



# Investment in Higher Education post-COVID19

*Key messages followed by Questions and Answers*

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# EU Response to COVID-19

Supporting Member States to recover



SURE / ESM Pandemic Crisis Support / EIB Guarantee Fund for Workers and Businesses

€540 billion

Kick-starting the economy and helping private investment



Next Generation EU

€750 billion

Learning the lessons from the crisis



Multiannual Financial Framework

€1 100 billion

## Investment opportunities for Higher Education

- ESIF + ReactEU
- InvestEU – S&E pilot
- EEA – Erasmus
- *[ERA – Horizon Europe]*

# European Social Fund priorities 2014-20

## Planned total spending on HE:

- **EUR 4.7 bn** under E&T:
- **EUR 1.8 bn** for human capital under R&D

**Only 64 % committed end June 2020**

Investment priority	Selected by MS	Share as of total ESF
i. Reducing early school leaving and promoting access to good quality early childhood and school education	18 MS: AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FR, HU, IT, LT, LV, MT, PL, PT, RO, UK	33 % (8bn)
ii. Improving quality, efficiency and access to tertiary education	19 MS: BG, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, MT, PL, PT, RO, SI, SK	15 % (4.7bn)
iii. Enhancing access to life-long learning and up-skilling of the workforce	26 MS: All MS but CZ and NL	27% (7.5bn)
iv. Strengthening VET and apprenticeships and increasing the labour market relevance of education and training systems	22MS: BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, DK, ES, EL, FI, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, MT, PL, PT, RO, SE, SK, UK	25 % (7.2bn)

# Examples for possible areas of support under ESF

- **Measures improving participation, inclusion, completion and attainment levels**
  - Guidance; counselling; targeted financial support, validation of prior learning etc
- **Measures supporting high quality learning and teaching, effective and efficient higher education systems**
  - Development of performance measurement systems and funding models; quality assurance frameworks etc.
  - Professional development of teaching staff, lectures
  - Development of curriculum, pedagogical tools
  - Support to internationalisation
- **Support to digital education and online learning**
- **Measures tackling future skills mismatches and promoting excellence in skills development**
  - Supporting cooperation with businesses and research institutions
  - Graduate tracking
- **Measures ensuring that higher education institutions contribute to innovation and civic society**

# ESF example: Developing effective governance at Riga University

- Goal: improve quality and content of study programme
- Activities supported:
  - Creating audiovisual teaching tools
  - Digitisation of some Bachelors programmes
  - E-learning materials

- Total budget: EUR 3.8 million  
ESF contribution: EUR 2.8 million
- Duration of the project:  
01/11/2018-31/10/2022

# Further examples

1. Inspiring students (especially girls) to pursue a career in science <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=3140> and <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=6>
2. Increasing access to higher education <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=3060>
3. Helping university faculties, students and companies to develop innovative solutions to corporate and social challenges <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=3022>
4. Digital skills and innovative teaching methods: <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=3021>
5. Recruiting researchers for specific research projects: <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=2177>
6. Scholarships of students to practice in CERN <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=1617>
7. “Matchmaking” young researchers and SMEs <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=2>
8. Well-educated and skilled workforce in the maritime sector <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=1461>
9. Strengthening human capital in high-tech industries in IT: <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=1381>
10. Modernise the school’s curriculum in order to improve the labour market and further education opportunities of students in areas such as farming and agro-tourism <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=1324>
11. Developing new, innovative and close to labour market needs higher education courses <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=982>
12. Developing HU universities <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=941>
13. Skills forecasting project in AT to develop training for the country’s most competitive industries <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=802>
14. Supporting researchers’ careers <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=501>
15. Grants to researchers to set up own businesses: <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=424>
16. Support researchers in strategic fields: <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=375>
17. A platform connecting business and science <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=332>
18. Linking R&I graduates with local businesses <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=270>
19. Projects to tackle brain drain and keep young researchers in HU <https://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46&langId=en&projectId=259>

