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Forum priorities and PROGRESS work  
programme

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## Key findings of the member survey - priorities

- considerable support for the three proposed priorities:
  - inclusion and employment of young people (87.2%)
  - tackling deep-seated poverty and worklessness (80%)
  - social cohesion in an age of austerity (71.4%)
- issues that are the most important on the local agendas:
  - employment, increasing the efficiency of public spending, social inclusion, education, family and children policies
  - active inclusion, housing, preventative approaches, tackling inequalities, addressing multiple disadvantage
  - migration and integration, anti-discrimination, social services and social innovation, financial inclusion, participation, collaboration, PPPs
- suggestions for the WG topics
  - tackling social inequalities, social innovation, youth unemployment, achieving efficiency in public spending



## Key findings of the member survey - way the Forum works

- stronger alignment of WGs work with the EU agenda
- dissemination of work done by SAF within member cities
- coordination of involvement in SAF and its WGs within the same city
- better links between the work/topics of the WGs
- balance between lobbying and networking



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## PROGRESS OPERATIONAL GRANT 2013

### PROGRESS

3-year partnership (2011-2013)  
between EURO CITIES and European  
Commission (DG Employment).

Supporting EU Social Agenda &  
engaging cities in EU policies.

NB: funding is not guaranteed... every  
year we have to prepare a work  
plan and budget and negotiate





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The EC key objectives:

- 1. Capacity building
- 2. Raising the voice of cities and engaging cities in EU policy process
- 3. Improving advocacy/communication
- 4. Promoting cross-cutting issues (culture, environment, transports, knowledge society)





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## PROGRESS OPERATIONAL GRANT 2013

PROGRESS can support:

- Publications: Active Inclusion in cities
- Organisation of peer-reviews/workshops: Roma and employment/ Social Return Investment
- Travelling to EU events
- Capacity building: training city officers
- Inviting experts to WG meetings
- Events at city and EU level





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