



An introduction to the

Community Programme for
Employment and Social Solidarity

PROGRESS

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Policy Context

Progress:

1. part of financial perspectives 2007-2013 exercise

☞ simplification and rationalisation of expenditure

2. linked to the implementation of policy objectives

☞ Social Agenda (COM (2005) 33):

The Union's roadmap for actions in the employment and social area as part of the Lisbon Strategy.

Implementing the Social Agenda

- Combination of instruments:
 - ◆ Legislation
 - ◆ Open method of coordination
 - ◆ Social dialogue
 - ◆ Financial instruments
 - ☞ European Social Fund
 - ☞ Autonomous actions (social dialogue, free movement)
 - ☞ Agencies (working conditions, health and safety and gender institute)
 - ☞ Progress

Progress 2007-2013

- Regrouping existing programmes/budget lines

	Turkey	Croatia
Employment incentive measures	observer	MoU negotiated
Social inclusion programme	Partial	
Anti discrimination Programme	Partial	
Gender equality Programme	Partial	

+ Working Conditions budget lines

What are the objectives

- improve knowledge and understanding
- develop statistical tools/ common indicators
- support and monitor implementation of Community law
- promote networking/dissimination
- enhance awareness of stakeholders/public
- boost capacity of EU networks

What kind of activities

- Analytical activities: collecting data, studies, analysis, statistic, common indicators
- Mutual learning: exchange of information, evaluation + awareness raising
- Support to main actors (mainly EU level NGO networks)

Which areas are covered:

- Employment : linked to the EES
- Social inclusion and social protection : linked to OMC
- Working conditions
- Anti-discrimination
- Gender equality

Direct Management

- ◆ Commission will be assisted by a Committee (with representatives from MS)
- ◆ Progress will be implemented through:
 - Call for tender
 - Call for proposal (max 80% co-financing)

Budget/ access to the programme

- Proposed budget (still under discussion)

Euro 628 million over 7 years

- Programme is open to candidate countries

👉 negotiate memorandum of understanding