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“Jobs and new opportunities for all”

Screening CROATIA and TURKEY

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Legal basis

- **Article 146 of the Treaty establishes that the ESF aims *“to render the employment of workers easier and to increase their geographical and occupational mobility within the Community, and to facilitate their adaptation to industrial changes and to changes in production systems, in particular through vocational training and retraining”***
- **The ESF Regulation translates Article 146 of the Treaty into concrete provisions on the tasks, priorities, and eligible activities of the ESF**
- **Cohesion Policy is the main pillar for promoting the harmonious development of the whole Community (Article 158 of the Treaty)**



The overarching strategy: **Lisbon revised**

Articulation around the 3 pillars of sustainable development
Integrated guidelines & recommendations



- Competitiveness → innovation, research, education and accessibility
- Employment and social inclusion
- Environment and risk prevention



ESF: a more strategic approach and in line with the Subsidiarity principle for the three stages of programming

- Community Strategic Guidelines (EU level): linking cohesion objectives with Lisbon agenda
- Strategic Reference Framework (national level): organisation of coherence of Community, national and regional priorities
- Operational Programmes – thematic\geographic: analysis, strategy, priorities



Links with the EES and Lisbon




- Strengthen economic and social cohesion by supporting MS policies aiming at
 - full employment,
 - quality and productivity at work,
 - social inclusion and
 - reduction of regional employment disparities

- Take account of EU objectives in the field of social inclusion and gender equality

- Concentration on the employment recommendations






ESF priorities (1):

-  **Increase adaptability of workers and enterprises, especially by life-long learning, the promotion of entrepreneurship, and support services in the context of restructuring.**
-  **Enhance access to employment, preventing unemployment, notably by promoting the modernisation of labour market institutions, the implementation of active and preventive policies and actions to increase women participation.**
-  **Reinforce social inclusion of people at a disadvantage and combat all forms of discrimination in the labour market.**



ESF priorities (2)

-  **Promote partnerships and networking in the fields of employment and social inclusion.**
-  **Expand and improve investment in human capital, in particular by promoting reforms in education and training systems**
-  **Strengthening institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services at national, regional and local level**



Promotion of good governance and partnership

- ESF shall be implemented at the appropriate territorial level according to each MS specificities
- Involvement of Social Partners and consultation of non-governmental stakeholders in ESF programming, implementation and monitoring



The "new" ESF

- Reinforced links with EU employment and social inclusion priorities
- **Contributes to Convergence and Regional Competitiveness and Employment**
- Mainstream of innovative actions, trans-national cooperation and gender equality
- **Priority for administrative capacity development**
- Promotion of good governance and partnership

Before Accession ? IPA

- No ESF before accession, But ...
- ... one of the five IPA (Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance) components is dedicated to Human Resources development.
- **Objective** : policy development as well as preparation for the implementation and management of the European Social Fund

Before Accession ? IPA

- **Prepare Candidate Countries for the programming, implementation and management of the European Social Fund**
 - Setting up adequate structures and systems**

- **In the framework of the European Employment Strategy and the revised Lisbon Strategy, taking into account :**
 - ✓ **The priorities and challenges of the Joint Assessment Paper (JAP) and of the Joint Inclusion Memorandum (JIM) and**
 - ✓ **The objectives of the Community in the fields of employment, social inclusion, education and training, gender equality**

- **The priorities of HRD component IV will be the same as those of the ESF regulation 2007-2013**



Thank you for your attention

For more information, please visit:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/esf2000/index-en.htm