

EU Funding Programmes Post-2020

Erasmus +

Budget: EUR 30 billion in current prices

➔ Doubled budget from current funding period (2014-2020)

Target goal(s):

- Increase the number of beneficiaries.
- Provide more learning and mobility opportunities in reaching out to people from all backgrounds.
- Promotion of European identity with a travel experience and build stronger relations with the rest of the world.
- Focus on promoting forward-looking study fields.

What's new?

- The programme will be more inclusive in providing learning and mobility opportunities to more beneficiaries:
 - People from all backgrounds and ages;
 - Schools, vocational education and training, higher education and adult learning;
 - People and organisations involved in activities related to forward-looking fields such as climate change, robotics, etc.;
 - Strengthening of the international dimension (mobility and cooperation with non-EU countries).
- Improved online tools.
- National agencies in charge are re-designated.
- More coherence between different countries: simplified and reduced reporting.

Horizon Europe (previous Horizon 2020)

Budget: EUR 100 billion in current prices

➔ Increase of EUR 20 billion from current funding period (2014-2020)

Target goals:

- Increased investment in EU science and technology, including Research & Innovation in the social sector.
- Foster EU's industrial competitiveness and its innovation performance.
- Deliver on the EU's strategic priorities such as climate change, health, inclusive and secure society (access to fundamental rights, socio-economic transformations contributing to inclusion), digital skills improvement and mobility.

What's new?

- Simplified rule and processes for reporting and reimbursements: less administrative burden.
- More flexibility in funds allocation and costs claims.
- Open science and innovation policy approach.

Justice, Rights and Values Fund

The Justice, Rights and Value Fund is divided into 2 separate programmes: the Justice programme and the Rights and Values programme.

1. Justice programme

Budget: EUR 305 million in current prices

Target goals:

- Facilitation and support of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, promotion of the rule of law, effectiveness and enforcement of national justice.
- Support and promotion of judicial training, and fostering a common legal, judicial and rule of law culture.
- Facilitation of effective access to justice for all, effective redress, efficient civil and criminal procedures, and the promotion and support of victims' rights as well as suspects or accused persons' procedural rights in criminal proceedings.

What's new?

- Simplified structure: the Justice, Rights and Value programme embodies the Justice programme and the Rights and Value programme, which provides a single entry point for applicants, removing obstacles for funding.
- Simplified measures, e.g. lump sums; flat rates and unit costs, will be sought in the implementation of the Justice programme.

2. Rights and Values programme

Budget: EUR 600 million in current prices

Target goals:

- Protect and promote equality and rights, including those of people with disabilities; combat inequalities and discrimination.
- Promote democratic participation and cultural heritage.

- Fight violence against “groups at risk”, including people with disabilities.

What's new?

- Simplified structure: previously Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme and the Europe for Citizens programme.

Digital Europe

Budget: EUR 9.2 billion

Target goals:

- Support the digital transformation of public services and businesses in investing in high-performance computing and data, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and advanced digital skills.
- Bring the benefits of digital transformation to all European citizens and businesses.

What's new?

- Higher investment in digital, including more digital tools to access social services.
- Focus on areas of public interest and improve citizens' engagement and digital network
- Reinforce ongoing cooperation projects with Member States and digital networks and synergies between sectors.
- Implementation of EC Communication on Transformation of Health and Care in the Digital Single Market

ESF +

Budget: EUR 100 billion

- ➔ EUR 761 million to Employment & Social – 25% of the Management Strand within the ESF+ fund dedicated to social inclusion priorities.
- ➔ EUR 413 million to Health.

Target goals:

- Contribute to a more social Europe and make the European Pillar of Social Rights a reality on the ground.
- Upward economic and social convergence across Europe.
- Investment in 3 main areas: (1) education training and lifelong learning, (2) effectiveness of labour markets and equal access to quality employment, (3) social inclusion, health and combatting poverty.

What's new?

- Simplified rules and processes to ensure a better impact by merging 5 programmes: ESF, Youth Employment Initiative, Employment & Social Innovation EaSI, Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived FEAD and EU Health programme.

- Aligned with the European Pillar of Social Rights, EU policies in social, health and employment sector
- Increased alignment to the European Semester.
- Increased relevance of Social Innovation.
- Participation and capacity building of social partners and non-profits.