# New funding for crisis response under Cohesion Policy

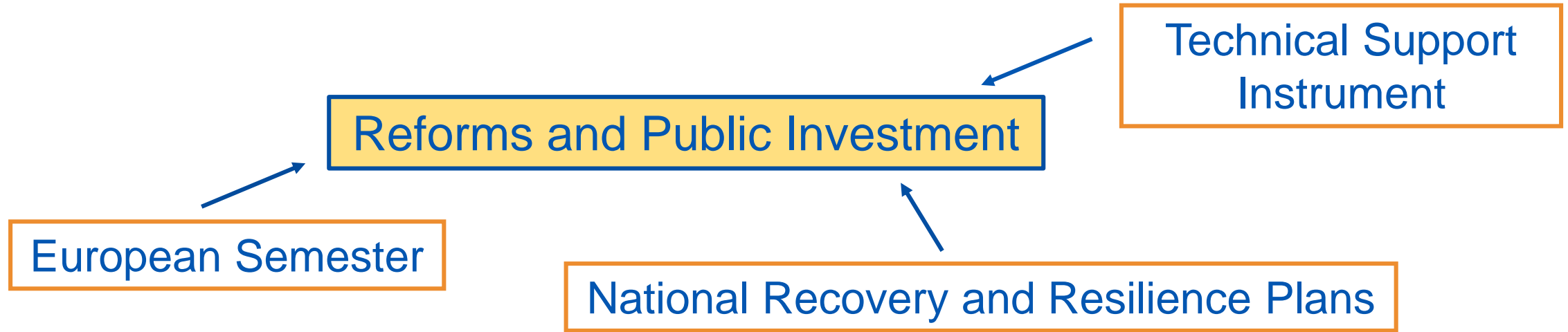
## • Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative

- Supports immediate crisis response under 2014-20 programmes
- 2 CRII packages: 13 March and 2 April 2020
- Provide for liquidity and full flexibility to transfer resources for 2020 (between funds and categories of region)
- Programme amendments without Commission approval
- Eligibility as of 1 February 2020

## • React-EU (2020-23)

- EUR 58.3bn (existing or new programmes)
- Foster crisis repair and prepare a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy
- Amounts distributed according to level of prosperity and the socio-economic effects of the crisis
- Co-financing rate can be up to 100% for the additional amounts
- 2020 CSRs – focus on recovery → guiding for programming

# Recovery and Resilience Facility



Overall budget: **EUR 560 billion**

- *Grants: EUR 310 billion*
- *Loans: EUR 250 billion*



#### Grants:

Maximum allocation for each EU country, depending on population, GDP per capita and unemployment rate.



