





ESF+ and the implementation of the ECG

Online European expert meeting on the implementation of the European Child Guarantee (ECG)

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	Austria	€ 192,6 million
	Belgium	€ 100,3 million
	Bulgaria	€ 165,1 million
	Croatia	€ 266,2 million
	Cyprus	€ 22,5 million
	Czechia	€ 74,4 million
	Denmark	N/A
	Estonia	€ 47,9 million
	Finland	€ 69,5 million
	France	€ 53,9 million
	Germany	€ 752,9 million
	Greece	€ 874,4 million
	Hungary	€ 368,1 million
	Ireland	€ 132,2 million
	Italy	€ 2,1 billion
	Latvia	€ 54,6 million
	Lithuania	€ 125,6 million
	Luxembourg	€ 2,5 million
	Malta	€ 9,1 million
	The Netherlands	N/A
	Poland	€ 1,2 billion
	Portugal	€ 540,5 million
	Romania	€ 605,7 million
	Slovakia	€ 329 million
	Slovenia	€ 214,9 million
	Spain	€ 1,1 billion
	Sweden	€ 11,3 million

**ESF+ support
(total budget) to
fight child
poverty, in EUR
per Member
State (table)**

Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) and Financing not Linked to Costs (FNLC)



Emergency services
for victims of
domestic violence



Provision of in-home
and **community-**
based care services

ESF+ resources for the implementation of the ECG

ESF+ Secondary Theme
**code 06 'Addressing
child poverty'.**

EUR

8,9 billion

(EUR 6,1 bn EU amount)

Art 7(3) of the ESF+ Regulation

Beyond ESF+, other EU funding for the ECG

RRF

571,8 million invested in ECEC

EUR 4 billion in improving the accessibility, affordability, and inclusiveness of education

ERDF

Investment for the ECG programmed within the inclusive growth areas of ERDF (**19.6 billion EUR**).

Early Childhood Education and Care



Slow-income families by paying part of their children's schooling charges.

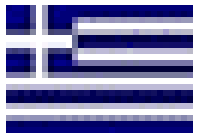


Accessible, inclusive pre-school education to children with low income.

Education and school-based activities

Joint activities for families of third-country nationals, including people fleeing Ukraine and the host society

Familiarizing middle school children (13-15 years old) from low-income households with math, physics, and robotics



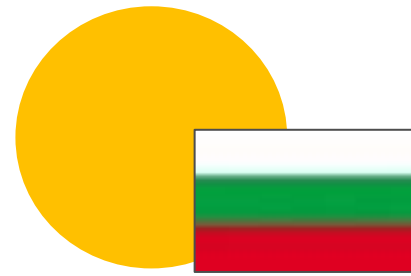
Healthcare



Individualized support for pupils with special needs



Detection of health and learning difficulties in children



Health prevention activities in rural areas.

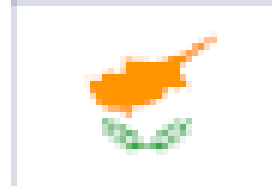


Upskilling staff of the school medicine network.

