



Using ESF+ to support persons with disabilities and family carers

European Round Table on Family carers in Europe today

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Legal framework

Specific objectives

- art. 4.1.f) promoting **equal access to** and completion of **quality and inclusive education and training**, in particular for disadvantaged groups, from early childhood education and care [...] and **accessibility for persons with disabilities**.
- art. 4.1.k) – enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable services; [...] **including services that promote the access to [...] person-centred care including healthcare [...]; improving accessibility including for persons with disabilities**.
- art. 4.1.l)– **promoting social integration of people at risk of [...] social exclusion**

Legal Framework – Enabling Conditions



Implementation and application of the **United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities** (UNCRPD)



Measures for the **shift from institutional to family- and community-based care.**



Measures to **promote community and family-based services** through de-institutionalisation, including [...] home-care and community-based services.

Activities to be supported by ESF+

Providing support services and removing barriers to education and training for persons with disabilities

Support the transition from institutional care to independent living community-based and home care services

Fostering the social inclusion and alleviating poverty of persons with severe disabilities, and addressing the specific needs of carers of persons with disabilities (especially family members)



Providing support services and removing barriers to education and training for children with disabilities

- Enhance **inclusive quality education and training** for persons with disabilities of all ages
- Funding **special assistance** for children in school
- Raising **awareness and training of school staff**
- Raising **awareness of students**



Support the transition from institutional care to independent living community-based and home care services

- Promote innovations to the care systems to **improve patients' empowerment and support independent living**;
- Promote **transition from hospital-based care to community-based** mental, rehabilitation and long-term care services (de-institutionalization);
- Support **integrated approach** across health, social services and community/home-care systems in a **person-centred approach**.



Alleviating poverty of persons with severe disabilities and addressing the specific needs of carers of persons with disabilities

- Contribute to the **training and validation of skills and competences of informal carers**
- Raising awareness of **family relatives**
- Financing **respite care**

A budget of EUR 5,2 billion

ESF+ FOR SUPPORT TO DISABLED PEOPLE AND HEALTH (IN MILLION EUR, TOTAL BUDGET)



Participations targets



1 541 039 participants with disabilities

Source: open data platform : <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/themes/4/21-27>

A few examples of ESF+ funded projects



Portugal's Independent Life Support Model (MAVI)

MAVI provides assistance for people with disabilities and incapacities to have an independent, self-determined life



"Step forward" project in Croatia

Provides children who have developmental disabilities with continual, professional, psychosocial support, and aims to achieve social inclusion for children with disabilities and their families.



Independent living for people with intellectual disabilities

In Greece, Axizo project aims to improve participants' quality of life by giving them comprehensive healthcare, education, daily care and support in live autonomously

More examples on : <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/projects>

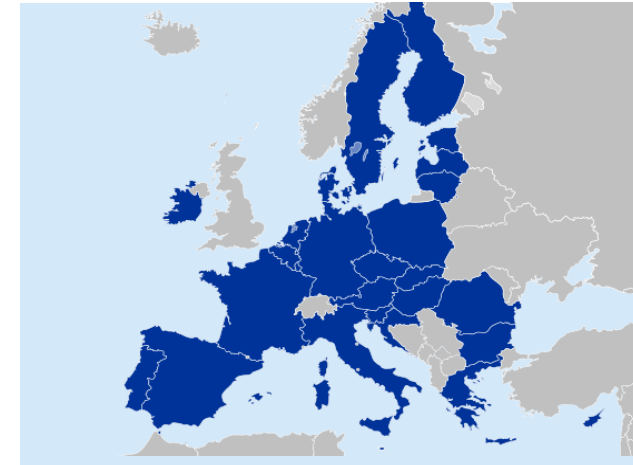
Accessing European Funding



Direct management by the European Commission with calls for proposals

[ESF+ direct \(EaSI\) | European Social Fund Plus \(europa.eu\)](#)

[Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](#)



Indirect management via the Member States with national and regional calls for proposals

[Support in your country | European Social Fund Plus \(europa.eu\)](#)

Upcoming 2025 call on Implementation of the Disability Employment Package

- EaSI Social Innovation call to support the implementation of the Disability Employment Package on national/ regional and local level.
- Transnational call (involvement of minimum 2 member states)
- Budget of 10 millions EUR
- The call will be published on the Social Innovation+ Initiative website: [Transnational Calls - SI+ \(socialinnovationplus.eu\)](https://socialinnovationplus.eu)

Supporting MS in implementing ESF+ for LTC



EU Funds for Social Services

**A transnational
one-stop-shop
offering :**

- **Gathering of evidence** around the use of ESF+, in social services, practices, needs, challenges
- **Building up capacities of MAs** and social services
- **Facilitating partnerships** between MAs and social services

eufunds4social.eu

ESF+ Communities of Practice

- **A support for Managing Authorities** on how to address socio-economic and political challenges in the context of ESF+
- **Mutual learning and capacity building activities** on key policy areas of the ESF+
- **Reports and workshops** animated by **thematic experts**

Next event of the Social Inclusion CoP

Online event "*Living independently in the community, what support can be provided by the ESF+*" - 4th December 2024

- Provide an overview of the deinstitutionalisation framework of the EU
- Look into the aspects of independent living that can be supported by the ESF+.
- Discuss promising examples of DI.
- Discuss the role of ESF+ in the transition from shelters to independent living solutions.

Register here : [Social Inclusion - SI+ \(socialinnovationplus.eu\)](https://socialinnovationplus.eu)

Thank you



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