



European platform against poverty and social exclusion

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1	Present a Communication providing an in-depth assessment of the implementation of active inclusion strategies at national level, including the effectiveness of minimum income schemes, and of the way in which EU programmes can be used to support active inclusion.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED with the Social Investment Package
2	Present a White Paper on Pensions, to jointly address sustainability and adequacy of pensions in the post-crisis context, including reflections on how the EU can best support Member State efforts aimed at securing the adequacy of pension benefits and preventing and mitigating poverty among pensioners, both women and men.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED COM (2012)55 Final
5	Support initiatives for active ageing at all levels of governance and by a wide range of non-governmental stakeholders (social partners, NGOs, businesses) in the context of a European Year for Active Ageing in 2012.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED
7	Present in 2011 a legislative initiative to ensure access to certain basic banking services and call on the banking sector to submit a self-regulatory initiative geared towards improving the transparency and comparability of bank charges.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED C(2011)4977 final SEC (2011) 906 final
8	Establish a network of experts on health systems reforms. It will aim at developing new models of more integrated care, as well as promoting innovative and sustainable financing of health care and medical services.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED - Following an open call for expression of interest (441 experts responded) and an evaluation and selection procedure, 17 members of an expert panel will be appointed. The expert panel (established by Commission Decision 2012/C 198/06 in July 2012) is multisectoral and independent and is to provide the Commission with advice on effective ways of investing in health. The fields of expertise include health planning and health prioritisation, health services research, hospital and healthcare management, healthcare provision and health education and promotion.
9	Propose a Recommendation on child poverty outlining common principles and effective monitoring tools to combat and prevent poverty in early age.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED - Recommendation adopted COM (2013) 778 final

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10	Present a Communication and a proposal for a Council Recommendation on policies to combat early school leaving.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED - Council recommendation adopted : OJ C 191 2011
12	Adopt a Communication with a set of proposals on Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) to help Member States strengthen their provision and promote their learning from each other's good practice.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED COM(2011) 66 final and Council Conclusions 2011/C175/03
14	Present a Proposal for a Council Recommendation on the promotion and validation of non-formal learning, aimed at helping Member States valuing competences and skills acquired in non-formal settings.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED COM(2012)485 final ; SWD(2012) 252 ; SWD(2012) 253 Proposal for a Recommendation on the validation of non-formal and informal learning
15	Present a "New European Agenda on Integration" to better support the efforts of Member States in promoting third-country nationals of diverse cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to participate actively in European economies and societies.	1. Delivering action to fight poverty across the policy spectrum	COMPLETED COM(2011)455 final
33	Put forward proposals in 2011 - in line with the 5 th cohesion report - for the new Cohesion Policy regulatory framework for the period post-2013, which will simplify access to the structural funds for local groups and ensure greater complementarity and synergies between EU funds to promote community-based approaches, including for urban regeneration.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COMPLETED through MFF
36	Give all necessary technical support and guidance to Member States to implement the amendments to the ERDF regulation adopted in May 2010 to support housing interventions in favour of marginalised communities ¹ , and promote the implementation of the new regulation with dedicated seminars.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COMPLETED - COCOF 10/0024/01 2011 Guidance note To Member States on the implementation of integrated housing interventions in favour of marginalised communities under the ERDF. Financial support provided.

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39	Consider, in view of the financial framework post-2013, the following objectives for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: support the involvement of local actors in the decision-making process at local levels; provide support to small-scale farmers; support the development of social infrastructures and social services in rural areas; provide support for training and capacity-building activities to farmers, forestry and food-processing managers.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COMPLETED COM/(2011)627
40	Explore the possibility of a joint initiative to support training and knowledge building for non agricultural businesses and people in rural areas working outside agricultural, food industry and forestry sectors to improve their capacity to cope with competitiveness challenges and ensure stable income flows.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COMPLETED COM/(2011)627
42	Ensure proper implementation of the School Fruit Scheme launched in 2009 in order to encourage good eating habits among young people, including from low income families, by supplying them with fruit and vegetable at school.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COMPLETED - Commission Reg.(EC) n° 288/2009
43	Ensure proper implementation of the School Milk Scheme, which aims to encourage consumption of health dairy products among children, contribute to healthy way of living and to nutritional education.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COMPLETED - Commission Reg.(EC) n° 657/2008
44	The use of micro-credits should be underpinned by capacity building initiatives at local level and possible legislation changes in Member States favouring their use by marginalised and vulnerable communities, such as the JASMINE initiative.	2. Making EU Funding deliver on social cohesion of EU 2020	COMPLETED - COM/(2011) 615 ; COM/(2011) 627
46	Exploring the best ways and formulate proposals for social innovation in the new financial framework, including through the ESF and possibly new financing facilities.	3. Developing an evidence-based approach to social innovations	COMPLETED - (SISPE included in the ESF 2014-2020 and in the PSCI)

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52	Propose measures to improve the quality of the legal structures relating to foundations, mutual societies and cooperatives in order to optimise their functioning and facilitate their development within the single market.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	COMPLETED - Proposal adopted by the Commission 8/2/2012 + ONGOING
54	Propose a <i>Social Business Initiative</i> in order to support and accompany the development of socially innovative corporate projects within the single market by means of in particular social ratings, ethical and environmental labelling, revised rules on public procurement, the introduction of a new investment fund regime and the use of dormant savings.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	COMPLETED COM (2011)682/2
56	Develop a new policy initiative on CSR in 2011, concentrating on CSR reporting/disclosure, business and human rights, the international aspects of CSR, and especially the employment and enterprise aspects of Europe 2020.	4. Promoting a partnership approach and the social economy	COMPLETED COM (2011)682/2
61	Support and enhance mutual learning and transfer of best practices, notably by linking activities in this area to the new initiative on social innovations.	5. Stepping up policy coordination between the Member States	COMPLETED through call for proposals on social innovation & experimentation
64	The Commission will work with other EU institutions and bodies to transform the Annual Round Table on Poverty and Exclusion into a wider Annual Convention of the European Platform designed to bring together all relevant actors. This event will take place in autumn, in proximity of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The Annual Convention will take stock of progress made towards the headline target, review the implementation of the activities announced under the Platform and provide suggestions for future action.	6. Building on the legacy of the European Year 2010 against poverty	COMPLETED in October 2011 (Krakow) COMPLETED 5-7 December 2012 (Brussels) In preparation December 2013 Brussels