



2021-2027 European Social Fund Plus: ESF+ for third-country nationals, migrants and people with a migrant background

2021-2027 Toolkit on EU funds for the integration of people
with a migrant background

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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.



The ESF+ objectives

Cohesion Policy Objective 4: A More Social and Inclusive Europe Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

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

3 Contribution to “Smarter Europe” and “Greener Europe” [article4(2)]

→ ESF+ Regulation, article 4.1 “Specific objectives”

ESF+ support to TCNs and migrants

- **Targeted** action through ESF+ SO (i) - promoting socio-economic integration of third country nationals, including migrants
 - EU mobile workers not included
 - Need to have access to labour market
 - Contributes to 25% thematic concentration for social inclusion
- **Mainstream** support under other SOs: includes broader group than TCNs
- Examples of actions (*non exhaustive list*):
 - Labour market activation; training and employment measures; apprenticeships; inclusive/integrated/individual support schemes
 - Quality, non-segregated early-childhood education; fighting early-school leaving; transitions from school to employment.
 - Integrated services and multi-stakeholder partnerships ((with local authorities, social partners, companies, volunteer organisations, citizens, NGOs, user-led organisations representing TCNs and migrants themselves) and networks (incl. peer support, social and professional networks)
 - Social innovation involving TCNs and migrants (eg. entrepreneurship, social economy, user-led initiatives)
 - Measures to overcome segregation, prejudice and discrimination, esp.in the labour market

Useful links

- 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>
- ESF/ESF+ publications: <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/publications> > See eg. [How the ESF can advance migrant integration](#)