INVESTING IN SOCIAL EUROPE: SOCIAL PLATFORM'S POSITION ON THE NEXT MULTIANUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (MFF 2021-2027)

**WHY?**
- Create leverage to finance common public goods with high societal returns.

**LEVERAGE**

**DELIVER** on the pillar of social rights and the sustainable development goals.

**ENSURE** policy coherence between all expenditure headings and avoid a negative impact for people and the environment.

**SOCIAL PLATFORM RECOMMENDS**

1. **Mirror political ambition in the size of the budget**
   - Increase the MFF ceiling to 1.3% of the EU gross national income.

2. **Reform the income side**
   - Introduce new own resources for the MFF.
   - Focus on future own resources which reinforce social justice and fairness.

3. **Match a more social Europe with a strong European Social Fund Plus**
   - Earnark social inclusion measures at 30%.
   - Provide adequate financial support for a European child guarantee.
   - Increase co-financing for social projects.

4. **Establish an enabling framework for cohesion policy**
   - Maintain all horizontal and thematic enabling conditions during the negotiation period and in the final agreement.

5. **Strengthen civil society participation and transparency**
   - Strengthen inclusive multi-level governance and partnership principle.
   - Reinforce requirements to address obstacles to transparency and increase the accountability of the funds.

6. **Enlarge allocation criteria beyond GDP**
   - Extend the proposed criteria to include poverty and inequality based on the 'ARPE' indicator, reflected in the social scoreboard and monitoring of the SDG's.

7. **Give due weight to social issues in new instruments for EMU**
   - Aim at the positive impact of promoting sustainable welfare systems, fighting social inequalities and investing in people.
   - Involve employment-social affairs ministers and advisory committees (EMCO, SPC) in decisions linked to EMU reform.
   - Accompany the Euro area MFF 2021-2027 by other fiscal capacity instruments.

8. **Increase funding for rights and values programme**
   - Increase the current amount to a minimum total of €1.5 billion and €5 million for Europe for Citizens Programme.