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How can NGOs benefit from Progress?

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ESF and PROGRESS

- ESF acts at national level
 - Implementation of EU policies in the MS
 - PROGRESS on european level
 - EU dimension
 - EU added value
- It will fund mainly
 - **Analysis**
 - **Networking**
 - **Sharing information for mutual learning**
 - **Communication**
 - **Suport to main actors**



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Progress:

NGOs main areas of intervention

- Intermediate outcomes
 - (2) Shared understanding and ownership
 - (3) Effective partnership
- Immediate outcomes
 - (4) Participate to the policy making process
 - (5) Activate public debate
- Outputs
 - (4) Identification and dissemination
 - (6) Receive support
 - (7) information and communication activities and networking

Progress: the role NGOs could play

- In communication activities NGOs could play a special role
- Progress I&P activities are more about informing and raising awareness relying on networks
- New Communication Policies of the EC
 - Debate EU: virtual and face to face communication

Examples of funding

- Results from call for proposals
VP/2008/002 "Information and training
measures for workers' organisations",
budget heading Budget heading
04.03.03.02 ([Grants Awarded in 2008
VP200802.pdf](#))
 - Total of grants awarded: 4.018.667,32 euro
 - Average grant 138.574,74 euro



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How can NGOs benefit from Progress?

- Participating to PROGRESS, while contributing to its policies goals, could mean
 - **FUNDING** – Having direct benefits for self capacity building (only EU level NGOs)
 - **LEARNING** - Exchanging best practices
 - **PARTNERSHIPS** - Participating to the reinforcement of EU networks

Partnership principle

- the experience that today's challenges and opportunities regarding employment, social inclusion and learning have become too complex and interdependent for any one institution to effectively respond to alone. This calls for a **multi-level and integrated approach** which has become an underlying theme of the Lisbon reform agenda and all associated European policy documents.
- partnerships can be a development tool by provide a framework for dialogue and action to **mobilise all stakeholders** in a labour market issue
- *'promoting civil participation in the formulation and implementation of public policies, as well as improving the interaction between and within the communities, can contribute to the creation of human and social capital, leading to sustainable employment growth, competitiveness and social cohesion. [COM (2005) 904]*

EQUAL experience

- EQUAL promoted partnerships nationally and europe wide, focused on best practices exchange
- EQUAL has substantial and unique experience of partnership-working
 - over 3,300 strategic alliances of key stakeholders, the so-called Development Partnerships (DP)
 - Partnership agreement model
 - AUSTRIA: territorial employment pacts
 - Transnational co-operation agreement ([transnational partnerships under equal](#))



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Learning from experience

Equal IT: benefits for beneficiaries

- Funding innovation
- Working in partnerships
- Sharing best practices
- Experiencing international (EU) cooperation

Learning from experience

Equal IT: best practices criteria

- EU criteria
 - Relevant to evolving needs
 - Can be transferred to contexts different from the original ones
- IT Criteria
 - Impact
 - Policy Relevance
 - Final beneficiaries relevance
 - Efficiency and effectiveness
 - Innovation

About best practices

- Defining best practices is not always an easy task and takes time
- Transferability in practice is related to contexts and user needs peculiarities
- **Networking and partnerships are natural drivers of sharing and innovation**



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Progress: a practical example: the EGGE network

- **EGGE: Experts Group Gender and Employment**
 - network of experts specialized in employment and gender equality issues
 - analyses and recommendations
 - 27 countries + EEA-EFTA countries
 - Yearly and ad hoc reports



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