

## List of Participating Countries in ESF+

### EFTA countries, which are part of the European Economic Area (EEA)

- Iceland participates in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed in September 2021 — entry into force on 01 January 2021*)
- Norway participates in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed in September 2021 — entry into force on 01 January 2021*)
- Liechtenstein does not participate in the ESF+

### Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates

- Serbia participates in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed on 16 November 2022 — entry into force on 20 September 2023 – applicable as of 01 January 2022*)
- Montenegro participates in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed on 31 January 2023 — entry into force on 20 October 2023 – applicable as of 01 January 2022*)
- Moldova participates in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed on 21 May 2024 — entry into force on 25 July 2024 – applicable as of 01 January 2024*)
- Kosovo\* has confirmed interest to participate in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed on 16 October 2024 — in ratification phase/temporary eligibility – expected to be applicable as of 01 January 2024*)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina have confirmed interest to participate in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed on 13 June 2025 — in ratification phase/temporary eligibility – expected to be applicable as of 01 January 2025*)
- Ukraine has confirmed interest to participate in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand (*agreement signed on 12 July 2025 — in ratification phase/temporary eligibility – expected to be applicable as of 01 January 2025*)
- Albania has confirmed interest to participate in the ESF+, for the EaSI strand

### Other countries

- Currently, no other country has confirmed interest to participate in ESF+



Please note that entities subject to [EU restrictive measures](#) under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)<sup>1</sup> and entities covered by Commission Guidelines No [2013/C 205/05](#)<sup>2</sup> are NOT eligible to participate in any capacity (including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties, if any).

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	15.06.2021	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	15.12.2021	Participation of EEA countries (Iceland and Norway) confirmed. Serbia and Montenegro added.

3.0	01.02.2022	Kosovo added.
4.0	15.11.2023	Participation of Serbia and Montenegro confirmed. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova added.
5.0	15.08.2024	Participation of Moldova confirmed.
6.0	12.08.2025	Ukraine added.

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- \* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence
- <sup>1</sup> Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the [EU Sanctions Map](#).
- <sup>2</sup> Commission guidelines No [2013/C 205/05](#) on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards (OJEU C 205 of 19.07.2013, pp. 9-11).