#### Loans:

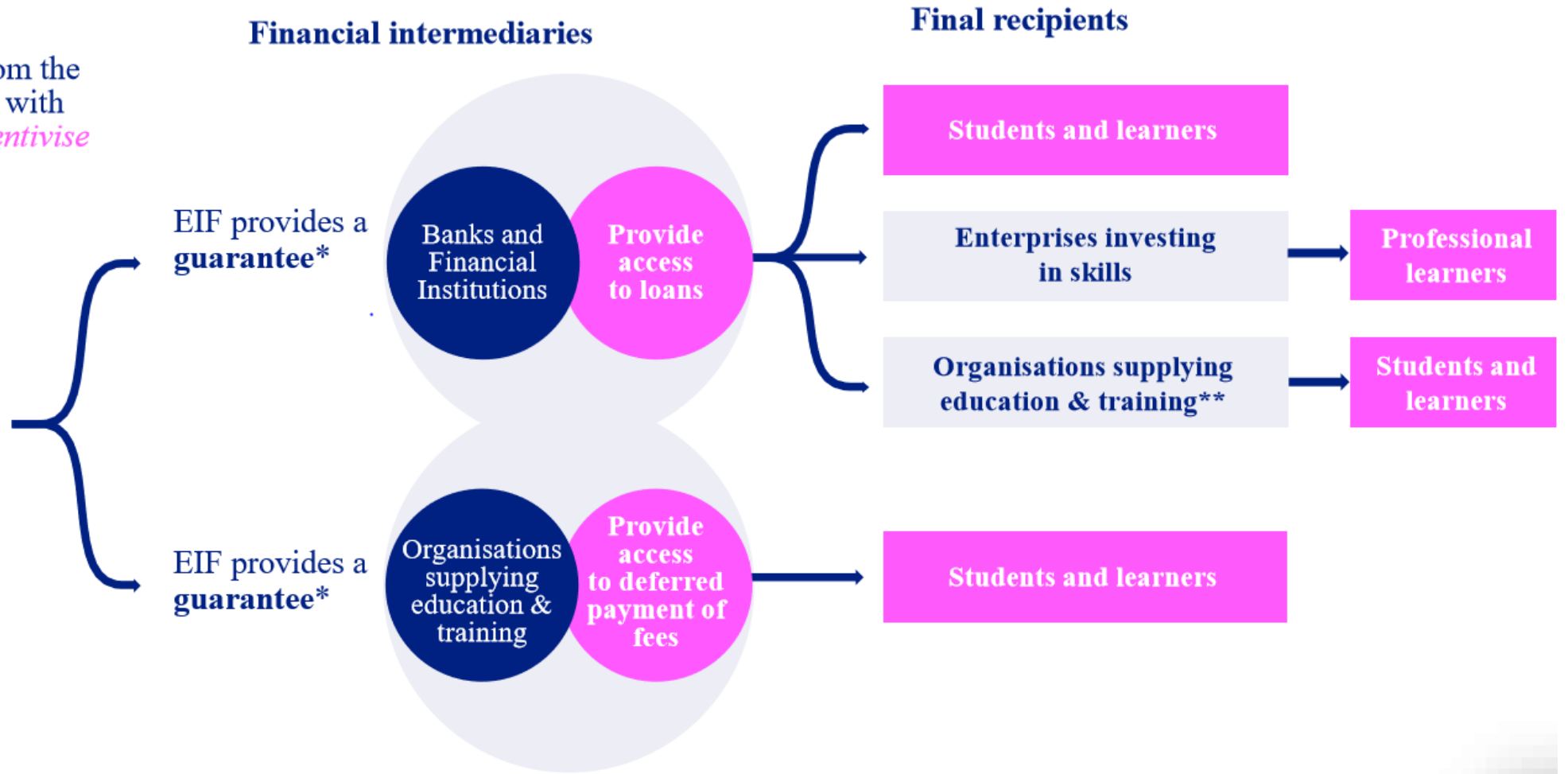
- Maximum volume of the loan for each Member State of up to 4.7% of its Gross National Income.
- Loans can be requested together with the plan, or at a different moment in time accompanied by a revised plan.



# EFSI Skills and Education Guarantee Pilot

## Role of the EIF

Using resources from the EU, we *share risks* with our partners to *incentivise lending*



Call for expression of interest: [https://www.eif.org/what\\_we\\_do/guarantees/skills-and-education-guarantee-pilot/index.htm](https://www.eif.org/what_we_do/guarantees/skills-and-education-guarantee-pilot/index.htm)

Slides from webinar: [https://www.eif.org/attachments/skills\\_education\\_webinar-june2020.pdf](https://www.eif.org/attachments/skills_education_webinar-june2020.pdf)

# InvestEU Programme



## WHAT WILL THE INVESTEU PROGRAMME CONSIST OF?



### THE INVESTEU FUND

Mobilising public and private investment using guarantees from the EU budget.



### THE INVESTEU ADVISORY HUB

Providing technical advice to investment projects seeking financing.



### THE INVESTEU PORTAL

An easily-accessible database bringing together projects and investors.

