

**Social
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Initiative**

ESF+ Social Innovation+ Initiative

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We are the European Competence Centre for Social Innovation.

Our missions:

TASK 1. Social Innovation Knowledge Centre and capacity building

TASK 2. Transnational EU level calls and support for beneficiaries

TASK 3. Analysis, monitoring, evaluation, policy development of SI activities, ecosystems and supporting policies

TASK 4. Validation, dissemination, and support to scaling up of SI initiatives

TASK 5. Increasing visibility and awareness raising of the value of Social Innovation

My presentation includes:

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals
2. Knowledge sharing and capacity building
3. Social Innovation Match
4. Experts | Call for expression of interest

PPT will be shared immediately after the event 😊

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

Call	Budget	Call announced	Deadline	Tentative announcement of the call	Tentative deadline for applications
1.1 ALMA	15 MEUR	December 2022	March 2023		
1.2 National Competence Centres for Social Innovation: Building-up and Consolidating the Capacity	8 MEUR	August 2023	30 November 2023		
1.3 Social Innovations for the Upskilling of Vulnerable Youth, Especially Young People not in Employment, Education, or Training (NEETs)	9 MEUR			Autumn 2023	February 2024
1.4 Mitigation of societal consequences of the war in Ukraine in the EU	22 MEUR			End 2023	March 2024

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

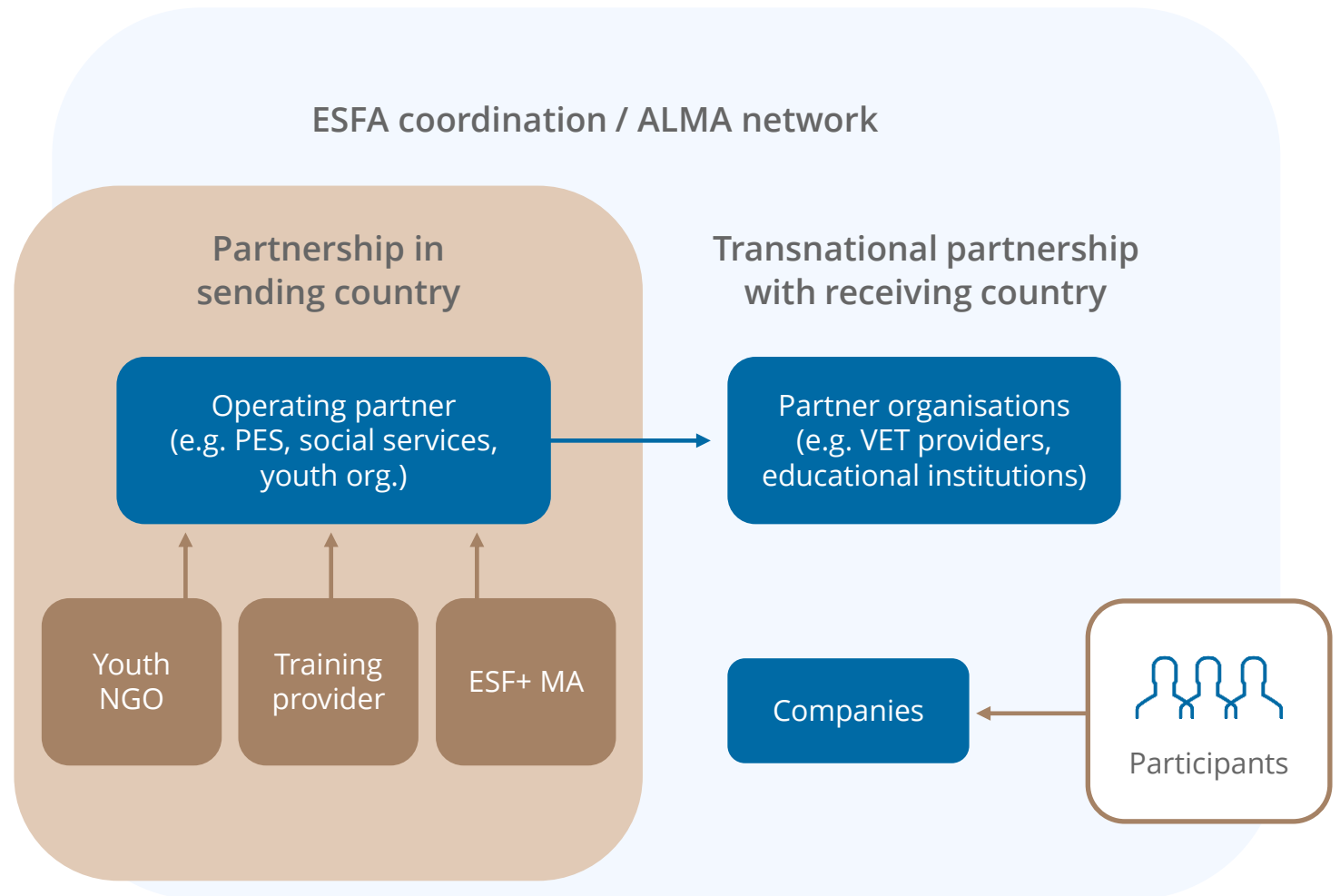
1.1. ALMA (Aim-Learn-Master-Achieve): concept and content

