



Europe 2020 as an anchor for reforms in SEE?

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Europe 2020 and Enlargement countries

- Achieving sustainable economic recovery and **embracing Europe 2020: a priority for enlargement policy** (Commission Strategy Paper 2011)
- Objectives of **Europe 2020 as a reform anchor**
- Countries encouraged to **associate to Europe 2020** and its **flagship initiatives**



Europe 2020 and Enlargement countries

- Europe 2020 objectives reflected in EU/countries **dialogues** on economic policy and on employment and social policies
- Programming of **financial assistance** guided towards Europe 2020 objectives (socio-economic development)
- Europe 2020 objectives taken into account in EC **cooperation with international financial institutions** (IFIs)



Europe 2020

3 interlinked priorities

- 1. Smart growth:** developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation
- 2. Sustainable growth:** promoting a more efficient, greener and more competitive economy
- 3. Inclusive growth:** fostering a high-employment economy delivering social and territorial cohesion

Headlines targets

- 75 % **employment rate** (% of population aged 20-64 years)
- < 10% **early school leavers** & min. 40% hold tertiary **degree**
- 20 million less people at **risk of poverty**



Europe 2020 – Flagships

An agenda for New Skills and Jobs

- better functioning labour markets
- more skilled workforce
- better job quality and working conditions
- stronger policies to promote job creation and labour demand

European platform against poverty

- delivering actions across the policy spectrum
- greater and more effective use of EU Funds to support social inclusion
- promoting evidence-based social innovation
- working in partnership and harnessing the potential of social economy
- enhanced policy coordination among EU-MS

Youth on the move

- lifelong learning system
- raise % of young people in higher education or equivalent
- EU's support for learning mobility reviewed, expanded and linked up with national and regional resources



Europe 2020 Governance





Employment and social policies and enlargement - Current instruments

Overall enlargement process:

- Enlargement Strategy Paper: overall priorities, country conclusions
- Progress Report: by country; assessment of progress (*acquis* alignment)
- Policy dialogue (1 x year; sub-committee format)

JAP /JIM Processes:

- to prepare for EU policy coordination
- analysis, identifying policy priorities
- process (joint document + follow-up until accession)
- **only for countries with candidate status**



Europe 2020 as an anchor for reform Way forward?

- Are EU **policy priorities and orientations** fit for SEE countries? At which level (EU2020? AGS? Integrated Guidelines?)
- **Governance:** what can be used and what can make sense?
 - targets (national)
 - policy coordination/integration
 - partnership (social partners, civil society, all levels)



Europe 2020 as an anchor for reform Way forward?

Strengthening policy dialogue

- all countries
- earlier
- more frequent

JAP/JIM Processes

- adjust to new EU policy context and instruments
- better link with programming/funding
- learning process and ownership



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A role for **regional level**

- exchange of experience, mutual learning, peer-reviews
- annual meeting with SEE policy makers
- identify multi-country priorities for support