Promotion of social protection in the world by EU external relations, policies and actions

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EU values, principles and strategies

- *High level of social protection (EU treaties)*

- *Horizontal employment and social policy clause (art.9 TFEU) and rights based approach*

- *Interplay with and coherence between internal and external policies (EU treaties)*

- *EU 2020 strategy:*
  - 5 headline targets
  - integrated approach to economic, social and environmental objectives

- *External relations:*
  - promotion of EU values, principles, strategies
  - Shaping of global standards, frameworks and agenda's (e.g. post 2015, G20, ILO standards)
  - Promoting application of international standards and frameworks (international labour standards such as ILO Recommendation N° 202, Decent Work Agenda) and ratification of conventions (CLS but also other up to date conventions)

Mobilising EU policies, instruments and actions

-External dimension of EU employment and social policies:

- global fora such as G20, ILO, UN
- Bilateral outreach with strategic partners (US,JP, China, India//Brazil, South Africa) and regions (ASEM, LAC such as Eurosocial, Euromed, Eastern partnership)

-Enlargement: EU acquis and socio-economic governance

-Development cooperation:

- Agenda for Change
- Programming: thematic programmes (future Global Public Goods and Challenges), regional and bilateral programming

-Association agreements (neighbourhood)

-Free Trade Agreements: sustainable development chapter with CLS and decent work agenda but also wider cooperation chapter on social and employment issues

2012 Communication on SP in EU Development Cooperation

A broad definition of social protection:

"Social protection may be broadly defined as policies and actions that:

Enhance the capacity of all people, but notably the poor and vulnerable groups to escape from poverty, or avoid falling into poverty, and better manage risks and shocks

and

Aim at providing a higher level of social security through income security and access to essential services (in particular, health and education) throughout active and inactive periods and periods of need throughout the lifecycle."

Key background and elements of the 2012 communication

-External dimension of EU social model
  - EU treaty: high level of SP
  - Social investment package and EU Open Method of Coordination
  - Remark: debate on social dimension EMU
  - EU Charter Fundamenal Rights (art 34)
  - Almost all EU MS bound by ILO convention 102 and or CoE SP convention and by European Social Charter (or revised ESC)

-Horizontal and vertical dimension of SP extension of coverage

-Recommendation N° 202 is important reference

-Inclusive growth, increased equity, risk protection

-Agenda for Change Commitment: 20% of aid for social inclusion and human development

Key background and elements of the 2012 Communication (continued)

-Placing social protection more at the centre of dialogue on national development strategies

-Supporting national policies and programmes

-Supporting extending SP in MIC through regional and hematic programmes

-Revenue reform for fiscal space

-Capacity building for strong institutions & EU Added value in technical cooperation

-Support for job creation and employment

-Bring in social partners, other parts of civil society and the private sector

-Coordination and cooperation with EU Member States, international organisations and fora (e.g. G20 with SPIAC-B), academics, research community

Post 2015 communication of June 2014 : a decent life for all: from vision to collective action

Vision and principles on post 2015 approach:

- Universality and differenciation based on national circumstances
- Transformative agenda, three dimension of sustainable development, addressing new challenges (those not covered or not sufficiently covered by MDGs such as inclusive and sustainable growth, inequalities, decent work, health and social protection, migration, sustainable production and consumption)
- Accountability, transparency and review of progress

Post 2015 communication (cont)

A framework based on targets for transformational change

Identification of potential targets and priority areas including those relevant for SP:

- Poverty: also relative poverty
- Inequalities: lower income groups should also benefit from growth in national income and access to public services
- Food security

Post 2015 communication (cont)

