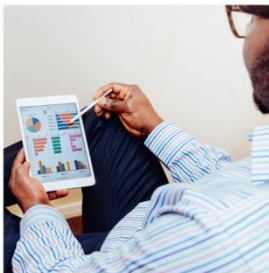




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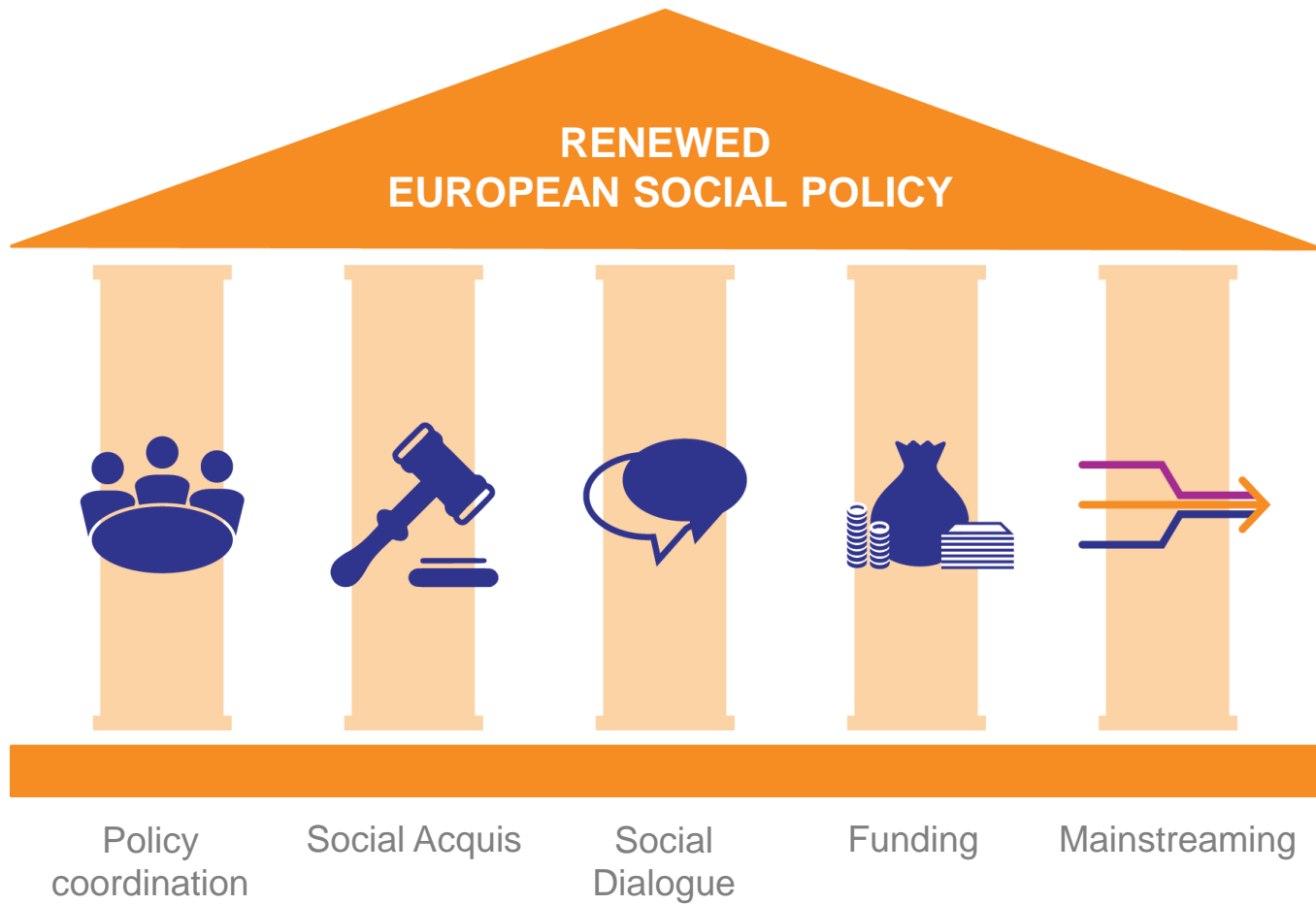
SOCIAL EUROPE

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What I want is for Europe to have a social triple-A rating: that is just as important as an economic and financial triple-A rating.

