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SUPPORTING SOCIAL ECONOMY: ***OP HRD 2014-2020 contribution***

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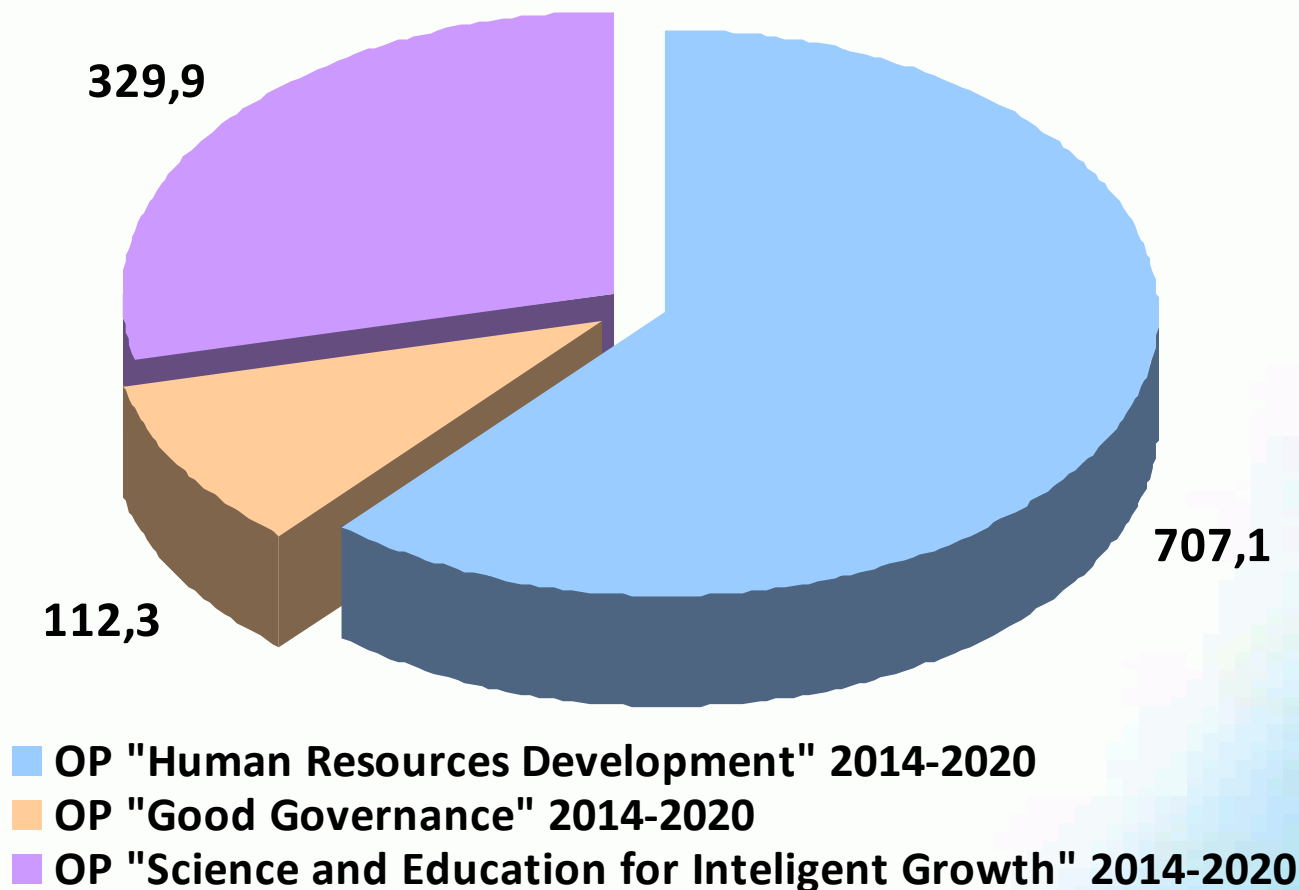
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ESF in Bulgaria (2014-2020)

EUR, mln., EU co-financing – preliminary calculations!





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Importance of the topic

- **3 693 thousand people live in poverty and/ or social exclusion:**
 - 49.1% of the Bulgarian population
- **215.5 thousand people (15-64) are discouraged, i.e. want to work but are not searching for a job:**
 - 4.4% of the population aged 15-64
- **The unemployment rate is 13.0%:**
 - The long-term unemployment rate is 7.0%



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The three pillars of the new OP HRD

OP HRD 2014-2020

**1. High and quality
employment**

**2. Reducing poverty
and promoting
social inclusion**

**3. Institutional capacity
(labour market, social
and health services)**



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Social economy development

- **Thematic objective “Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty”**
through
- **Investment priorities:**
 - Active Inclusion
 - Integration of marginalised communities
 - Promoting the social economy and social enterprises



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Eligible actions (1)

- **Support for social enterprises, specialised enterprises and cooperatives of people with disabilities**
- **Social and occupational integration of vulnerable groups**
- **Adaptation of workplaces for people with disabilities**



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Eligible actions (2)

- **Social marketing, creation of partnerships, networking**
- **Human resources development, incl. building managerial skills, at enterprise level**
- **Capacity building activities**



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Eligible beneficiaries (1)

- **Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**
- **Social Assistance Agency**
- **Agency for People with Disabilities**
- **Employers and social enterprises**
- **Specialised enterprises and cooperatives of people with disabilities**



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Eligible beneficiaries (2)

- **Non-governmental organisations**
- **Municipalities**
- **Training institutions**
- **Social partners**
- **Financial institutions**



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Future challenges (1)

- **Definition of “social enterprise”:**
 - Status check?
- **Ensuring sustainable financing:**
 - What role for the EU funds?
- **Ensuring sustainability of projects:**
 - State Aids
 - Working Capital
 - Advance payments
 - Bank guarantees



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Future challenges (2)

- **Entrepreneurial education and training?**
 - Who? How?
 - What kind of knowledge and skills?
- **How to involve the relevant stakeholders?**
 - Business organisations and associations
 - Local authorities
- **National policies v.s. Private initiatives?**
- **Social economy and social innovations?**



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Request for feedback

- **The draft of the OP HRD 2014-2020 is published online:**
 - Check at <http://www.esf.bg> (Bulgarian version)
 - Translation in English will be available soon
- **Any comments would be highly appreciated:**
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