

Public Consultation regarding the provision of services to long-term unemployed in the Member States and at EU level

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1. Challenges

In the context of this consultation, long-term unemployed are considered as those that have been without a job for more than one year, but are actively looking for a job and are willing to accept if they are offered a job.

Member States have different approaches to preventing and reducing long-term unemployment in scope, timing and intervention schemes. There are also significant differences across Member States in the share of long term unemployed participating in active measures and in the length and coverage of benefits.

The background document outlines several challenges to address long-term unemployment.

Q1. Do you agree with the description of the challenges?*

- Yes
- No

Q2. Are there any other challenges or aspects to address long-term unemployment that should be taken into account?

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2. Policy features

How do you assess the following policy features to support long-term unemployed in your Member State?

2.1. Integration of service provision

Cooperation between organisations delivering activation support, benefits and social services resulting in one-stop-shop delivery. Such coordinated service offer can include for instance activation support (e.g. training or subsidised employment), benefits (unemployment or social benefits) and social services (e.g. care or childcare). Collaboration may involve public and private organisations, including social partners, education and training providers, NGOs, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

Q4. What is the level of integration of service provision to support the long-term unemployed in your country?*

1 refers to 'no integration'; 5 refers to 'full integration'

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Q6. What recommendations would you make to improve the integration of service provision in your country?

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Q7. How important is the integration of service provision in the support for long-term unemployed?

- Not important at all
- Not important
- Neutral
- Important
- Very important

2.2. Individualised services to long-term unemployed

Tailoring services to address individual needs of those unemployed for more than one year.

Q8. How relevant is it that services for the long-term unemployed are individualised?*

- Not relevant at all
- Not relevant
- Neutral
- Relevant
- Very relevant

Please, explain why:

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Q9. To which degree are support services to long-term unemployed adapted to individual needs in your country?

- Not individualised at all
- Not individualised
- Somewhat individualised
- Mostly individualised
- Fully individualised

Q10. Does individualised service provision apply to most long-term unemployed in your country?

- Yes
- No

Q11. How is the access to training for long-term unemployed in your country?

- Not sufficient at all
- Not sufficient
- Somewhat sufficient
- Mostly sufficient
- Fully sufficient

Q12. How efficient is the training of long-term unemployed in providing the skills needed to re-introduce them effectively into the labour market?

- Not efficient at all
- Not efficient
- Neutral
- Efficient
- Very efficient

Q13. Is there adequate start-up support for self-employment to long-term unemployed in your country?

- Yes
- No

Q14. What recommendations would you make to improve individualised services to long-term unemployed?

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2.3. Mutual responsibilities

Setting minimum standards for the activation of persons unemployed for more than one year with mutual binding commitments from both the individual and the organisations delivering services. These commitments could be formalised through individual action plans or other forms of written agreements.

Q15. How relevant is the mutual responsibilities approach for interventions for the long-term unemployed?

- Not relevant at all
- Not relevant
- Neutral
- Relevant
- Very relevant

Q16. Do the services provided to long-term unemployed in your country include the binding commitment from both the long-term unemployed and the organisation delivering?*

- Yes
- No

Q18. Should all services provided to long-term unemployed be subject to mutual responsibilities?

- Yes
- No

Q19. What recommendations would you make on the application of a mutual responsibilities approach?

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2.4. Adequate incentives and services for employers to employ long-term unemployed

It includes direct support to employers who recruit, train or offer short-term work experience to long-term unemployed. The support offered includes subsidised employment, tax or social contribution reductions and post-placement support and more general support to broad groups of employers (e.g. awareness building among employers on hiring of long-term unemployed).

Q20. Do you know if there are incentives and services that are available to employers to employ long-term unemployed in your country?*

- Yes
- No

Q22. What recommendations would you make to improve the efficiency of the services delivered to employers?

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3. EU-level action

Current EU-level action includes support to Member States in addressing long-term unemployment policies through mutual learning and the European Semester process. Furthermore, ESF supports Member States' investment priorities related to long-term unemployment and the reform of labour market institutions.

Q23. In your view, is there a need for further EU level action, targeted at raising awareness and keeping political momentum for improving effectiveness and efficiency of Member States' actions when tackling long-term unemployment?*

- Yes, the EU should define general principles for an effective activation framework and recommending guidelines for measures to be used in Member States
 - Yes, the EU should recommend a set detailed guidance for the introduction and development of an "individual activation offer", bringing together the policy features described above into a coordinated package of services. The guidance would include required parameters to ensure effective outcomes, based on the general principles for an effective activation framework
 - No, there is no need for further action at EU level

Q26. Please motivate your answer:

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Q27. Please give your opinion on the following options as regards possible changes in the activation support for the long-term unemployed in your country:

	Very undesirable	Undesirable	No preference	Desirable	Very desirable
No change to current provision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Increasing the participation rate in activation measures to long term unemployed on unemployment benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Extending the duration of activation measures to long-term unemployed on unemployment benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing the number of activation measures to long term unemployed on unemployment benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>Increasing the participation rate in activation measures to long term unemployed on social assistance/other benefits (other than unemployment benefits)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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<p>Introducing an individual activation offer for the long-term unemployed</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Introducing mutual responsibilities for both long-term unemployed and organisations delivering services to them</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Providing a single point of contact/one stop shop for long-term unemployed, irrespective of the form of benefits or support services provided	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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Q28. Please **rank** the following categories of long-term unemployed according to how important it is that they are eligible for intensive support, e.g through an "individual activation offer"

Long-term unemployed that are:

Please note that you can only choose one category per level of priority. It is not possible to assign two or more categories with the same level of priority.

	Lowest priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	Highest priority
Aged under 24	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Aged 25-35	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aged 35-45	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aged 45-55	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aged over 55	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Long-term unemployed that are:

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	Lowest priority	Medium priority	Highest priority
Low skilled	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Medium skilled	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High skilled	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q29. Do you have any other comments?

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