Jean-Claude Juncker, Statement in the European Parliament plenary session, 22 October 2014



TWO YEARS OF DELIVERY AND PROGRESS



POLICY COORDINATION

- Social priorities at heart of European Semester
- Social Impact Assessment for Stability Programmes

SOCIAL ACQUIS

- European Pillar of Social Rights
- Posting of Workers Directive
- European Accessibility Act

SOCIAL DIALOGUE

- A New Start for European Social Dialogue

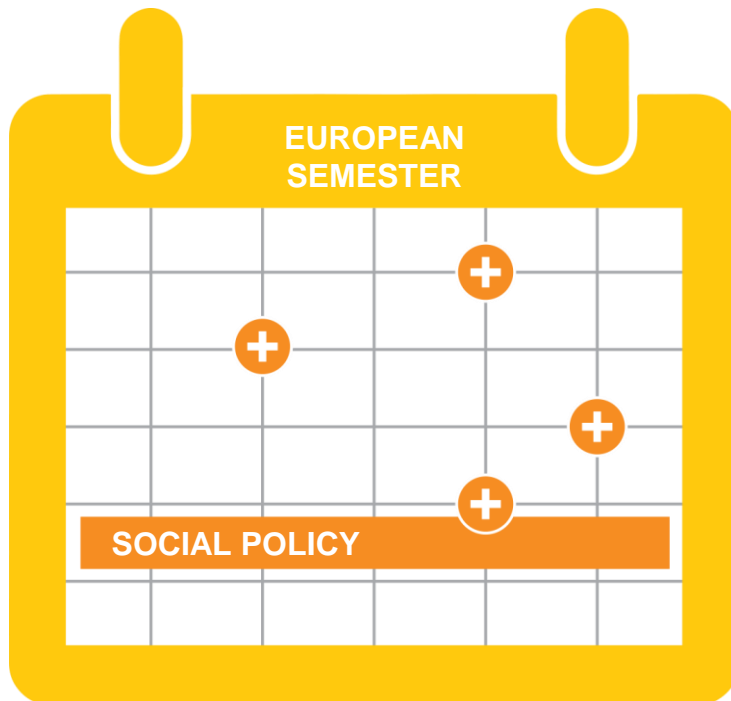
FUNDING

- New Skills Agenda
- Frontloading of €1 billion for Youth Guarantee
- Extra €2 billion for 2017-2020

MAINSTREAMING

- Investment Plan for Europe, Energy Union, Digital Single Market, trade, tax.

SOCIAL PRIORITIES AT THE HEART OF EUROPE'S ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE



Greater focus on:

- + **Employment**
- + **Social performance**

Guidelines to Member States to deliver on:

- + **Quality jobs**
- + **Skills**
- + **Poverty reduction**

Social Impact Assessment
of Stability Programmes

EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS AN ONGOING CONSULTATION

From **establishing and renewing the EU social acquis** to...



- a **holistic review** of present and future needs for the whole EU
- a **greater focus** on the challenges of the Economic and Monetary Union

The Pillar should become the reference framework to screen the employment and social performance of participating Member States

EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS: 3 PRIORITIES



TOWARDS A DEEPER AND FAIRER EUROPEAN LABOUR MARKET

WHY A REFORM OF THE POSTING OF WORKERS DIRECTIVE?



In **2014** there were **1.92 million** posted workers in the EU



44% increase in posted workers between **2010** and **2014**



On average **0.7%** of total employees are posted workers



The concentration of posted workers in some sectors is high
43% of the total posted workers work in the construction sector



In 14 Member States, **40% to 80% of the posted workers** come from neighbouring countries

NEW START FOR EUROPEAN SOCIAL DIALOGUE

The four main goals of European Social Dialogue
which the social partners agreed in 2015:



- greater involvement of the social partners in the **European Semester**
- stronger emphasis on **capacity building of national social partners**
- strengthened involvement of social partners in **EU policy-making**
- clearer relationship between social partners' agreements and the **Better Regulation agenda**

A NEW APPROACH TO TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT: THE YOUTH GUARANTEE

