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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

In order to contribute to the development of the common EU policy on asylum and immigration and to the strengthening of the area of freedom, security and justice in the light of the application of the principles of solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States and cooperation with third countries, Regulation (EU) 516/2014 established the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (the basic act)¹. The AMIF is a mechanism to enhance, through financial assistance, effective management of migration flows to the EU in areas where the Union adds maximum value, in particular by sharing responsibility between Member States and strengthening cooperation with third countries.

All EU Member States, with the exception of Denmark, are participating in the "Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund": hence entities established in the participating Member States can take part as beneficiaries in the actions that are supported under this financial instrument. Entities established in Denmark can only participate on a no-cost basis.

While, according to its basic act, the bulk of the AMIF global resources will be channelled through the EU Member States national programmes (shared management), a lesser part of the fund resources shall be implemented through Union Actions (transnational actions or actions of particular interest to the Union). Article 20 of the basic act sets a list of Union Actions that can be funded through this instrument.

The AMIF contributes to the development of the **Common European Asylum System (CEAS)**, by supporting the efforts made by Member States to fully and properly implement the Union asylum *acquis* including the resettlement and transfer of beneficiaries of international protection (*relocation*), as well as cooperation aimed at pursuing the Union's priorities with third countries to reinforce their capacities to adequately manage flows of persons applying for international protection. While funding provided by the AMIF to EU Member States under their respective national programmes focus on measures at country level, Union Actions should complement these by focusing on EU-wide measures promoting the consolidation of the CEAS, including its possible deepening, promotion of resettlement and transfer, and, as regards the external dimension, capacity building and strengthening of asylum systems of third countries, in particular in the framework of Regional Protection Programmes, in line with the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility.

As regards AMIF second objective - **promote legal migration to the EU, in line with the economic and social needs of its Member States, and the integration of third-country nationals (TCN)** - support through Member States national programmes will focus on

¹ OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, pages 168-194.....

initiatives aiming at strengthening their national integration strategies, with special focus on measures at regional and local level, as well as the development by Member States of their national legal migration strategies. Union Actions should complement these by supporting EU-wide measures to further develop a common immigration and support national integration policies in line with the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the European Agenda for the Integration of TCN, as well as the exchange of information, best practices and co-operation at EU level. As regards actions in third-countries, Union Actions should focus on capacity building and strengthening of asylum systems of third countries' authorities, in particular in the Neighbourhood region, notably by supporting the establishment and implementation of Mobility Partnerships.

With a view to the continuous, fair and effective implementation of common standards on return, the AMIF will also promote the development of **return strategies** at national level and also measures supporting their effective implementation in third countries (including re-integration measures), with special attention being paid to the promotion of voluntary return. Through their national programmes, Member States will mainly fund forced return operations, voluntary return schemes, continue to invest in the upgrading of their detention facilities, as well as develop alternatives to detention and set up or strengthen forced return monitoring mechanisms. Also in this area, Union Actions should focus on support to those initiatives with a clear EU dimension, involving several EU Member States, or targeting third countries which constitute strategic priority for the EU as a whole. As regards the latest, Union Actions should focus on supporting third countries' authorities capacity to implement EU Readmission Agreements, which are an integral part of the EU return policy.

As foreseen in Article 21 of the basic act, through AMIF the EU will also provide financial assistance to address urgent and specific needs in the event of an **emergency situation** as defined in Article 2 (k) of the basic act.

Within this context, and building also on the experience gained with programmes and projects supported by the former SOLID Funds (2007-2013), and in particular the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals, the European Refugee Fund and the European Return Fund, this 2014 Work programme for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund identifies a number of priorities and objectives to be pursued through Union Actions and Emergency Assistance for the year 2014.

Actions under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union².

As foreseen in the basic acts, and in particular article 3.4 and 3.5 of Regulation (EU) n° 514/2014 (Horizontal Regulation), actions in and in relation with third countries under this work programme will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through EU funds, in particular external assistance instruments. The identification and implementation of such actions is fully coordinated with EEAS and relevant Commission's external relations services, including ECHO as far as humanitarian assistance is concerned.

