



# The European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) for Youth Employment Support

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# I. ESF+ Budget



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- **Part of the Multiannual Financial Framework = Long-term EU budget**
- **Integrates the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI); total budget: EUR 88bn, of which:**
  - **Member States above the EU average rate** of young people not in employment, education or training (“NEETs”) aged between 15-29 → at least 12.5% of their ESF+ resources to **targeted actions** and **reforms** to support **youth employment** and **reintegration into education or training**, in particular in the context of **Youth Guarantee schemes**. 10 eligible MS: BG, HR, CY, FR, EL, HU, IT, RO, SK and ES.
  - **All other Member States** should allocate an **appropriate amount** based on their particular investment needs.
- **YES objective = surpass current EU investment of EUR 22bn over 2021-2027.**
- **Synergies with recovery instrument NextGenerationEU** (Recovery and Resilience Facility, REACT-ET)

# II. Specific Objectives for Youth



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## At least

- (a) ‘improving **access to employment and activation** measures of all jobseekers, in particular youth, especially through the implementation of the Youth Guarantee [...].’

## But also

- (f) ‘promoting equal access to and completion of, **quality and inclusive education and training**, in particular for disadvantaged groups [...].’
- (l) ‘promoting **social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion**, including the most deprived persons and children’

# III. Enabling condition for ESF+ Investment in Youth Employment



- **Link between policy and funding**
- **Legal or policy framework necessary for successful investment**
- **Applicable throughout the whole 2021-2027 period**
- **Thematic enabling condition:** A strategic policy framework for active labour market policies, which includes:
  - **For youth employment interventions:** pathways towards young people not in employment, education or training including outreach measures, based on quality requirements taking into account criteria for quality apprenticeships and traineeships, including in the context of the Youth Guarantee.



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# Q&A