The Guarantee is helping to tackle youth unemployment



1.4 million less
young unemployed
in the EU since 2013



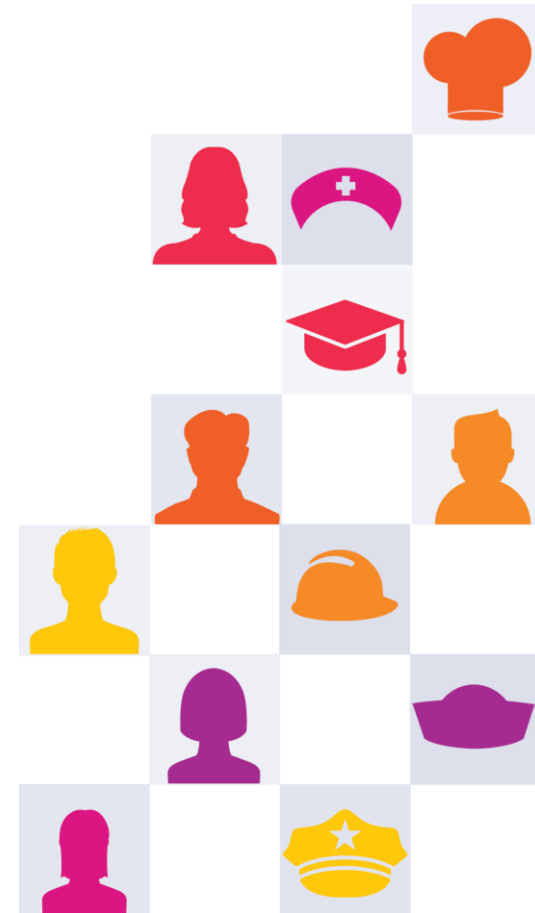
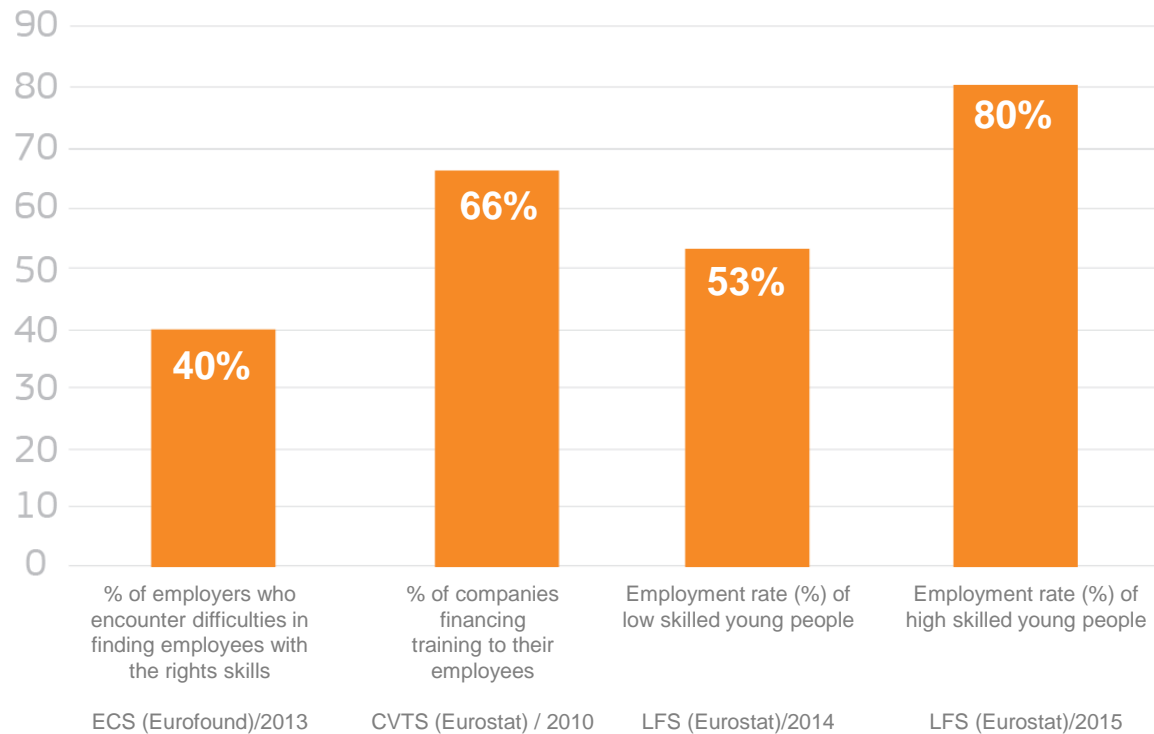
900,000 less
young people not in
employment, education
or training (NEETs)



9 million
young people took up
an offer of employment,
education, traineeship or apprenticeship

ACTIONS TO HELP EQUIP PEOPLE IN EUROPE WITH BETTER SKILLS A NEW SKILLS AGENDA FOR EUROPE

Links between employment and skills in the EU-28



ACTIONS TO HELP EQUIP PEOPLE IN EUROPE WITH BETTER SKILLS

A NEW SKILLS AGENDA FOR EUROPE



OBJECTIVE:

the **Skills Guarantee** will help **low-skilled adults** to acquire a minimum level of **literacy**, **numeracy** and **digital skills**.



DELIVERY: adults will receive:

- a **skills assessment**, giving them the chance to identify their existing skills and their upskilling needs;
- a **tailored learning offer**, adapted to the specific needs of the individual and of local labour markets;
- **opportunities for the validation and recognition of the skills** they acquire.

