Social Security in the European Union from the Perspective of the “Europe 2020” Strategy

Social security is intended to mitigate the negative effects of market mechanisms in compliance with the principles of social justice, high standards of living conditions and social protection. The European Social Model, a code of values based on the principles of the EU’s socio-economic development, is common for all member states and has precedence over their pragmatic interests.

Social security in the European Union is defined within development strategies. The “Europe 2020” strategy sets priorities for action in order to lead Europe out of the crisis and establish the EU’s economic power. These priorities include smart growth, sustainable development and inclusive growth. These in turn make up the institutional network of social relationships that are obliged to take care of the social security of the citizens of the European Union.

Strategic objectives are implemented at transnational and national levels, using funds from the EU budget. Each member state is obliged to develop a national programme of reforms, taking into account priority areas of the EU, as well as local and financial conditions.

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