

**PROGRESS 2007-2013**

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMME FOR  
EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL  
SOLIDARITY**

# MANDATE

- To financially support the implementation of the objectives of the EU in the areas of:
  - Employment
  - Social Affairs
  - Equal Opportunities

# PROGRESS 2007-2013

- replaces 4 previous programmes and budget lines that ended in 2006 covering actions:
  - **Against discrimination**
  - **Equality between men and women**
  - **Employment measures**
  - **Fight against social exclusion**
- Single programme to streamline EU funding and improve impact

# GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- To improve knowledge and understanding of situations prevailing in MS through **analysis, evaluation and monitoring of policies**
- To support the development of **statistical tools, methods and common indicators**
- To support and monitor the **implementation of Community law and policy objectives** in MS and assess their effectiveness and impact
- To promote **networking and mutual learning**, identification and dissemination of good practices and innovative approaches
- To enhance **awareness** of stakeholders and the general public **about EU policies and objectives**
- To **boost the capacity of key EU networks** to promote, support and further develop EU policies and objectives

# SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Implementation of **European Employment Strategy**
- Implementation of the **OMC** in the field of **Social Protection and Inclusion**
- Improvement of working environment and conditions including **health and safety at work** and reconciling **work and family life**
- Implementation of the principle of **non-discrimination** and promotion of its mainstreaming in all EU policies
- Implementation of the principles of **gender equality** and promotion of its mainstreaming in all EU policies

# REMIT

- Given these objectives, it is **not** the core business of PROGRESS to support **project-type initiatives**
- Does not intervene when:
  - Other EU interventions already exist
  - Responsibility lies within Member States
- Works alongside European Social Fund (ESF)
- **ESF:** invests in the implementation of employment and social inclusion policies
- **PROGRESS:** supports the Community's policy and legal processes in employment, social affairs and equal opportunities

# BUDGET

- **Global Budget**
  - Circa 743 million Euros over 7 years
- **Operational expenditure per policy section**

	% in 2007	% in 2008	% in 2009	Average	PROGRESS Decision %
<b>Employment</b>	21,92%	21,82%	22,35	22,03%	23%
<b>Social Protection and Inclusion</b>	30,7%	29,40%	30,72	30,27%	30%
<b>Working Conditions</b>	11,18%	12,96%	10,31	11,48%	10%
<b>Anti-discrimination and Diversity</b>	22,49%	25,09%	22,71	23,43%	23%
<b>Gender Equality</b>	11,75%	9,24%	12,11	11,03%	12%
<b>Support to implementation of PROGRESS</b>	1,91%	1,47%	1,76	1,719%	2%

# 5 POLICY STRANDS

- **Employment**
  - NCP: Felix Borg
- **Social Inclusion and Social Protection**
  - NCP: Mary Grace Vella
- **Working Conditions**
  - NCP: Anthony Azzopardi
- **Anti-Discrimination**
  - NCP: Sina Bugeja (pending new appointment)
- **Gender Equality**
  - NCP: Sina Bugeja (pending new appointment)

# CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

- Employment and social affairs issues are **interdependent**
- Policies in one area carry strong implications for those in others
- **PROGRESS** aims to:
  - Improve policy coherence and efficiency through **cross-cutting and collaborative work** among the different policy sections

# TARGET BENEFICIARIES:

- **Partners:**

- 27 EU Member States
- EU candidate countries
- EFTA/EEA countries

- **Beneficiaries:**

- Member States
- Local and regional authorities
- Public employment services
- National Statistics Offices
- Specialized bodies
- Universities and research institutes
- Social partners and voluntary organizations

# STRUCTURES

- **Directly managed** by EU Commission
- **Committee** of MS representatives
  - to assist Commission in the administrative management of PROGRESS
- **National Contact Points** under the different strands

# CALLS

- Commission issues calls either for:
  - **Tenders/Expression of Interest**
  - **Proposals:**
    - **Restricted**
    - **Open**
- Direct subsidies may be awarded without calls for proposals to support EU Commission or Presidency
- **Co-financing for projects**
  - 80% of total eligible expenditure

# DISSEMINATION AND DEADLINES

- **Dissemination of Calls:**
  - published on PROGRESS website
  - published on TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)
  - disseminated via NCPs
- **Deadline** for submitting applications under calls for
  - proposals - app. 8 weeks
  - tenders - app. 7 weeks

# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- **Examples:**

- Training and learning initiatives
- Monitoring/assessment reports on implementation and impact of EU law and policy
- Identification and dissemination of good practices
- Information and Communication Activities
- Mutual learning activities and networking initiatives
- Development of statistical tools, methods and indicators
- Policy advice, Research and Analysis
- Support to NGOs and networks

# ULTIMATE OUTCOME

MS implement and adopt

- **laws**
- **policies**
- **practices**

in a manner that contribute to EU priority objectives

# THANK YOU

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