



SOCIEUX

Social Protection European Union Expertise
in Development Cooperation



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Expert facility supporting
social protection systems
in partner countries

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SOCIEUX -Social Protection European Union Expertise in Development Cooperation-

is a technical assistance facility which has been set up by the European Commission's Directorate General for Development and Cooperation -**EuropeAid**- in order to support the efforts of partner countries to better design and manage social protection systems.

How does **SOCIEUX** work?

SOCIEUX works through short-term peer-to-peer inputs delivered by experts drawn primarily from the European Union Member States' public administrations and mandated bodies.

SOCIEUX is a demand-driven facility. Partner countries submit requests for assistance in designing and delivering social protection systems in a simple format. The **SOCIEUX** team then fine tunes the requests in collaboration with the requesting government authorities and the local EU Delegation to ensure a high-quality, tailored, technical and result-oriented collaboration. Achievements will be carefully evaluated, best practices shared when appropriate and results disseminated.

Request

- Public administrations of partner countries submit request to the **SOCIEUX** team or local EU Delegation

Approval

- Request fine tuned in close collaboration with requesting authority and the local EU Delegation
- Preparation of Action Approval Form
- Submission of Action Approval Form for approval by **EuropeAid**

Evaluation

- Evaluation of the action by all stakeholders
- Dissemination of results
- Sharing best practices

Implementation

- Rapid mobilisation of social protection experts
- Preparation and organisation of activities



The facility permits rapid mobilisation of social protection experts from the European Union to easily share knowledge and experience. Practitioners from partner countries' administrations and non-governmental groups can also be mobilised as experts to bring added value in a South-South and triangular cooperation.

Which areas are covered by **SOCIEUX**?

Although social protection coverage is increasing in developing countries, further expansion remains a challenge, due to low participation in the formal economy, weak domestic resource mobilisation and inadequate fiscal policy.

SOCIEUX offers support in all social protection areas, including:

- **social insurance:** contributory pensions, health, accident, unemployment protection;
- **social assistance:** cash transfer programmes, income guarantee schemes, social pensions and other old age benefits, child and the disabled support grants, public works, employment guarantee schemes, together with the issues of targeting and conditionalities;
- **access to basic social services:** education, health and employment;
- **financing** of social protection systems;
- **monitoring and evaluations** systems, statistics and registration systems.

What kind of activities does **SOCIEUX** implement?

SOCIEUX implements two types of activities:

- **analytical activities** aimed at addressing structural weaknesses in partner institutions, such as assist in designing legislation or policy frameworks;
- **specific activities** aimed at *ad hoc* transfer of know-how and expertise to strengthen existing capacities or respond to punctual needs such as support for training, awareness raising.

The programme is geared towards activities that take place within the partner country, although other approaches, such as remote support or study visits to third countries both within and outside the European Union, can be considered.

Who is eligible for assistance from **SOCIEUX**?

SOCIEUX mainly targets public authorities and mandated bodies in charge of social protection at a national and regional level. Potential partner countries will be low-income and middle-income countries from the following regions of the world:

- European Neighbourhood
- Latin America, Asia (including Central Asia) and Middle East
- Africa, Caribbean and Pacific

Interested partners are invited to send their requests by email, letter or fax. Requests should specify the name, position and contact details of the applicant and the government body or institution they represent, together with a brief outline of the area of assistance, needs and estimated timing.

Interested social protection experts from EU Member States public administrations or mandated bodies are invited to send their application by email, letter or fax. The application should specify the name, position, contact details and CV of the applicant as well as the represented EU Member State public administration or mandated body.

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