

Horizontal principles in 2021-27

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Treatment of horizontal principles in programming (art. 9)

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EU Charter of fundamental rights

- Member States and the Commission shall ensure respect for fundamental rights and compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the implementation of the Funds.

Gender equality

- Member States and the Commission shall ensure that equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender perspective are taken into account and promoted throughout the preparation, implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of programmes.

Non-discrimination, including accessibility

- Member States and the Commission shall take appropriate steps to prevent any discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation during the preparation, implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of programmes. In particular, accessibility for persons with disabilities shall be taken into account throughout the preparation and implementation of programmes.

Sustainable development

- The objectives of the Funds shall be pursued in line with the objective of promoting sustainable development as set out in Article 11 TFEU, taking into account the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the "do no significant harm" principle.

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Programmes

- **Section 1.2 - Joint programme strategy (general)**
- **2.1.2. Related types of action, and their expected contribution to those specific objectives and to macro-regional strategies and sea-basis strategies, where appropriate (specific actions)**
- **RCO 82 - Participations in joint actions promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion**

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(3)

- How these horizontal principles will be taken into account throughout the preparation, implementation, monitoring reporting and evaluation of programmes, with reference to specific challenges faced in the relevant area, as appropriate?
- Example of measure: checklist to take these horizontal principles into account for all stages of the programmes
- See also:
 - Article 8 CPR: Partnership

Selection of operations

- **Article 22(2) Interreg Regulation:**

For the selection of operations, the monitoring committee or, where applicable, the steering committee shall establish and apply criteria and procedures which are non-discriminatory and transparent, ensure accessibility to persons with disabilities, gender equality and take account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the principle of sustainable development and of the Union policy on the environment in accordance with Article 11 and Article 191(1) TFEU

- Useful source of information: [EUR-Lex - 52016XC0723\(01\) - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)