2. LEGAL BASIS

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (516/2014).

² OJ C 303/7, 14.12.2007, p.1. Strategy for the effective implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights by the European Union, COM (2010)573 final, 19.10.2010.

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (514/2014).

3. BUDGET LINES

18 03 01 – Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

18 03 01 01 – Strengthening and developing the Common European Asylum System and enhancing the solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States

18 03 01 02 – Supporting legal migration to the Union and promoting the effective integration of third-country nationals and enhancing fair and effective return strategies

4. GENERAL OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR

The AMIF basic act sets out in its article 3.2 four main specific objectives, respectively:

- (a) to strengthen and develop all aspects of the Common European Asylum System;
- (b) to support legal migration to the Member States and promote effective integration of third country nationals;
- (c) to enhance fair and effective return strategies with emphasis on sustainability of return and effective readmission in the countries origin and transit;
- (d) to enhance the solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States.

The 2014 indicative budget available to support Union Actions and Emergency Assistance amounts to 37.4 million EUR, of which 12.4 million EUR will be allocated to Union Actions and 25 million EUR to Emergency Assistance.

In 2014 it is expected that the level of migratory pressure experienced in 2013 (Syria, North Africa) will not decrease. In particular the pressure is expected to remain on specific front line EU Member States. Therefore, considerable financial resources should be set aside to provide Emergency Assistance.

The amount available for **Union Actions** should be used to support the priorities/actions presented below, as well as some information and communication activities.

1) Support to transnational projects aimed at identifying, developing and promoting best practices in the **area of asylum**, more specifically for the identification of special needs of asylum seekers, in particular women and children, related to the asylum procedures and the reception conditions, provision of legal and procedural information free of charge, and integration of persons benefiting from international protection.

2) Support to **pilot projects of information campaigns on the risks and dangers faced by migrants attempting to reach the EU through illegal channels** as a follow up to Communication of the European Commission on the Task Force Mediterranean.

3) Support to **pilot project targeting returnees who are victims of trafficking in human beings (THB)**, to ensure the sustainability of return and prevent the re-trafficking also through the provision of reintegration assistance.

4) Support to the preparation and implementation of current and future Mobility Partnerships and Common Agendas for Migration and Mobility (CAMMs).

5) Support to activities such as studies, evaluations, websites, handbooks, etc. in the different policy areas covered by the AMIF, as well as information and communication activities.

5. IMPLEMENTING MODALITIES AND FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

The table below gives an overview of the financial breakdown according to the different implementing modalities:

	Total indicative allocation
I. Union Actions	12.460.842 EUR
A. Direct management	9.460.842 EUR
1. Grants	5.500.000 EUR
1.1 Directly awarded grants	2.500.000 EUR
1.2 Grants awarded pursuant open calls for proposals	3.000.000 EUR
2. Procurement	3.960.842 EUR
B. Indirect management	3.000.000 EUR
II. Emergency Assistance	25.000.000 EUR
TOTAL	37.460.842 EUR

I. UNION ACTIONS

5.1. DIRECT MANAGEMENT

5.1.1. GRANTS

5.1.1.1. Grants directly awarded

a) Direct grants to UNHCR and IOM – 2 pilot projects of information campaigns on the risks and dangers faced by migrants attempting to reach the EU through illegal channels as a follow up to Communication of the European Commission on the Task Force Mediterranean

