



LINE OF ACTION



POLICIES FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND TO COMBAT POVERTY



Social policies

In the effort to give priority to reducing poverty and to leave no one behind, this line of action is aimed, above all, at strengthening and innovation in social assistance programmes, but also at addressing the consolidation and development of comprehensive social protection systems in some countries. In addition, its aims include the processes to strengthen the institutions in the social sector, and to adapt information systems and the reforms inherent to access to the health and education sector.

WHICH AREAS ARE INVOLVED?

This line encompasses the actions that, in general terms, lead to strengthening and innovation in social protection systems both at the level of institutional architecture and governance and through strengthening social assistance programmes (especially in the fight against poverty). Work is also being done to strengthen programmes and policies for specific populations that have experience degrees of vulnerability, such as migrants and the homeless population

EUROSOCIAL+ EXPERIENCES

Ten countries are currently working with EUROSOCIAL+ in this line of action, in addition to regional action. Of twenty actions in this line



WHICH SDG DOES IT INVOLVE?



EUROPEAN CONSENSUS

The eradication of poverty, the fight against discrimination and inequality and the principle of leaving no one behind are at the heart of the EU's development cooperation policy. Poverty is multidimensional and is related to economic, social, environmental, cultural and political aspects. The EU and its Member States will pursue the end of hunger and all forms of malnutrition and promote universal health coverage, universal access to quality education and training, adequate and sustainable social protection and decent work for all in a healthy environment.

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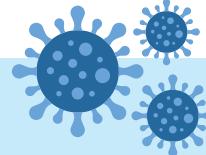
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of action, seven have been completed and seven are under way; two approved and four are being discussed.

Thus, for example, the actions range from supporting Paraguay to design, implement and govern a new national social protection system, to accompanying the process of designing and approving the governance of the social sector in Costa Rica; from improvements to the social inclusion systems for migrants in Chile to strengthening public mechanisms that encourage the development of businesses with a social impact in Brazil.

OTHER ACTIONS BY COUNTRY

- ARGENTINA: We are contributing to the creation of the Learning Schools Network in the General Directorate of Culture and Education in Buenos Aires Province.
- BRAZIL: We support the implementation of the Strategy on Investment and Businesses with a Social Impact, together with the Ministry of Economy.
- CHILE: We support the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS) in developing methodological instruments to apply the inter cultural approach in managing social programmes with migrant populations in vulnerable territories. An action to support the Ministry of Social Development that aims to adapt the "housing first" model to the country's context is in the launch phase.



WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

The lockdown used as a strategy to counter the spread of COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of having social protection systems that defend people from the economic and social effects of the crisis. Therefore, EUROSOCIAL is supporting the use of virtual actions and webinars to implement technical assistance and good practice exchanges to strengthen countries' response to the ravages of the crisis. A few examples:

- Together with the Secretariat for Central American Social Integration (SISCA), we are supporting the preparation of the Recovery, Social Reconstruction and Resilience Plan for Central American countries and the Dominican Republic. The Plan has a two-year horizon and three main axes: (1) social protection (especially the social assistance pillar); (2) employment and employability; (3) informal settlements. The SICA countries participating: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize and the Dominican Republic.
- Webinar: "Social Protection and COVID-19: Opportunities and Challenges in the SICA Region"

- COSTA RICA: We are giving technical support to the Costa Rican Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN) as it creates the Economic and Social Council. As a complement to this initiative, support has already been given to the design process for the coordination of MIDEPLAN's development and inclusion policies.
- PARAGUAY: We are contributing (i) to the first stage of the construction process for the social protection system, that is, by

supporting the Social Cabinet's Technical Unit in drafting Sectoral Social Protection Notes 1.0 and 2.0, tools that have been key in defining the general features and guiding principles for social protection and the institutional architecture of the system, particularly at a delicate moment in the government's transition; and (ii) in designing the "Vamos!" Social Protection System in Paraguay, whose design was adopted by the Republic of Paraguay's Social Cabinet on 8 May 2019.



Participants in one of the design workshops on the Social Protection System in Paraguay.

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