Start up phase:

- Building up partnerships and defining the roles of actors within a Member State/region;
- Building transnational partnerships with the relevant actors in at least one receiving Member State.

Implementation phase:

- Selection of NEETs and their preparation for mobility;
- Mobility of young people;
- Follow-up with the young people after their stay abroad;
- Preparation of the Final Report;
- Dissemination of experience and the best practices.

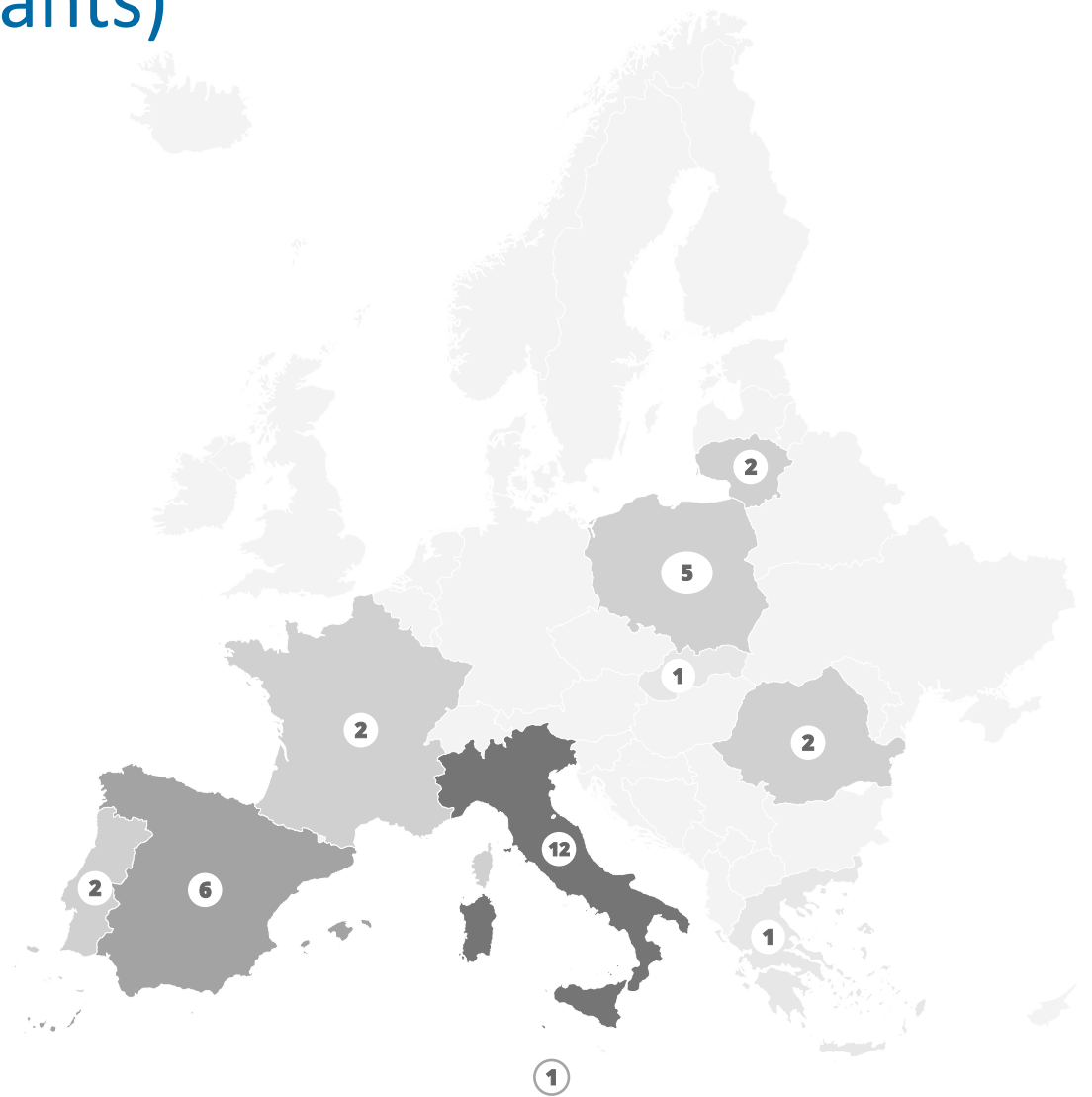
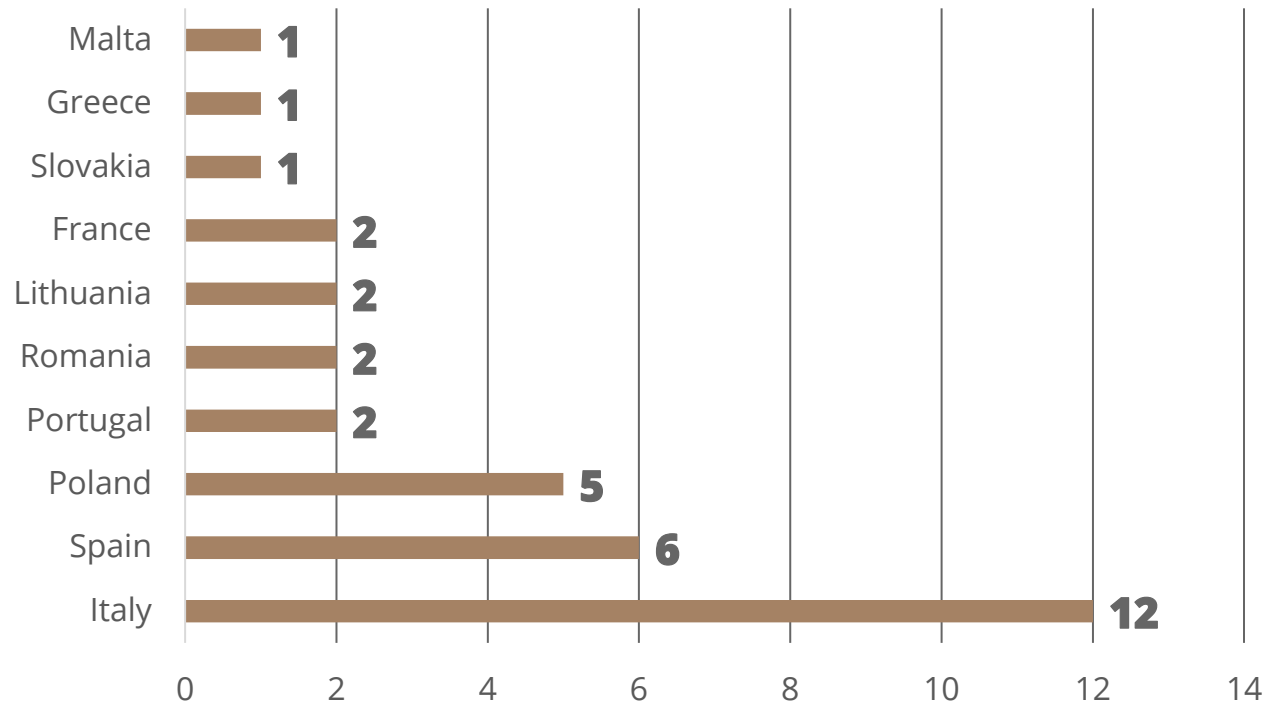


1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

1.1. ALMA. Country coverage (applicants)

34 applications from 10 countries

Number of applications per country



1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

1.1. Support for applicants and beneficiaries



- Info sessions/trainings
- Mutual learning and capacity building events
- Working groups under CoPs/Networks



- FAQ
- Video material
- Designated email ALMA@esf.lt



- Supporting documents and templates
- Calculators
- Manuals
- Data bases



ALMA Partner Search Database

<https://www.esf.lt/en/social-innovation-grant-scheme/esf-social-innovation-alma-call/alma-partner-search-database/1160>

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

1.2. National Competence centers for social innovation: building-up and consolidating the capacity

The call aims:

at building up and consolidating the capacity of National competence centres for social innovation (NCCs). It builds on the lessons learnt and the developments triggered in most Member States by the previous Call, published in 2020 - Competence Centres for Social Innovation (VP/2020/010).