The Task Force Mediterranean (TFM) was set up after the tragedy of Lampedusa on 3 October 2013 to develop operational actions to prevent humanitarian tragedies at sea in the short term. The recommendations emerging from the work of the TFM have been embedded in the Commission Communication COM (2013) 869 final adopted on 4 December 2013. One of the key activities emerging from the Commission Communication is the development of **information campaigns** in key countries of origin and of transit. The objective of the information campaigns would be to clearly communicate and raise awareness concerning the serious risks and dangers faced by migrants attempting to reach the EU through irregular channels, including the perils of irregular sea crossings and the threats posed by smugglers and traffickers. To achieve this objective, innovative approaches should be sought in order to

reach as many potential migrants as possible in countries of origin, as well as in countries of transit, with a particular focus on African countries as well as relevant countries in the Middle East and Asia, building on previous EU and Member State initiatives. The campaigns should also inform about channels available for legal migration and rely on diaspora networks. Where relevant the information campaigns shall draw on experience from and complement ongoing activities in the development and humanitarian fields of a similar nature, and will be fully coordinated with DG ECHO, DG DEVCO, the EEAS and in particular the EU delegations in the countries concerned.

These information campaigns **will be piloted in 2014 in Niger (targeting Western Africans) and Ethiopia and Sudan (targeting Somalis and Eritrean unaccompanied minors)** as these countries are crucial in the smuggling of human beings which takes place from key regions in crisis, and have an important impact on the flow affecting the central Mediterranean route.

The pilots in Niger and Ethiopia/Sudan will be implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR) respectively. The aim of the implementing two pilots in parallel is to test and evaluate different approaches.

The pilot campaign in Niger targeting Niger nationals and Western Africans (implemented by IOM) will use traditional method where the key messages formulated after a short inception phase will be spread through traditional communication channels in (e.g. radio broadcasts, sms, events in the country of origin etc.). The outreach campaign targeting Somalis and Eritrean unaccompanied minors implemented in Ethiopia and Sudan by UNHCR will be based on an electronic platform that would allow migrants/refugees, survivors of distress at sea, victims of trafficking, relatives of deceased refugees and members of the diaspora to upload their authentic testimonials. Both pilots will include an evaluation component.

The pilots will be implemented through grants directly awarded to IOM and UNHCR without call for proposals pursuant to Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to Article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application.

The direct award of the grants to IOM and UNHCR to implement the two pilots is justified by the specific characteristics of the actions requiring a high degree of specialisation on migration and asylum issues.

Through its mandate as received from the UN General Assembly in 1950, as well through the 1951 Geneva Convention on the status of refugee that bestows a direct role on UNHCR in this regard, UNHCR has been able to acquire exclusive experience and expertise in the area of international protection. Since 2005, UNHCR has served as inter-agency cluster lead for protection at the global level, as well as at the country level for situations of conflict-induced displacement. UNHCR has thus already developed several projects aimed at informing and alerting persons of concern so that individual decisions for moving onward, returning or staying, are made in the most informed manner possible. Such projects have taken place in Africa but also in other countries.

IOM has successfully implemented more than 120 information campaigns in all regions of the world and in a variety of migration settings, social environments and cultures. Essential lessons have been learned from less efficient approaches and these lessons have been incorporated into a flexible but thorough institutional methodology. This translates into efficient, cost-effective campaigns that are adapted to suit the target audiences and their cultural and social particularities. The action also benefits from IOM's established contacts

and privileged access to migrants and potential migrants in Niger and will build synergies with ongoing IOM activities. IOM has been providing support to migrants through its transit centres since 2009 and it has developed reintegration and community stabilization programmes to support the socio economic reintegration of returnees and youth at risk in the major areas of return in Niger. Given the increasing number of vulnerable migrants in need of assistance in Niger, IOM is implementing programmes aiming at providing support for assisted voluntary return and reintegration to stranded third country nationals. The possibility to access assisted return and reintegration support constitutes an important alternative to onward irregular migration for migrants transiting through Niger that will be critical to the success of the proposed information campaign.

To receive the grant IOM and UNHCR shall submit a project proposal directly to the Commission. The Commission will evaluate the proposals based on the following essential eligibility, selection and award criteria.

Eligibility criteria

Project proposals can be submitted only by the UNHCR and IOM.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to International Organisations in accordance with Article 131 (3) of the Financial Regulation.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the conformity, quality of the proposed action, cost-effectiveness and European added value.

