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# 2<sup>nd</sup> SECTOR WORKING GROUP MEETING

# Sector "Education, Employment & Social Policy"



# PRIORITIES 2018 – 2020 and after SECTOR EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY



# 1. SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF A REFORMED SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION SYSTEM AND SERVICES

# ESTABLISHING A MODERN AND FLEXIBLE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM, STRAIGHTEN THE SECTOR POLICYMAKING BY SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORMS AS WELL AS SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIES





#### 2018-2020

### **1.***Reforms of social protection system*

- Enacting new Law on Social Protection
- Setting up quality standards of social services, price/costs for social services, licensing of social providers, system of performance monitoring, integrated IT system

# **2.**Deinstitutionalization (Transfer of beneficiaries and Transformation of social protection institutions)

## **3.***Capacity building and life-long training of professionals and staff* **4.***Registering of persons not registered in the Register of birth*

# 5.Activation and social inclusion

- Introducing guaranteed minimum income
- Introducing integrated case management (CSW and ESA)
- Development and support integrated, innovative and personalized community based services (Supported Housing, Personal assistance, Social Enterprises, Professional Rehabilitation, Alternative Services for Child Protection)
- Development and promotion of social entrepreneurship (Setting up favorable policy framework , Capacity building and Mechanisms for monitoring of social enterprises, Modalities of financial support)



## **PRIORITIES AFTER 2020**

- **1.Reforms of social protection system**
- <sup>-</sup> Monitoring and evaluation of the reformed social protection system efficiency
- 2. Deinstitutionalisation
- Deinstitutionalisation and transformation of social care institutions accommodating elderly and persons with mental illness
- 3. Activation and social inclusion
- Support to the development of community based social services, in particular home-care services, with focus on elderly and persons with intellectual disabilities (Encourage participation of the municipalities and coordinated delivery of social services by various providers on local level)
- Support to the development of social enterprises (support services for development of social entrepreneurship, financial support to social enterprises and system monitoring of social enterprises)
- Integrate the persons without ID through provision of temporary housing, education, health, labor market and housing



# 2. REDUCE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND INCREASE THE LABOR MARKET PARTICIATION OF YOUTH, LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED, WOMEN AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS

# INCREASING THE LABOR MARKET PARTICIPATION IN PARTICULAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN, AS WELL AS IMPROVING THE SKILLS THROUGH HIGHER ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING





## 2018-2020

- 1. Piloting professional rehabilitation for persons with disabilities in Skopje and Strumica (New concept for determining disability, including functional assessment of PDWs, integrated register of the social insurance beneficiaries)
- 2. Increasing the availability and quality of services for early-child development (kindergartens, centers for early child development, alternative childcare)
- 3. Formalization of "care economy"
- 4. Measures and available labour market services for youth and long-term unemployed persons
- 5. Piloting youth guarantee
- 6. Green jobs



## **PRIORITIES AFTER 2020**

#### **1.***Preventing transition to long-term unemployment among young people*

- Nation-wide implementation of youth guarantee
- Implement employment measures in accordance with the local labor market needs

### **2.**Support to employment of long-term unemployed persons and other vulnerable groups of unemployed persons

- Prepare long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups for inclusion in the labor market, including through establishment of regional centers for professional rehabilitation
- Encourage their participation in the labor market services and active employment measures

#### 3. Narrowing the gender gap in the labour market

- Develop and implement measures for stimulating entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship among women as part of the active employment policies
- Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services and infrastructure



# **3. HORISONTAL ISSUES – GENDER EQUALITY, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION**

# -GENDER EQUALITY AND BETTER ACCESS OF WOMEN TO THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE (EU GENDER ACTION PLAN 2016-2020)

-COMBATING DISCRIMINATION IN THE LABOR MARKET, EDUCATION AND SOCIETY, PROMOTION OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PRACTICES AND MEASURES





# 2018-2020

- 1. Gender responsive budgeting
- 2. Legal and institutional framework for prevention and protection of gender based violence
  - Harmonise the national legislation with the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence
  - Establish specialized services for victims of gender based violence in line with the minimum standards of the Council of Europe
- 3. Equality in access to assets
- 4. Evaluation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and gender sensitive evaluation of other laws
- 5. Strengthen the legal framework, institutional mechanisms and national institutional cooperation in the field of non-discrimination



### **PRIORITIES AFTER 2020**

- **1.** Campaigns for raising public awareness for equal access of women and men to assets and services
- 2. Implement the conclusions and the recommendation of the evaluation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the gender sensitive evaluation of other laws
- 3. Establish analytical and training center for gender equality
  - Trainings of the civil servants on gender-sensitive policy and budgeting