Projects will focus on:

- professionalisation and further development of NCCs
- creation of NCCs in the Member States where they have not been created yet

Who can apply?

Only consortia are eligible.

A consortium must include an applicant and at least two co-applicants. The members of the consortium shall represent at least 3 different Member States.

An endorsement is required to participate in this Call.

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

1.2. National Competence centers for social innovation: building-up and consolidating the capacity

Open Publication date: 17/08/2023

Deadline: 30/11/2023 at 5:00 PM CET time zone

Grant budget for the Call: 8 000 000 EUR

The form of grant: a lump sum grant

Expected duration of a project: up to 36 months

The size of grant: between 500 000 EUR and 1 500 000 EUR per project

Number of selected projects: 6-8. In optimal situation 27 Member States covered, with 3–5 countries covered by each project

Co-financing: at least 20%

Official Call site: <https://www.esf.it/it>; <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/esf-social-innovation>

For support: NCC@esf.it

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

1.3. Social Innovations for the Upskilling of Vulnerable Youth, Especially Young People not in Employment, Education, or Training (NEETs)

The general objective of this Call:

To foster scaling up of innovative approaches supporting in particular the 3rd objective of the European Year of Skills (*Matching people's aspirations, needs and skills-set, including the skills acquired during mobility, with labour market needs and opportunities, especially those offered by the green and digital transitions, emerging new sectors and core sectors in need <...>*) and the headline indicator on NEETs of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Who can apply?

The Applicants (coordinator, beneficiary(ies) and associated partners) must be:

- legal entities (public or private bodies)
- established in one of the EU Member States.

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

1.3. Social Innovations for the Upskilling of Vulnerable Youth, Especially Young People not in Employment, Education, or Training (Skills call)

Tentative publication date: October/November 2023

Tentative deadline: February 2024

Grant budget for the Call: 9 000 000 EUR

The form of grant: a lump sum grant

Expected duration of a project: up to 24 months

The size of grant: between 200 000 EUR and 700 000 EUR per project

Co-financing: at least 20%

Official Call site: <https://www.esf.it/en>

For support: SKILLS@esf.it

1. What will happen in 2023? Calls for proposals

1.4. Mitigation of societal consequences of the war in Ukraine in the EU

Tentative publication date: end of 2023

Tentative deadline: March/April 2024

Grant budget for the Call: 22 000 000 EUR

Expected duration of a project: up to 18 months

Official Call site: <https://www.esf.lt/en>

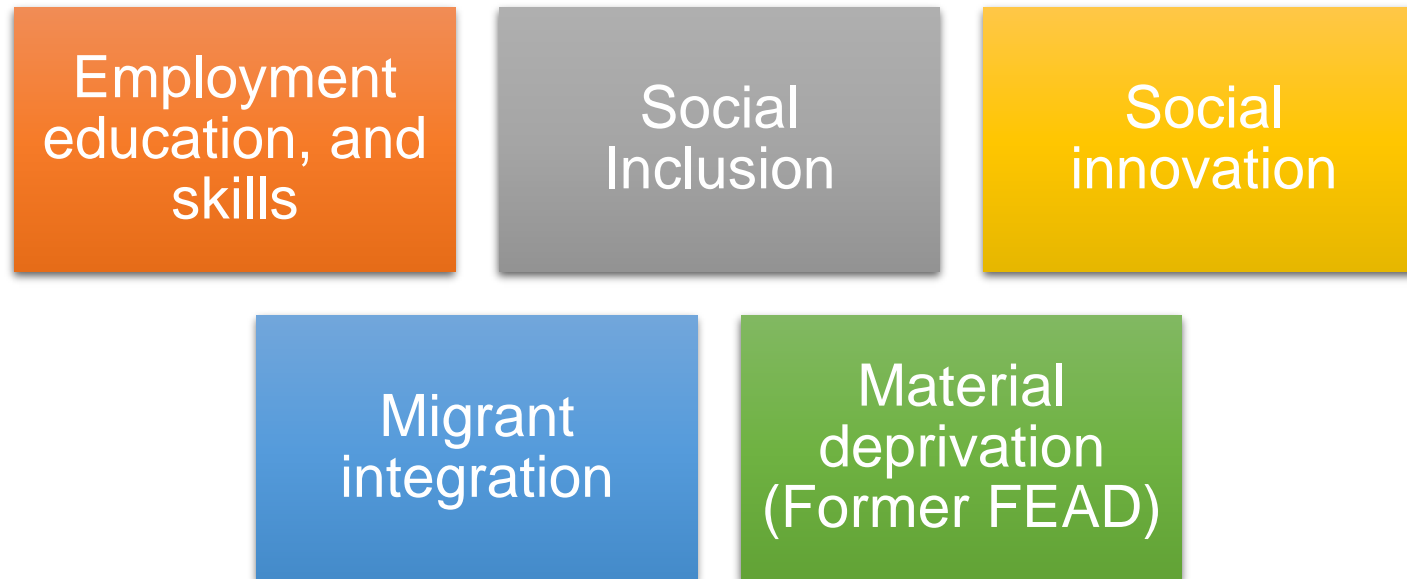
The objectives of the Call: to promote socio-economic integration of the displaced people from Ukraine and to mitigate the societal consequences of the war in Ukraine in the EU Member States.

