platform





Thank you

