



Fi-compass activities – ESF financial instruments for education and skills

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fi-compass ESF so far

Activity in the 2015-2021 period



11 Manuals and factsheets:

- **Microfinance,**
- **Crowdfunding,**
- **Social entrepreneurship,**
- **State aid**



16 videos

- **Case studies**
- **learning material**
- **event videos**
- **interviews**

5 Capacity Building Services for managing authorities



15 Awareness raising events across Europe

- **Webinars**
- **Multiregional and Thematic workshops**
- **EU level flagship conferences**
- **FI Campus ESF slots**
- **+ plug-ins...**



11 Case studies



Survey to MAs and ESF stakeholders



Activities in progress

Upcoming publications and other activities



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Case studies

- MikrodahlenFonds (Saxony, DE)
- Risk sharing loans and guarantees for microfinance (BG)
- Guarantee and equity investments for social economy (SK)

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Country reports

ES, FR, GR, HR, RO, FI – not for publication.
Identification of market failures and barriers for the implementation of financial instruments under the ESF

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Education & skills

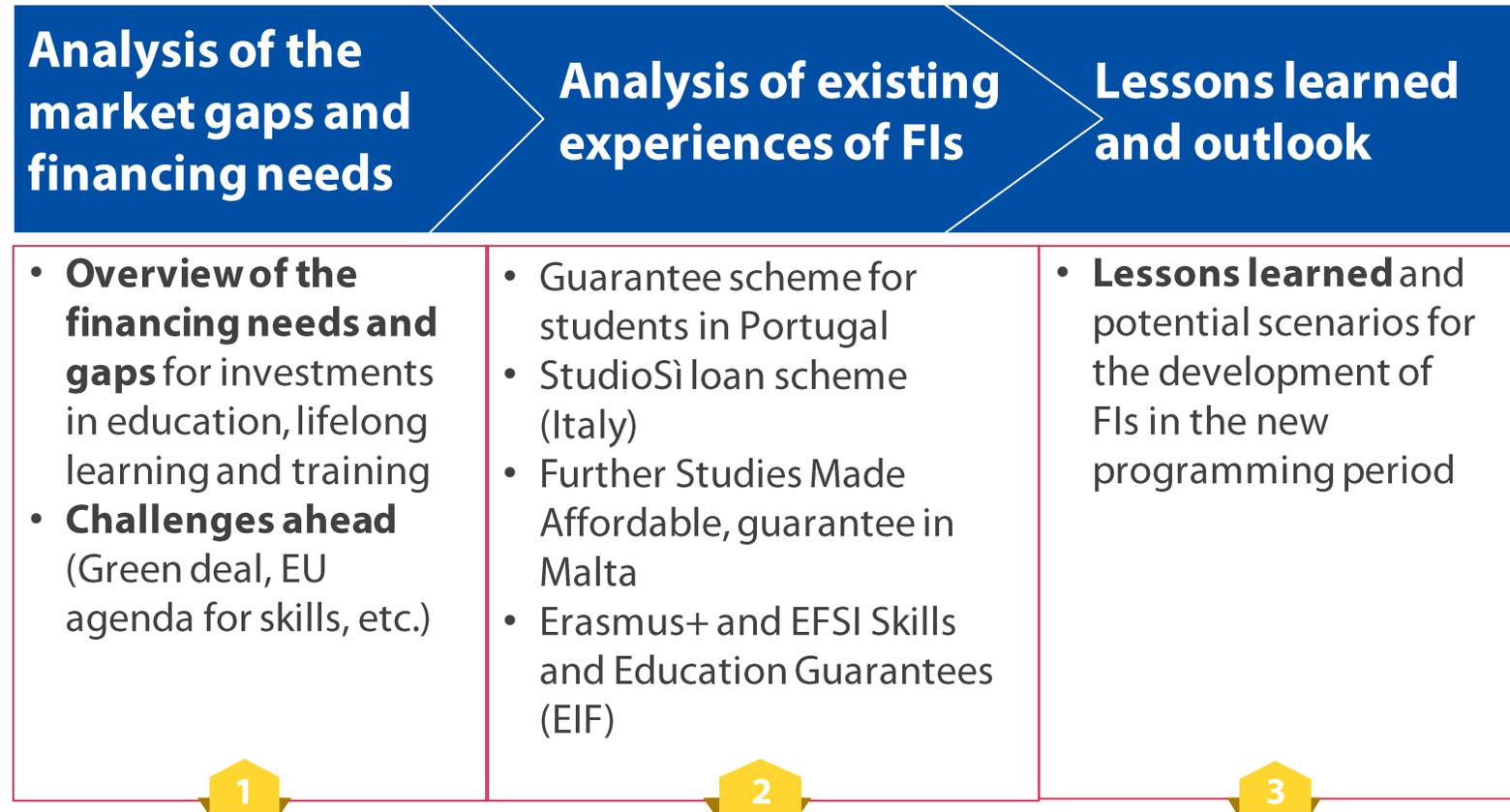
Factsheet soon to be published

Factsheet – FIs for Education and Skills

Objectives and content



Guidance to MAs in a context of evolving market needs



Factsheet – FIs for Education and Skills

Early findings



Higher education

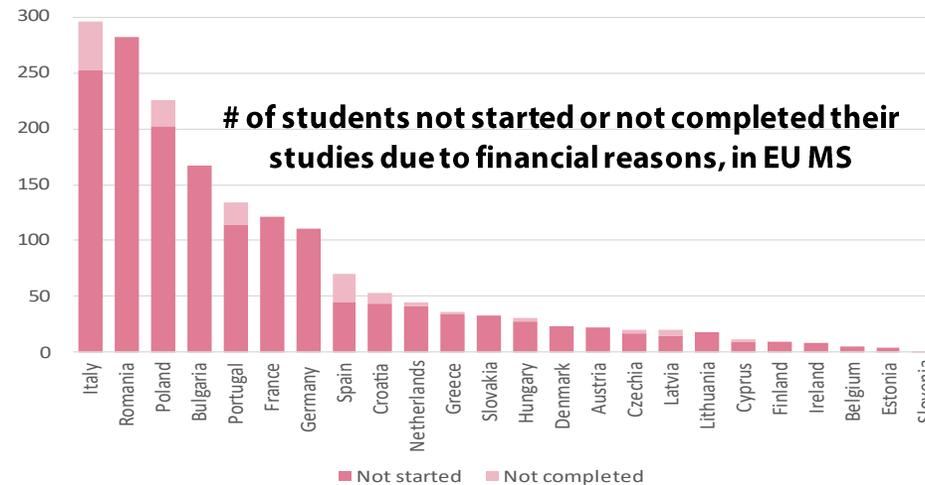
- 1,6m young people reported they never started tertiary education for financial reasons (Eurostat 2016)
- 200 000 young people started but never completed tertiary education for the same reason (Eurostat 2016)
- Public scholarships are limited in size and availability
- Major consequences in accessing the labour market

Training & upskilling

- 20% of enterprises reports not investing enough in training (EIB, 2018)
- Divide between large firms and micro and SMEs, and across EU
- High costs of vocational training

Potential for FIs

- Needs expected to increase (green and tech transition) vs usual budget constraints
- Forerunners show positive results (guarantees and loans)
- Options available under shared management and also under InvestEU





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Building capacity

Helping MAs transitioning into 2021-2027

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Peer learning

Showcasing best practices (but not only)



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Microfinance and social entrepreneurship

Fostering cooperation at EU and local level

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Communication

Publications, newsletters, videos and social media



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