Unintended social consequences of EU financial framework 2014-2020

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Humankind is currently facing two major problems. First one is the moral imperative of provide the basics functionings (being happy, be able to choose, being healthy, nourished and sheltered) to a growing population, in such a way that every human person had the effective possibility of enjoying the full human rights. Second, the pressing problem of climate change and its looming future perspectives. The answer of the international community to target those problems has been the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the Paris Agreement for Climate Change. Notwithstanding, both action plans with its own objectives and paths, have arisen some concerns about two sides-targets alignments, trade-offs and opportunities. Among the many participants committed with this international agenda, the European Union plays a substantial role given both its position as global player and its self-image as moral reference in issues related to human rights and environmental protection. Therefore, it could be more interesting to assess if the European Policies encapsulated in the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework are path-aligned or path-contingent with the previous two major agreements. Specifically, in this paper we will try to evaluate if the social impacts of the EU Funds are in line with the corollary of the 8th SDG, i.e., promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

The methodological approach will be the combination of a fully integrated multiregional input-output (MRIO) model with a detailed estimation of 2014-2020 EU Multiannual Financial Framework which will allow us to research into the trade relations of target regions and, subsequently, to allocate the embodied social effects of EU policies. To address the alignment-contingency-evaluation, we will rely on the calculation of several indicators for undesirable work conditions and forced labor and also in some of the social Satellite Socioeconomic Accounts provided by the World Input Output Database.