

European social agenda

Dimension - Social Developments

Associated Key Factor:

Social policy and cohesion standards

Data Source:

European Commission DG Social

National Action Plans for Employment; National Action Plans for Social Inclusion and related synthesis reports.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/news/2001/oct/socpolag/social_policy_agenda.pdf.

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General Availability:

Reporting unit: policies

Reporting level: country

Reporting period: regularly

The indicator:

Qualitative indicators on the progress of the European Social Agenda. The agenda forms part of the integrated European approach by seeking to ensure a positive and dynamic interaction of economic, employment and social policy. The strategic goal of the European social policy agenda for the next decade is to "become the most competitive & dynamic knowledge based economy capable of sustained economic growth with more and better jobs and a greater social cohesion".

Description

Informs us about the degree and pace of harmonisation of social policy at European level.

How is it measured?

Monitoring of social policy at European level -- in particular of European Employment Strategy (EES) and of National Action Plans on Employment and of National Action Plans on Social Inclusion

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

Monitoring of developments requires expertise in the field and is labour-intensive.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

The extent and way of harmonisation / coordination of social policy at European level says something fundamental about the type of polity the EU will be. Besides, harmonisation of social conditions are considered important for economic harmonisation.

The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
Flexibilisation of the labour market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Growth of transport demand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>