

Pact for Skills – support for upskilling and reskilling under the ESF+ 2021- 2027

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1. What is the ESF+?



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What is the ESF+?

First structural fund (1957) & EU's key instrument for investing in people

Budget 2021-2027: EUR 88bn (2018 prices)

Missions (legal basis)

- ✓ improve employment opportunities for workers in the Union and contribute to raising the standard of living (Art 162 TFEU)
- ✓ contribute to economic, social and territorial cohesion (Art 174 and 175 TFEU) (ERDF, CF)



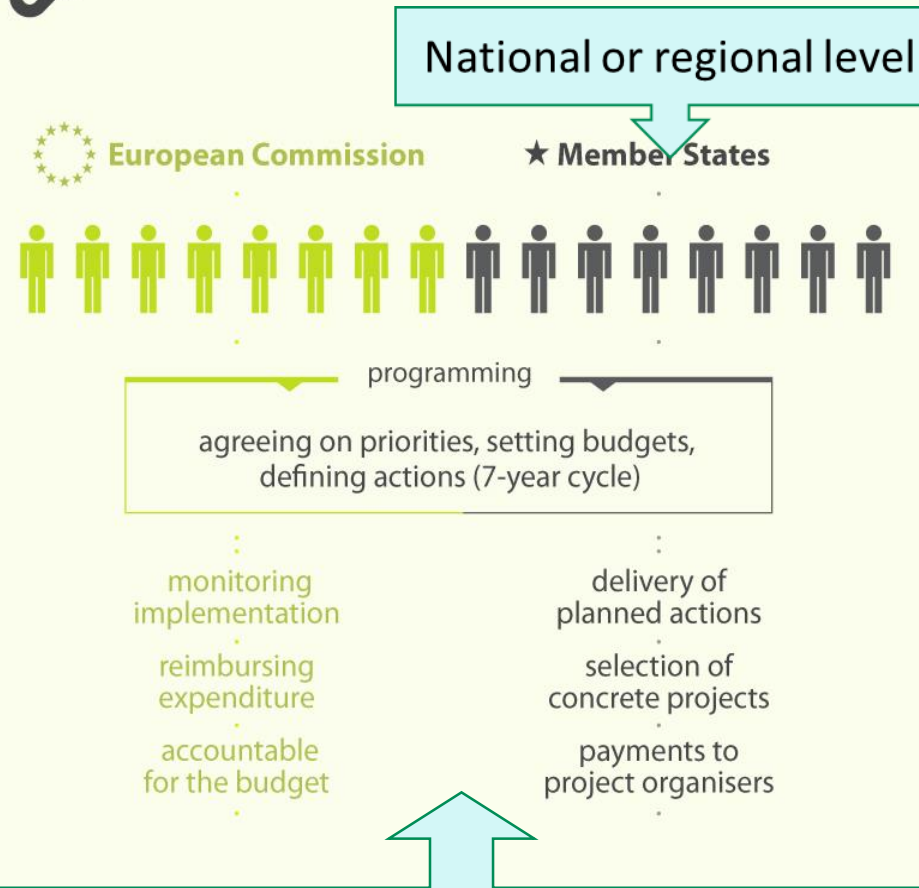
2. How does the ESF+ work?



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The ESF+: How does it work?

Shared management

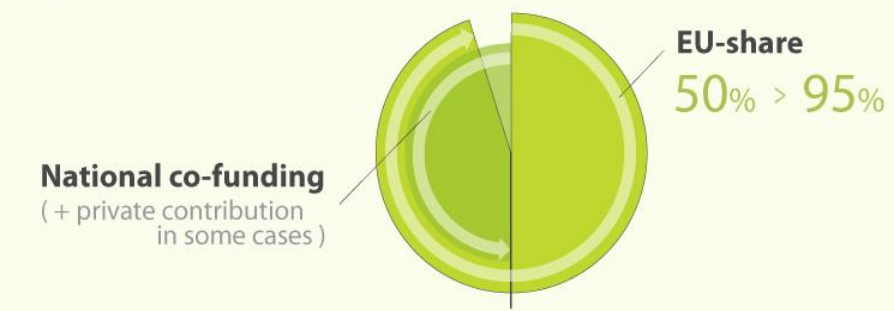


European Semester Country Reports & CSRs → programming
EU-level policy initiatives (Pact for Skills)

