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 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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