Who can apply: legal entities established and registered in the Member State are eligible as applicants or co-applicants and associated partners.

2. Knowledge sharing and capacity building

Communities of practice & transnational networks

Communities of Practice (CoP)



Networks



2. Knowledge sharing and capacity building

CoP/Network participants and Key target groups

- ESF+ Managing Authorities and ESF+ implementing bodies
- Key policy stakeholders (line ministries, national agencies, networks, international organisations, social partners)
- Experts with relevant knowledge
- EU representatives, including DG EMPL (ESF+ desk officers and EaSI officers), DG RTD, DG EAC, DG GROW, DG REGIO
- National Competence Centres and EaSI National Contact Points (only for the CoP on Social Innovation)

2. Knowledge sharing and capacity building

2.1 Thematic areas of the CoPs

The CoP on Employment, Education and Skills	The CoP on Social Inclusion	The CoP on Social Innovation
<p>Thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition management through modernising PES• ESF/ESF+ support to vulnerable youth• Improving the resilience of education and training systems	<p>Thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child poverty• Homelessness• Community living and empowering social services	<p>Thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building a practical common understanding of SI• Strengthening social innovation ecosystems and NCCs governance models• Transferring, upscaling and mainstream SI
The CoP on Material Support	The CoP on Migrant Integration	
<p>Thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reducing poverty and social exclusion through material support combined with accompanying measures• Providing material support in times of crisis• Promoting innovations to address old and new challenges	<p>Thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programming and implementation of the ESF+ for third-country nationals, including migrants or persons with a migrant background• Support for people fleeing Ukraine notably in the context of the Temporary Protection Directive.	

2. Knowledge sharing and capacity building

2.2 Thematic areas of the Networks

ALMA Network	EURoma Network
<p>Thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Member States and regions implementing ALMA mobility programmes under their national and regional ESF+ Operational Programmes 2021-2027,• To encourage more Member States and regions to participate in ALMA.	<p>Thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the effectiveness of initiatives for the Roma population• Contribute to European or national frameworks and policies related to European Cohesion Policy funds/Roma inclusion• Foster transnational cooperation among Network partners as well as between them and other relevant actors as regards European Cohesion Policy Funds and/or Roma inclusion

3. Social Innovation Match

- The SIM database aims to promote the transfer and/or scaling-up of social innovation across Europe.
- SIM provides an opportunity to showcase social innovation examples and can be used as a search engine for social innovation stakeholders.



[Social Innovation Match Database: A New Possibility of Visibility and Recognition for You and Your Organization | European social fund agency \(esf.it\)](#)

4. Experts | Call for expression of interest



External experts to support ESFA throughout the implementation of the ESF+ SI+ initiative



Open call (in continuous) during the ESF+ SI+ initiative period



Expertise and professional experience for the policy areas set out in article 4 of the ESF+ Regulation

Open call for expression of interest 2022-2030:

<https://www.esf.lt/en/call-for-external-experts-who-would-be-interested-in-assisting-esfa-in-implementing-the-esf-social-innovation-initiative/1081>

Useful links

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Websites

<https://www.esf.it/en>

<https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en>

Expression of interest form to join the CoPs

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCHJXT6>

Expert registration form

<https://www.esf.it/en/call-for-external-experts-who-would-be-interested-in-assisting-esfa-in-implementing-the-esf-social-innovation-initiative/1081>

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