Basic information

2025/0239(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
European Social Fund 2028–2034 **Subject** 4.10.15 European Social Fund (ESF), Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) **Legislative priorities** Joint Declaration 2026	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	CASA David (EPP) MAIJ Marit (S&D)	16/12/2025 16/12/2025
	Shadow rapporteur WERBROUCK Séverine (PfE) TEODORESCU Georgiana (ECR) VAN DEN BERG Brigitte (Renew) PETER-HANSEN Kira Marie (Greens/EFA) GALÁN Estrella (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
REGI Regional Development	MEBAREK Nora (S&D)	16/01/2026
CULT Culture and Education	GOMES Isilda (S&D)	09/12/2025
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	MORETTI Alessandra (S&D)	12/01/2026

Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed

	BUDG Budgets	LUPO Giuseppe (S&D)	23/01/2026
Council of the European Union			
European Commission			

Commission DG	Commissioner
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	MÎNZATU Roxana

European Economic and Social Committee

European Committee of the Regions

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/07/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0558	Summary
23/10/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
10/11/2026	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
10/11/2026	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
11/11/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0291/2026	

Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/0239(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 175-p3 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 164
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	EMPL/10/03686

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE784.181	20/04/2026	

Amendments tabled in committee		PE788.859	12/05/2026	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE788.860	12/05/2026	
Committee opinion	CULT	PE785.225	09/06/2026	
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE785.117	10/07/2026	
Committee opinion	REGI	PE785.226	15/07/2026	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE787.632	16/07/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0291/2026	11/11/2026	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2025)0558	16/07/2025	Summary

National parliaments

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Contribution	CZ_SENATE	COM(2025)0558	12/12/2025	
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Contribution	PT_PARLIAMENT	COM(2025)0558	04/02/2026	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES3058/2025	22/01/2026	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0373/2026	02/07/2026	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Parliament	Briefing	16/12/2025
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	**Role**	**Committee**	**Date**	**Interest representatives**
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	21/10/2026	PermRep Lithuania
ANDERSSON Li	Committee chair	EMPL	16/10/2026	European Federation of Public Service Unions
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	14/10/2026	Valente Tussenvoorziening Leger des Heils HVO Querido Regenbooggroep
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	06/10/2026	Eurocities
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	14/07/2026	European Food Banks Federation Voedselbanken Nederland Chez Nous Banque Alimentaire du Luxembourg Belgische Federatie van Voedselbanken
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	30/06/2026	SPD delegation
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	11/06/2026	European Social Network AISBL
MEBAREK Nora	Rapporteur for opinion	REGI	18/05/2026	Conférence des Régions Périphériques Maritimes d'Europe (CRPM)
GUARDA Cristina	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	REGI	11/05/2026	Platform of European Social NGOs
GUARDA Cristina	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	REGI	11/05/2026	European Youth Forum
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	22/04/2026	Eurocities
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	22/04/2026	Bridge EU Deutscher Caritasverband e. V. Disability Support Europe Fundacion ONCE Solidarite des Alternatives Wallonnes et Bruxelloises Flemisch Ministry of Labour Spanish PermRep
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	21/04/2026	Caritas Europa Fundación Secretariado Gitano Fundacion Social ONCE Cruz Roja
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	08/04/2026	European Food Banks Federation
CASA David	Rapporteur	EMPL	26/03/2026	European Commission
CASA David	Rapporteur	EMPL	05/03/2026	COFACE S.A. Caritas Europa Deutscher Caritasverband e. V. EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION Eurocarers Eurochild AISBL Eurocities Eurodiaconia European Anti Poverty Network Disability Support Europe European Disability Forum European Youth Forum Inclusion Europe aisbl.

				International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants Save the Children Europe Special Olympics Europe Eurasia Social Platform
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	25/02/2026	Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund
CASA David	Rapporteur	EMPL	05/02/2026	European Commission
CASA David	Rapporteur	EMPL	02/02/2026	Special Olympics Europe Eurasia
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	29/01/2026	Metropoolregio Amsterdam (MRA)
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	22/01/2026	Social Platform
MAIJ Marit	Rapporteur	EMPL	02/12/2025	Eurochild AISBL

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	**Date**	**Interest representatives**
ABADÍA JOVER Maravillas	10/06/2026	Delegación ante la Unión Europea de la Cámara de Comercio de España
GERMAIN Jean-Marc	05/05/2026	Les Restaurants du Cœur

European Social Fund 2028–2034

2025/0239(COD) - 16/07/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to establish the European Social Fund as part of the National and Regional Partnership Plan set out in the Regulation establishing the National and Regional Partnership Fund (NRP) establishing conditions for the implementation of the Union support to quality employment, skills and social inclusion for the period from 2028 to 2034.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: on 16 July 2025, the Commission adopted a proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034 (MFF) for the period 2028-2034. This proposal concerns, in particular, the European Social Fund (ESF).

Despite progress, tackling unemployment, skills gaps, labour shortages and persistently high poverty rates remain a priority across the EU. Targeted action to address these challenges is increasingly needed.

The ESF supports policies and priorities aimed at contributing to the creation of full employment, improving the quality and productivity of work, increasing the geographical and occupational mobility of workers within the Union, improving education and training systems and promoting intergenerational fairness, social inclusion and health. The ESF, within the framework of cohesion policy, will be operating within the **national and regional partnership plan** and its single rulebook.

CONTENT: the proposed regulation establishes **specific conditions for the implementation of the European Social Fund for the 2028-2034 programming period** as part of Union support, in accordance with the general objectives set out in the Regulation establishing the National and Regional Partnership Fund (NRP). Its objective is to enhance the effectiveness of labour markets and promote access to quality employment, improve access to education and training, promote social inclusion and health, and reduce poverty.

The ESF should:

- contribute to progression in **education and training** and the transition to the world of work, support lifelong learning, including formal, non-formal and informal learning, and contribute to societal and economic competitiveness and innovation;

- facilitate **access to services**, including strengthening the modernisation, digitalisation and resilience of health care and long-term care services;

- assist Member States in implementing measures to eliminate all forms of **discrimination** and ensure equal opportunities for all, particularly for groups under-represented in the labour market;

- ensure that everyone, including children in accordance with the European Child Guarantee, has access to **quality essential services**;

- contribute to the modernisation of **social protection systems**, in particular with a view to promoting their accessibility;

- support **children in poverty** and address measures under the Child Guarantee;

- contribute to **poverty reduction** by supporting national schemes aimed at alleviating food and material deprivation and promoting the social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion and the most deprived;

- allocate resources to support **the employability of young people**, in particular young people who are neither in employment, education nor training, and promote youth employment, including through the implementation of the Youth Guarantee.

Member States should also be encouraged to use the ESF to supports targeted actions to promote horizontal principles such as the promotion of **gender equality** and ensuring the accessibility of services for people with disabilities and to enable **people with disabilities** to actively participate.