



ESF, FEAD and ESF+ support to third-country nationals and migrants

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Scope

→ [ESF+ Regulation](#), article 3 “General objectives”

The ESF + aims to:



achieve high employment levels by improving employment opportunities for all, including by investing in education and skills



ensure social inclusion



contribute to poverty eradication in particular for children

In the current context, it will particularly contribute to:



grow a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy



tackle the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular for the hardest hit such as youth

Budget

- €99.3 billion (€98.5 billion shared management; € 762 million indirect management)
- Co-financing rates (*common to all funds covered by Common Provisions Regulation*):
 - (a) 70 % for the less developed regions;
 - (b) 55 % for the transition regions;
 - (c) 40 % for the more developed regions.



ESF+ support: an overview

both direct support to people and reforms

EMPLOYMENT

- (a) Access to employment of all jobseekers
- (b) Modernising labour market institutions and services
- (c) Gender-balanced labour market participation, work/life balance
- (d) adaptation of workers & enterprises, well-adapted working environment, active & healthy ageing

EDUCATION TRAINING

- (e) Improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems
- (f) Promoting equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education
- (g) Lifelong learning, re- and up-skilling, anticipating change and new skills requirements

SOCIAL INCLUSION

- (h) Active inclusion
- (i) Promoting socio-economic integration of third-country nationals, including migrants
- (j) promoting socio-economic integration of marginalised communities such as the Roma
- (k) Equal and timely access to services; social protection, healthcare systems and long term care
- (l) Social integration of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion
- (m) Addressing material deprivation, including accompanying measures

→ Same type of support to third-country nat. as 2014-2020
→ Measures formerly under FEAD now included: basic assistance, food, hygiene...

ESF support to integration

- “Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees” (recital 6 ESF reg.) may receive support that facilitates their social inclusion and integration in the labour market
- ESF support provided they legally have **access to the labour market**
- **Access to the labour market** as per directive 2013/33/EU & temporary protection directive – **all people fleeing UA have temporary protection as of day 1 in the EU**
- **A mainstream approach:** third-country nat. to access any ESF measure
- **Education for all children**
- **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**
- Type of support depends on **needs and thematic objectives**
- **Targeted** measures for migrants are possible

ESF: Examples of measures – 2014-2020

Employment

- Counselling, mentoring in relation to the labour market (information about training opportunities, help with CV writing, recognition of competences, activation measures)
- Hiring of teachers
- Hiring of staff working at the borders to welcome refugees
- Work placements, training, language courses in relation to work
- Measures to overcome segregation, prejudice and discrimination against third-country nationals, in particular in the labour market
- Support to training and employment institutions (adapt programmes and offer to needs; drafting recommendations on competences and skills)
- Prevention of undeclared work, support to social economy

Social inclusion

Inclusion

- “one-stop-shops” and integrated services and counselling (psychosocial, housing, employment...)
- Anti-discrimination programmes and measures (education, labour market) incl. prevention
- Social care and assistance
- Child care and foster care
- Community-based care for people with disabilities, children and older people notably

Education

- Guidance and mentoring
- Apprenticeships, traineeships
- Inclusive education
- Creation of additional school places; language courses for children and parents
- Assessment of children’s needs (language courses, extra support...)
- Extracurricular activities, meals, transport, school equipment
- Hiring and training of teachers and staff

FEAD: Examples of measures – 2014-2020

1) Food and/or basic material assistance

- food support (e.g. food packages or meals);
- basic material assistance (e.g. clothing, footwear, hygiene, school material, sleeping bags).
- Accompanying measures (e.g. psychological support, reorientation to social services)

2) Social inclusion

- Determined by MS in line with their definitions.
- Bringing recipients to other existing services
- Basic language courses
- Civic orientation
- health promotion activities

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- **Objective:** provide greater flexibility for MS to use remaining 2014-2020 cohesion policy resources to address challenges created by arrival of ppl from Ukraine. Two steps:
 1. CARE regulation – entered into force on **9 April - [link](#)** : amends the 2014-2020 CPR and FEAD Regulations; Concerns REACT-EU as well.
 2. Additional amendments to CPR and FEAD regulation - entered into force on **14 April - [link](#)**
- **Main changes:**
 - Use of ERDF/ESF interchangeably
 - MS can apply for 100% EU co-financing rate (accounting year 21-22 ending 30 June 2022)
 - Programme 2022 tranche of REACT-EU to address challenges
 - From 2021 REACT-EU: additional pre-financing (benefits esp. MS with high numbers of arrivals)
 - New unit cost: 40€ per week per person, to contribute to basic needs.

Useful links

- [Ukraine: €3.4 billion REACT-EU pre-financing \(europa.eu\)](#)
- [ESF+ website: Cohesion funding to support people fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#)
- 2021-2027 ESF+ regulation: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2021:231:FULL&from=EN>
- ESF+ website (includes [project](#) examples): <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en>
- How does the ESF+ work? <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/shared-management>
- ESF/ESF+ publications: <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/publications> >
See eg. [How the ESF can advance migrant integration](#)