



Throughout the preparations of the next EU budget, I have always argued that we need to **invest in people**. Because that is what our times require:

We need **skilled people** in Europe to create growth, to be competitive globally, to embrace digitisation.

We need modern **social protection** systems. For new forms of work. For our ageing societies.

And we also need to show **solidarity with the vulnerable**, with the most deprived, with migrants who have the right to stay. It is what makes us human.

Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility – 30 May 2018



# **Policy challenges**

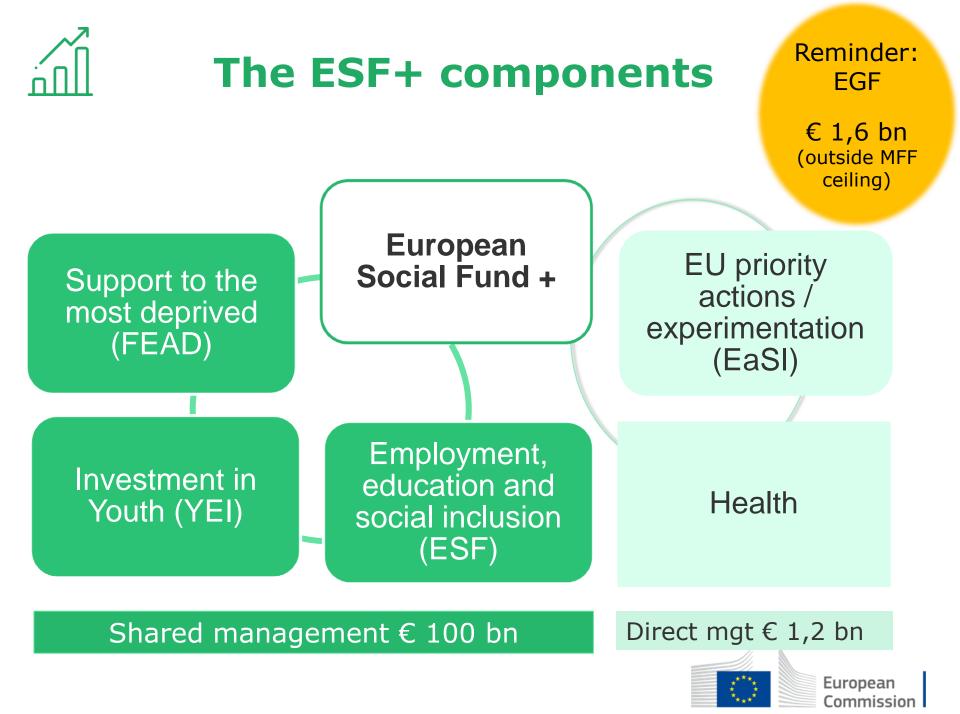
Evolving technology, productivity and globalisation call for adapted education and training systems

Improved **employment** situation in the EU but still important long-term and youth unemployment

People in/at risk of **poverty and social** exclusion still high

**Demographic** trends (ageing population, migration) affecting society and world of work





## **ESF+ Objectives**

#### **General objectives**

- All strands: Support the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights
- Shared management strand: also the Employment
   Guidelines and Countryspecific recommendations
   under the European Semester
- Employment and Social Innovation strand: special focus on employment, skills, social protection, social inclusion and working conditions.
- Health strand: ensure a high
  level of health protection in the
  Union

#### **Specific objectives**

- 11 SO under the "a more social Europe" CPR policy objective in the policy areas:
  - Employment, notably for youth and LTU
  - Education and Training
  - Social inclusion including health
- Focus kept on support to youth employment and social inclusion, including the integration of migrants
- ESF+ also contributes to other CPR policy objectives





### **EGF** Objectives

### PO: A more social Europe (European Pillar of Social Rights)

- Retain workers and self-employed in, or reintegrate them into the labour market
- when they have been displaced by unexpected major restructuring events
- particularly those triggered by changing global trade patterns, automation, digitalisation, transition to low-carbon economy, etc.

Horizontal principles:

Gender

Equal opportunities

Non discrimination