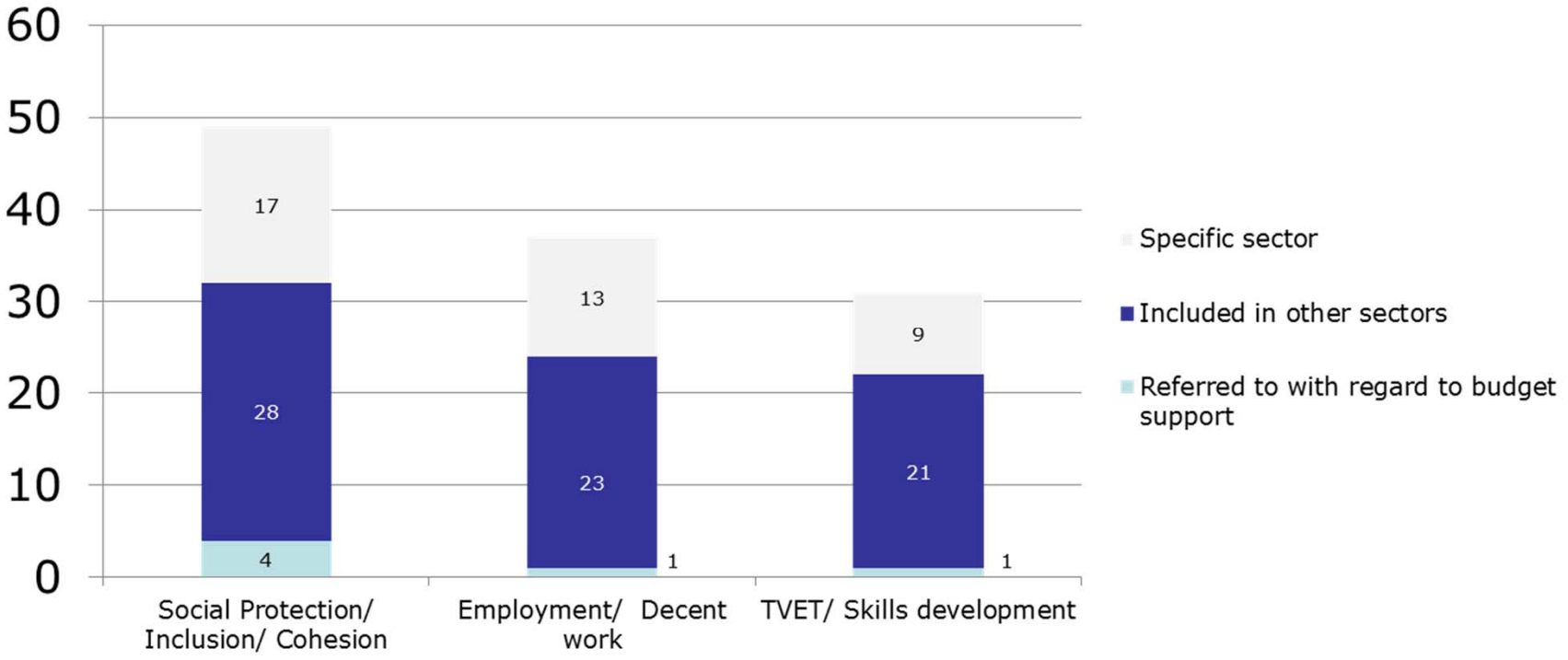
Identification of potential targets and priority areas including those relevant for SP:

- Health: defined as well-being: achieve effective and equitable universal health services for all; no-one is pushed into extreme poverty or remains there because of expenditure on health care
- Full and productive employment and decent work for all: increase coverage of SPFs and gradual implementation of higher standards of social guarantees; protecting rights of migrants in compliane with ILO standards
- Inclusive and sustainable growth
- Education
- Human Rights, governance: with freedom of association, social dialogue

Post 2015 communication (cont)

- *developing targets (SMART) and addressing interlinkages*
- *possible clustering of priority areas*
- *partnerships: international, EU and its Member States, stakeholders, partner countries, scientific community, etc.*
- *enabling policy environment*
- *mobilising necessary financial resources*
- *monitoring progress and accountability (also importance of indicators)*
- *next steps: finalisation work Open Working Group on SDGs, Upcoming UNGA, discussions and negociations*

EU development cooperation programming 2007-2013, all regions



Based on data from 63 countries (survey EUDs)

Ongoing SP Bilateral programmes

Cape Verde, Lesotho, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Paraguay, Ethiopia, China, Rwanda, Angola….

Example:
Comunidades Solidarias – El Salvador

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/multimedia/videos/busan/index_en.htm

SP bilateral programmes in the pipeline

Bilateral programmes (2014-2020):

- Ghana
- Swaziland
- Lesotho
- Kyrgyzstan
- Yemen
- Honduras
- Mongolia
- Paraguay….

Other programmes: Equality between m/w in Morocco, twinnings (eg Azerbaijan)

Ongoing SP thematic programmes

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Social Protection EU Expertise in Development Cooperation :

- A **demand-driven** expert facility

- It allows the implementation of **short-term, quick reaction, peer-to peer** technical assistance measures from **practitioners** drawn primarily from the **EU Member States' public administrations** and mandated bodies

- Supports the efforts of partner countries to better address challenges in developing SP policies and programmes or broadening and reforming their systems: Burundi, Pakistan and in preparation for Liberia, Mexico, Jamaica, Barbados, Djibouti, Ghana, Kenya, Moldova, Peru, Vietnam

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Thematic SP programmes in the pipeline

Supporting the establishment of sustainable and inclusive social protection systems

"to support partner countries in the development of nationally-owned sustainable and inclusive social protection systems"

- A **common framework for assessing the feasibility** and prioritized sequencing of various social protection schemes
- Enhanced policy, organisational, administrative and operational **capacity and skills development of key stakeholders** from partner countries
- Increased **evidence-based knowledge on the feasibility** of social protection and its effectiveness in terms of reduction of poverty and inequality according to specific country profile typologies

➢ **And more to come under the Thematic programme Global Public Goods and Challenges 2014-2020**

Upcoming thematic programme on Global Public Goods and Challenges

- Will provide also a focus for the external dimension of EU internal policies at global level and in cooperation with developing countries and for implementing global frameworks and standards
- Promoting synergies accross sectors: e.g. health and social protection, health workforce;greening the economy and decent work, global supply chain with trade and decent work
- An objective on advocacy, knowledge generation and capacity building for social protection

Thank you for your attention!