Healthy Lifestyle and Nutrition



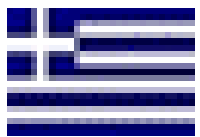
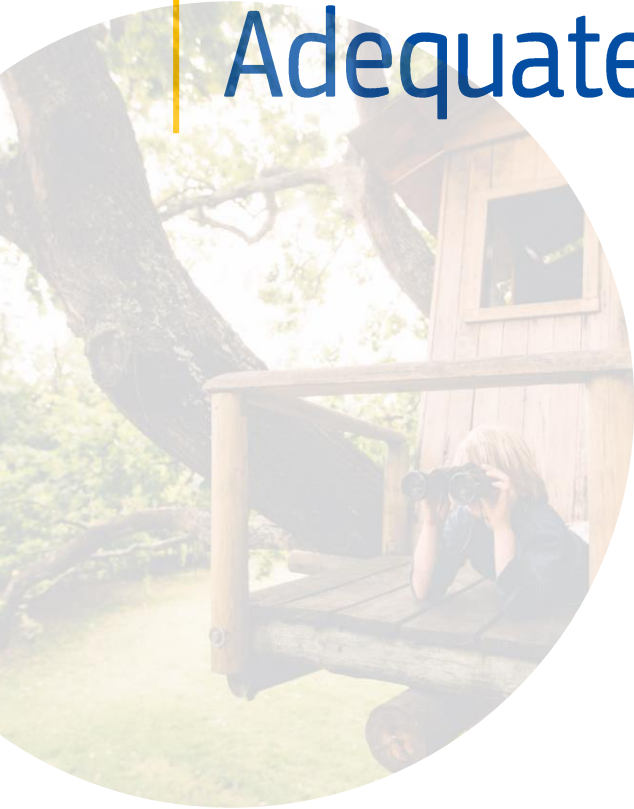
In Spain, the fund finances out-of-school program for the promotion of healthy lifestyles for children supervised by psychological, nutrition and sport professionals.



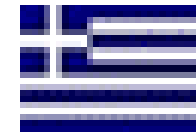
In Cyprus the Ministry of Education covers the cost of the meals for all low-income children.



Adequate Housing



Housing assistance for families in homelessness or at risk of homelessness.



Semi-autonomous living facilities for teenagers in foster care.

Other forms of ESF+ support for the ECG

● Guidance for MAs

ESF+ Community of Practice on Social Inclusion.

- Exchange of good practices,
- Filed visits,
- Production of guiding tools.

● Support to Capacity Building

EUR 546 million* dedicated to capacity building of civil society organisation.

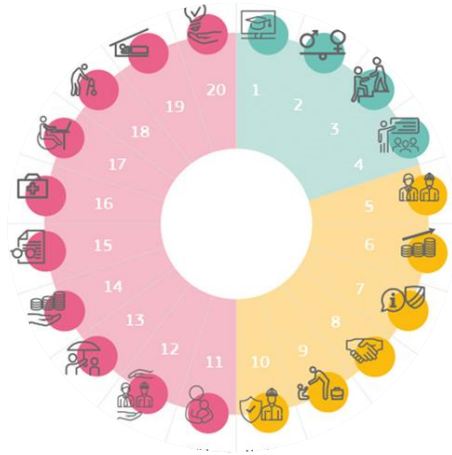
Counting for around 0,5 % of the total ESF + amount.

● Investing in human capital

Compensate for the lack of human resources in services for children by investing in skills.

- ESF+ **EUR 43 bn** envelop dedicated to education and skills.
- European Year of Skills.

ESF+ transversal support to other EU initiatives for children



Continued support to the implementation of **principle 11 of the European Pillar of Social Rights**



Porto Social Commitment to reduce child poverty by at least 5 million children

Contribution to the implementation of targeted initiatives

- European Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities,
- Revised Barcelona Targets,
- EU Strategy of the Child.

Support to mainstreaming strategies

- ESF+ support parents and families at risk of poverty,
- ESF+ support to single parents,
- Measures to increase work-life balance.

Future of Cohesion Policy



Cohesion Policy Achievements 2014-2020

- Support to 3.9 M disabled people,
- 7.3 M from marginalized groups,
- 1 M in job searching
- 8 M involved in education or training
- 9.9 M gaining a qualification

Challenges in a fast-changing world

- Climate change
- Technological change
- Demographic change
- Decreased but still very high social challenges
- Skills shortages
- EU fair and inclusive competitiveness

2021-2027 pursuing this dynamic but what's next ?

Commission's Work on the future

● **Group of High-Level Specialists on the Future of Cohesion Policy**

- Led by DG REGIO and EMPL,
- Composed of Specialist, Representatives of academia, national, regional, local politicians, representatives of civil society,
- 10 meetings in Brussels throughout 2023 and beginning 2024,
- High-Level Specialists Group on the future of Cohesion Policy report, expected in February 2024.

Thank you



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