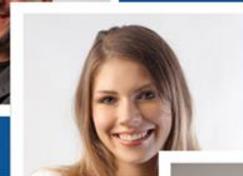
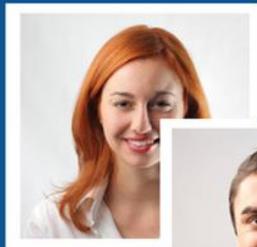
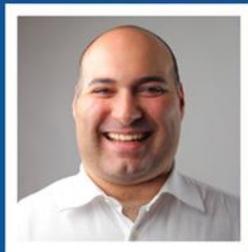


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## State of play

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## **ESF regulation takes it outset in the Europe 2020 and the European Semester**

- Guideline 10: social inclusion and combat poverty
- Country Specific Recommendations



## **ESF minimum share** for the first time in the history of cohesion policy

- **23.1% ESF minimum share**
- Rationale: ensure MS have sufficient resources to achieve the employment, social and education targets and objectives of Europe 2020
- **Earmarking for social inclusion: 20% at national level**



## The social inclusion strand of ESF

- The general approach in the new ESF regulation is to have a horizontal focus.
  - mainstreaming
  - not explicit focus on any groups
- Only exception is marginalised groups where there is an explicit targeting though not exclusive.



## Current state of play - general

**After the entering into force of the ESF regulation  
Member States are preparing their**

1. Partnership Agreements
2. Operational programmes

**For the new programming period**

- **16 Partnership Agreements have been adopted and the rest is expected to be adopted before the end of 2014**
- **For the OPs 8 have been adopted (yesterday afternoon) and negotiations are ongoing between the Commission and the Member States/managing authorities for the rest.**



## **The focus on Roma in the 2014-2020 ESF**

**The link to the CSR implies that 5 Member States are expected to focus on Roma in their Operational Programmes**

**In addition other countries might choose to focus on Roma in their Programmes**



## Focus in the CSRs 2014 in relation to Roma

- **For most of the 5 countries with a CSR mentioning Roma (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia) the recommendation is to improve the access to inclusive education/pre-school/early childhood**
- **For Romania Roma peoples access to the labour market has been assessed as a challenge to tackle.**



## The main picture for the CSR countries

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- **Mixture of mono and multi funds**
- **There is a mixture of direct targeting under IP 9ii – marginalised communities including Roma and mainstreaming**
- **When there are more OPs where Roma is targeted they are often complementary**
- **Most of the OPs are using an integrated approach**
- **The chosen approach is in many cases holistic**
- **In many cases when there were good practices in 2007-2013, the new programmes build on that experience**



## The main picture for the CSR countries

- **Most are targeting inclusion of Roma children in schools where the targeting is**
  - for pre-school children
  - For school children (prevention of early school leaving)
  - For continued education
  - Capacity building for parents
  - Capacity building for teachers
- **Focus on access to health services**
- **Targeting entrepreneurship including social enterprises**
- **Focus on increasing employability through individualised counselling**
- **Awareness raising for Roma communities about their rights**



## The main picture for the other countries

- **Many actions are an inclusive part of support to marginalised communities and Roma with focus on training to increase employability and probability to get a job**
- **Many are targeting entrepreneurship including social enterprises**
- **Support to health services both aimed at Roma population and professionals**
- **Awareness raising to combat stereotyping and discrimination**
- **Focus on social housing**
- **In some countries there is a need to create facilities like**
  - Public baths
  - Mobile units for people to leave in
  - Language training to ensure integration

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