EUROPEAN ACCESSIBILITY ACT

Disabled and older people will enjoy **more choice** and **lower prices** for the following products and services:



- smartphones
- digital TV equipment and broadcasts
- telephone services and equipment
- air, bus, rail and waterborne transport
- banking services
- e-books
- e-commerce
- computers and operating systems
- ATMs, ticketing and check-in machines

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS ACROSS EU POLICIES



Investment Plan

100,000 new jobs created
300,000 SMEs have new loans

Energy Union

Helping to **cut people's energy bills**
Access to essential social services
even in event of crisis

Fair Taxation

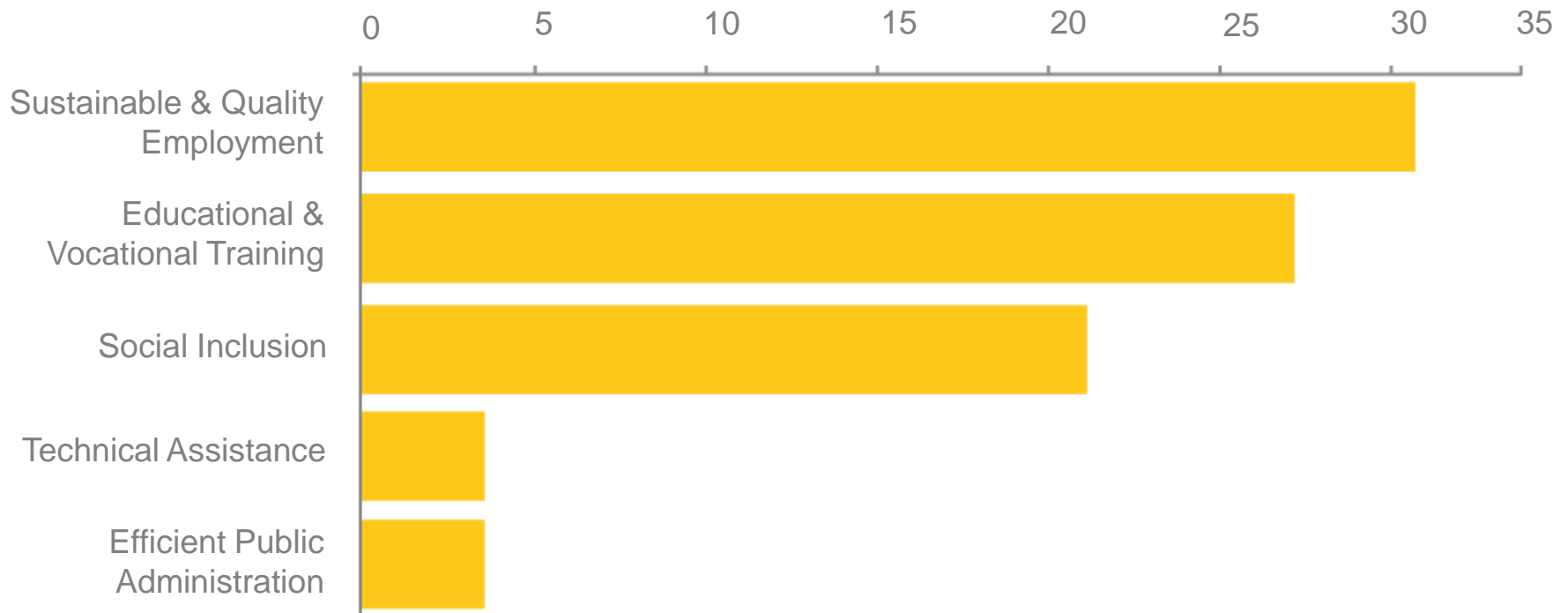
Multiple proposals to fight
Corporate Tax Avoidance

Digital Single Market

Ensure **free WiFi access**
All citizens can connect
to the Internet

HOW THE EU BUDGET SUPPORTS A SOCIAL EUROPE

European Social Fund: €86.4 billion for 2014-20



FUTURE PRIORITIES: COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2017



- **Youth Initiative** to boost jobs, growth and investment:
 - Youth Guarantee + Youth Employment Initiative
 - New Skills Agenda
 - European Solidarity Corps
- Proposal for **European Pillar of Social Rights**
- Strengthening of **Economic and Monetary Union**
- Phase two of **European Fund for Strategic Investments**
- Strengthening of **trade defence instruments**
- **Fairer taxation of companies** in the Internal Market

Plus:

- Promotion of work-life balance for working parents
- Evaluation of the health and safety legal framework

