



EU Alliance: Key Messages for 2014 CSRs

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Social and Sustainable Macroeconomic Policies

- **Promote Macroeconomic policies that support social, equality and environmental goals**
 - *Implement an ex-ante social/equality/environmental impact assessment and*
 - *A comprehensive strategy that ensures that economic objectives deliver on social, equality and environmental targets.*

Social and Sustainable Macroeconomic Policies

- **Invest in inclusive and sustainable growth**
 - *Invest in affordable housing, energy-saving priorities and social/health infrastructure to ensure positive results on multiple Europe 2020 goals: creating new jobs, investing in people, preventing poverty and tackling climate change.*

- **Promote inclusive and sustainable tax**
 - *Ensure tax policy contributes to long-term social and environmental objectives*
 - *Embed ex-ante impact assessments to guard against unfair distribution, promoting a tax justice model*

Fighting poverty and social inclusion

- **Increase the ambition of targets and a strategic approach**
 - *MS should set ambitious national targets, draw on all 3 indicators, broken down by key factors (gender/age, ethnicity)*
 - *Each MS should develop a comprehensive diagnosis of causes/trends as basis for integrated antipoverty strategy*
 - *Develop sub-targets and thematic strategies for key priorities/groups: tackling homelessness, investing in children, Roma inclusion and across themes.*

Fighting poverty and social exclusion

- **Ensure affordable access to quality services – particularly Housing, addressing homelessness, health and long-term care.**
 - *Require measures to increase affordable access to housing: social housing, rent-regulation, tax reform, as well as diversification and re-balancing of housing tenures.*
 - *Increase investment in affordable quality health and long-term care, as well as ensuring equal access including promoting action to counter discrimination eg Roma/undocumented migrants*

Fighting poverty and social exclusion

- **Strengthen social investment and universal social protection systems**
 - *Give priority to investment in integrated social protection across the life cycle, guaranteeing adequate minimum income, unemployment benefits and pensions with EU-wide benchmarks.*
 - *Ensure proposals to reduce social security contributions must not have negative impact on sustainable financing of SP*

Fighting poverty and social exclusion

- Investing in children and youth, combined with integrated strategies for all, at-risk groups.
- *Encourage implementation of integrated strategies to invest in children (and their families), in line with the Commission's Recommendation.*
- *Implement the Youth Guarantee through quality integrated programmes and promote Youth Inclusion, beyond employment*
- *Ensure that an integrated approach to social inclusion and poverty reduction across the life-cycle is promoted for all key target groups.*

Quality Employment

- **Create sustainable, quality employment across the life cycle.**
 - *Invest in quality green and social jobs*
 - *Concrete measures to reduce in-work poverty and gender pay gap: increasing minimum wages, supporting living wages and work-life balance, defending employment protection and social rights.*

Quality Employment

- **Personalized, integrated Active Inclusion not Activation alone**
 - *Explicit promotion of integrated Active Inclusion (income support, inclusive labour market and access to quality services), based on personalized integrated support.*
 - *Access to affordable childcare/ECEC to support women into work.*
 - *Support to active ageing to enable older people to move/stay in jobs with age-friendly LM.*

Promoting Inclusive Education

■ Support Comprehensive Education + LLL

- *Universal access to quality, comprehensive education and measures to tackle segregation to key groups.*
- *Develop lifelong learning and support , on-the job training and lifecycle management for older people.*

■ Social Investment in early childhood/and ESL

- *Invest in quality ECEC with quality assurance standards*
- *Promote an integrated approach to ESL: prevention, intervention and compensation measures and individualized alternative '2nd chance' partnerships.*

Promoting Inclusive Education

- **Vocational Training responding to the labour market and individual needs.**
 - *Better match VET to respond to labour market needs, adapted to individual needs/skills*
 - *Ensure that broader educational values are enhanced beyond labour market needs.*

Promoting Gender/Equality

- *Reduce the gender pay gap, with a national strategy to eliminate wage discrimination and gender segregation in education and work.*
- *Close the gender pension's gap, promoting work-life balance, shared parenting, reforms of social security/tax systems to promote individual rights*
- *Ensure a compensation mechanisms in pension schemes for time spent caring for children/dependents*
- *Specific Measures to counter multiple discrimination against Migrant Women – reinforcing employment and social protection rights/independent status.*

Investing in resource efficiency and tackling climate change

- *Reduce tax exemptions and environmentally harmful subsidies on fossil fuels, differentiating car tax according to energy/efficiency*
- *Invest in decentralised energy production, renewable fuels and increased energy efficiency*
- *Ensure climate change objectives have clear guiding principles, measure targets/indicators, timelines and monitoring mechanisms.*
- *Carry out ex-ante social/gender impact assessment to ensure burden does not fall on the poor, excluded and women.*

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