



Peer-to-peer technical cooperation between public practitioners and social partners

FACTSHEET FOR WESTERN BALKANS

SOCIEUX+ FACILITY

SOCIEUX+ EU Expertise on Social Protection, Labour and Employment is a technical cooperation facility set up to improve the capacities of partner countries to design and manage inclusive, effective, and sustainable labour and employment policies and social protection systems. Based on capacity development through peer-to-peer technical cooperation and

exchanges, SOCIEUX+ provides access to European experts drawn primarily from the public administrations of EU Member States, offering expertise tailored to the demands and needs of EU Partner Countries. In addition to in-person exchanges, SOCIEUX+ includes an e-learning platform for online capacity development of partner institutions. SOCIEUX+ is results-oriented and demand-driven, responding to the requests of public institutions and social partners [in 160 EU Partner Countries and territories](#).

	On demand peer-to-peer (P2P) technical cooperation	
	Areas of Expertise: · Social Protection · Labour & Employment	
	Global · More than 160 countries	(See full list of eligible partner countries here)
	Partners: · Public and publicly-mandated bodies at national, regional and local levels. · Social partners (e.g., trade unions, employers and workers' associations).	
	Types of activities: · Short-term cooperation, onsite and online. · Actions comprising up to 4 activities (15 working days per activity), over a maximum of 11 months.	
	Type of expertise mobilized:	Public sector officials from EU Member State public administration [at all levels] and social partners.
	Presenting a request:	Request form available on line

SOCIEUX+ provides peer-to-peer technical cooperation on demand

SOCIEUX+ IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

SOCIEUX+ has expanded its offer of peer-to-peer cooperation activities to countries in the Western Balkans region, including:

- ▶ Republic of Albania
- ▶ Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ▶ Kosovo*
- ▶ Montenegro
- ▶ Republic of North Macedonia
- ▶ Republic of Serbia

SCOPE OF WORK

Interventions are focused on peer-to-peer exchanges in all dimensions of social protection, labour and employment services, including but not limited to:

<p>Social insurance: Old age benefits, invalid and survivor pensions; health insurance; occupational accidents and diseases; unemployment benefits; and maternity, family and household benefits.</p>	<p>Social assistance: Guaranteed income schemes; poverty-targeted benefits; access basic and other social services; social security for informal workers; child protection and disability-inclusive social protection; disability assessment; etc.</p>	<p>Labour: Labour law; occupational safety and health; working conditions; institutional reforms and practices; active labour market policies; formalisation of informal employment; eradication of child labour; decent work; due diligence; social relationships; and social dialogue.</p>	<p>Employment: Public employment services; entrepreneurship services; jobs creation; policies and services design; vocational guidance and training; matching labour demand and labour supply; green jobs promotion; employability of vulnerable groups; youth employment; inclusive employment; and, soft skills.</p>
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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF SOCIEUX+ SUPPORT

	SOCIAL PROTECTION	LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
Elaboration of sector strategies	Action Plan on Disability	Green jobs strategies and skills reference systems
Functional and organisational analysis	Functional review of Ministry units in charge of social protection	Analysis of Public Employment Services (PES) for employers, youth and entrepreneurship
(Re)formulation of legislative frameworks	Finalization of a draft bill on pension systems	Review of legal frameworks for flexible forms of employment
Knowledge transfer	Training of trainers on functional disability assessment	Training of trainers on entrepreneurship and soft skills
Comparative studies	Presentation of EU cases and practices on occupational accidents & sickness' schemes	Benchmarking employment opportunities for people living with disabilities
Other assignments	Assessment of the provision of tailored social services for people with disabilities	Training seminar on tools for social dialogue

SOCIEUX+ mobilises European public expertise for short-term technical cooperation activities with their peers in partner countries

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The Facility is implemented by a partnership composed by [Expertise France](#) (the partnership lead), the [Belgian International Cooperation on Social Protection \(Belincosoc\)](#), the [Belgian Development Agency \(Enabel\)](#) and the [International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies \(FIIAPP\)](#).

KEY DOCUMENTS



SOCIEUX+ Guide

Guide for institutions and social partners in partner countries.

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SOCIEUX+ Request Form

Request Form for Peer-to-Peer Technical Cooperation through structured actions with multiple activities.

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SOCIEUX+ Simplified Request Form

Request Form for Peer-to-Peer Technical Cooperation for conferences, roundtables and other awareness raising events (single-activity actions).

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All documents are available at <http://socieux.eu/technical-cooperation/>



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