



# **Social innovation in ESF**

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- *Political context*
- *Social innovation in future ESF*



## Political context

- *Europe 2020 – headline targets on employment, education and social inclusion*
- *Social investment*
  - The most developed welfare states in Europe have the most competitive economies
  - Investment in social policies: economic returns and lower costs in the long run
  - But constrained budgets: need for smarter social policies
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  - 1. Focus available resources, in particular EU funding on social investment
  - 2. Use social innovation



## Social investment by ESF

*More investment*

- *25% ESF minimum share*
- *20% concentration on social inclusion*

*Smarter investment*

- *Obligation of social innovation*





## **„Shall” (Art. 9.1)**

- „ESF shall promote” social innovation
- Coupled with the obligation for each Member State to select themes
- Expected element of ESF in each Member State





## **„Within all areas under ESF scope“ (Art. 9.1)**

- Possibility to support each policy field
- Can contribute to all investment priorities
- Flexibility in identifying areas where it can bring the most impact





## An example in current ESF

*Social inclusion/migration policy in PT*  
*Immigration officies as one stop shops*

- **Naturalisation**
- **Job-search assistance**
- **Housing**

*Mentoring by representatives of the country of origin (NGOs)*





## ESF specificities

- Focus on the policy
- Public sector innovation
  - Integration of resources
  - Social economy
  - Co-creation
- Testing and up-scaling







***Thank you very much!***