€20 bn



SUSTAINABLE  
INFRASTRUCTURE

€10 bn



RESEARCH, INNOVATION  
AND DIGITISATION

€10 bn



SMEs

€3.6 bn



SOCIAL INVESTMENT  
AND SKILLS

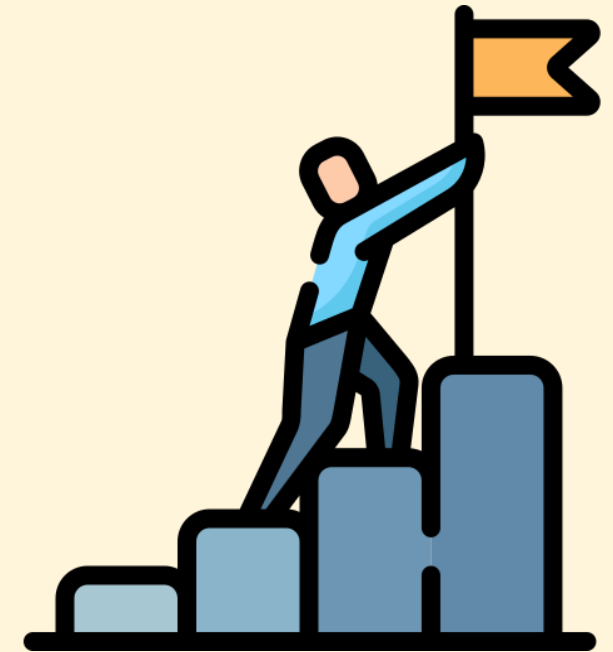
€31 bn



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# Erasmus+ in higher education – Objectives:

- **Contribute to the creation of the European Education Area**
- **Support policy priorities higher education**
- **Support the building of the Universities of the future**
- **Accelerate the transformation of the higher education sector to become more Inter-connected, Innovative, Inclusive and Digital**



# Erasmus+ in higher education – Focus on the priorities:

- Making mobility a possibility for any higher education student
- Increasing participation from under-represented study fields and cycles
- Automatic mutual recognition of ECTS credits earned abroad
- Facilitating the establishment of a strong visible “European Student identity”
- Strengthened links between education and research



# Blended mobility – Objectives

- **New and more flexible mobility formats as well as innovative ways of learning and teaching**
- **Reach to all types of students in all study fields and cycles (short cycle, bachelor, master and doctoral levels)**
- **Encourage collaborative online international learnings (COILs)**



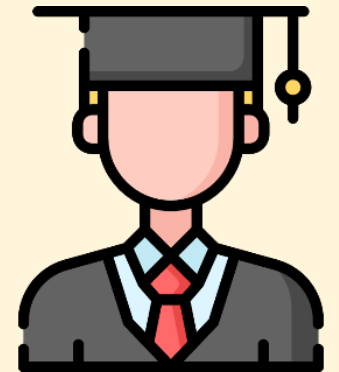
# Blended intensive programmes

- **Develop short, intensive and joint blended mobility curricula and activities** for students as well as academic and administrative staff.
- Short-term physical **group mobility** abroad (5-30 days) combined with a compulsory virtual component
- **Minimum 3 HEIs** from 3 programme countries
- **Minimum 15 participants**
- **Minimum 3 ECTS credits for students**



# Doctoral mobility

- **Short-term studies or traineeships** abroad (5-30 days) in addition to the long term mobility (2 to 12 months):
  - Virtual component optional
  - More flexibility and better tailored mobility periods
- Opportunities for doctoral candidates further highlighted
  - E.g. highlighted that **post-docs** can do traineeships



# More opportunities for international mobility



- Focus on EU internal policy priorities
- Sustainable international cooperation
- Non-competitive for greater inclusion and accessibility e.g. first international cooperation for newcomers or diversification of partner HEIs and countries
- Synergies and complementarity with external policy funds (KA107)
- Action and funds simple and flexible to use



# Cooperation in the future programme