Partnership



Co-financing



3. How can the ESF+ support skills?



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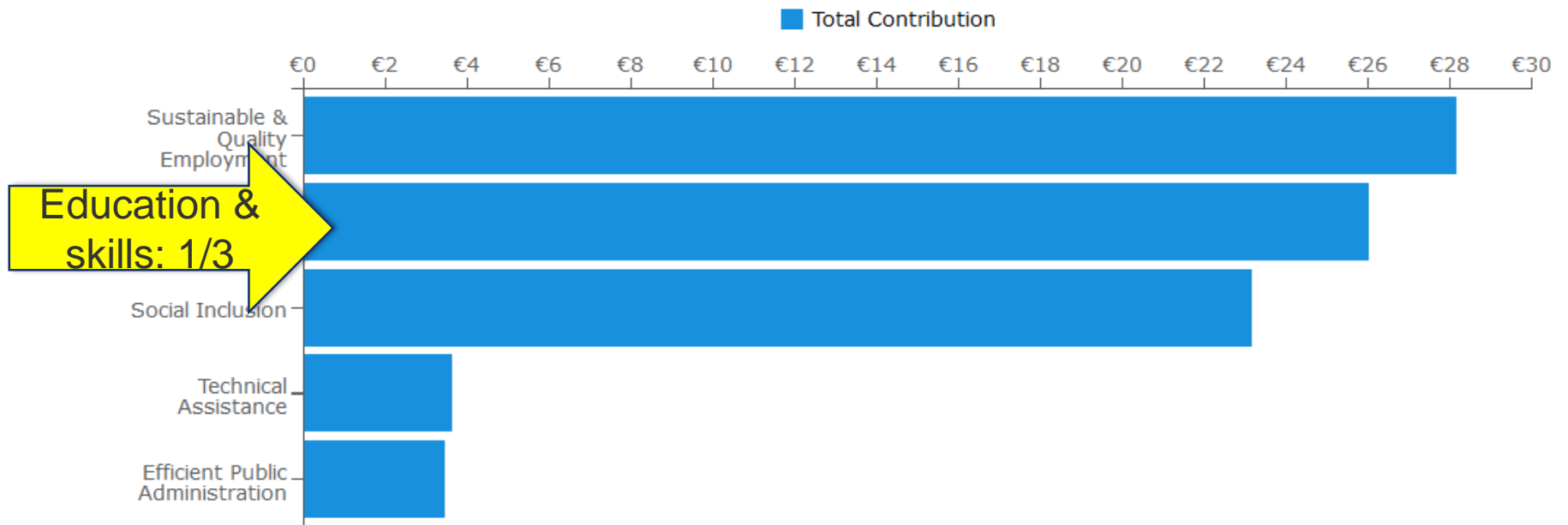
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ESF support to education and training 2014-2020

ESIF 2014-2020: Total Budget by Theme (daily update): European Social Fund, EUR billion

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ESF+ Objectives 2021-2027

11 specific objectives in the areas of:

- employment
- **education and training**
- social inclusion and fighting poverty

both direct support to people and reforms

- improving education and training **systems**
- **equal access** to and **completion** of quality and inclusive education and training
- **LLL** (flexible up/reskilling) and **skills anticipation**, career transitions and mobility

Green and digital

= entire E&T cycle

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- **access to employment and activation**
- **modernising labour market institutions and services to assess and anticipate skills needs**
- **adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change**

direct support to both reforms and people:
workers/employees, self-employed, unemployed, job-seekers, inactive people

ESF+ alignment with EU policy

- **European Semester:** Country reports + Annex D (in 2019) & CSRs → basis for programming

- **Enabling conditions** → necessary legal and policy framework for successful investment, e.g. *Strategic policy framework for the education and training system at all levels*

Examples of ESF Support to Up- and Re-Skilling

Project examples:

- Reskilling for green agriculture – increase women and youth employment (HR)
- Upskilling to address shortage of care staff qualified to work with people with disabilities (CY)
- Skills for the construction sector (LU)

But also reforms:

- Developing strategies
- Skills forecasting systems
- Curricula reforms

Continuity ESF+

REACT-EU 2021-2023



EUR 58.3bln additional resources for the **ESF, ERDF, FEAD and YEI 2021-2023** (current prices)



Amounts distributed according to **level of prosperity** and the **socio-economic effects of the crisis**



Co-financing rate can be up to 100% for the additional amounts



New objective: “Fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy”

4. How can you get involved?



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ESF+: How to get involved?

- Calls for proposals and project selection – in the hands of your **regional or national authorities** → get in touch:

<https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=45&langId=en>

- **REACT-EU 2021-2023 & ESF+ 2021-2027:** programming of new priorities ongoing now, including consultation of partners and stakeholders

Conclusions



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- The ESF(+) is and will remain the **EU's key instrument for investing in people, including skills.**
- **Additional resources REACT-EU 2021-2023 and new ESF+ 2021-2027** – programming ongoing.
- Implemented through **shared management** – by national or regional authorities **in partnership** with COM and relevant stakeholders.
- Get in touch with managing authorities – for **programming** and for **projects.**