Form of the grant, value and other information

The maximum amount foreseen to support the two pilot projects is **EUR 2.000.000 (1.000.000 EUR per pilot)**. The maximum possible rate of EU co-funding is **95% of the total eligible costs**. The indicative maximum duration of activities of the pilots shall be **18 months**.

Indicative timetable

Q3 2014

b) Direct grant to IOM - Project "Safe and sustainable return and reintegration of victims of THB"

The safe and sustainable return and reintegration of victims of trafficking is a key aspect of the victims' centred approach of the Directive 2011/36/EU and the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (THB). Particular focus should be placed in the gender dimension of trafficking in human beings and the best interests of the child, as reflected in the Directive. Very often victims of trafficking who have returned to the countries of origin (COI) fall again victims of trafficking and end up exploited in EU Member States. According to EU Directive and Strategy, durable solutions for victims should be sought and return should be safe and sustainable. The Action Oriented Paper (AOP) on THB identifies a list of priority countries where EU cooperation will be sought. Return of victims of trafficking in these priority countries is key, both from a victims' centred approach but also from building national capacities in view of durable solutions.

The direct award concerns a project on safe and sustainable return and reintegration of victims of THB in the following AOP countries: Albania (AL), Morocco (MO), and Ukraine (UA), as many victims of THB in EU originate from those countries. The project encompasses monitoring return of victims, considering potential re-integration interventions, supporting capacity building processes between EU Member States (ES, PL, EL, IT, FR) where most of AL, MO, UA victims end up, and the selected AOP countries, thus improving transnational cooperation and exchange of information between responsible authorities related to return of victims, including the civil society. The project will build upon expertise of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), further developing the CARE project approach.

The project will be implemented through a grant directly awarded to IOM without call for proposals pursuant to Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to Article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application.

The direct award of the grant to IOM is justified by the specific characteristics of the actions requiring a high degree of specialisation on THB and return issues. IOM has proven a targeted expertise in the field of THB in protecting and assisting vulnerable returnees who have been trafficked, exploited or abused, to prevent such abuses from occurring, and to encourage the prosecution of those who perpetrate these crimes. Thus, IOM holds a valuable combined experience in THB and return. Traditional activities in this area include direct assistance to victims of trafficking and exploited migrants including AVRR, quantitative and qualitative research, capacity-building of relevant stakeholders and prevention of THB and the exploitation and abuse of migrants through information, education, and communication strategies, empowering vulnerable populations in their migration projects and strategies to encourage consumers to confirm for themselves that products or services that they purchase or use are not the result of migrant exploitation.

To receive the grant IOM shall submit a project proposal directly to the Commission. The Commission will evaluate the proposal based on the following eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria

Project proposal can be submitted only by IOM.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to International Organisations in accordance with Article 131 (3) of the Financial Regulation.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the conformity, quality of the proposed action, cost-effectiveness and European added value.

Form of the grant, value and other information

The maximum grant amount shall be **500.000 EUR**. The maximum possible rate of EU co-funding is **95% of the total eligible costs**. The indicative maximum duration of activities shall be **18 months**.

Indicative timetable

Q3/Q4 2014

5.1.1.2. General call for proposals to support transnational projects in the area of asylum

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The grants provided under this heading shall co-finance transnational projects aimed at identifying, developing and promoting best practices pertaining to the following priorities:

- (a) identification of special needs of asylum seekers, in particular women and children, related to the asylum procedures and the reception conditions;
- (b) provision of legal and procedural information free of charge;
- (c) integration of persons benefiting from international protection.

The expected results are the development of good practices and exchange of information on the abovementioned fields.

Indicative amount for the call for proposals:

EUR 3.000.000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing

90% of the total eligible costs

Eligibility criteria

For actions to be funded following a call for proposals, in addition to meeting all administrative formal requirements which will be detailed in the call, projects must meet the following criteria:

Actions should be implemented by a partnership of eligible organisations composed of at least three eligible organisations established in at least three EU Member States³;

Only non-profit entities established in the EU or International Organisations⁴ are eligible for funding.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

Financial capacity - Applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the action is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

Operational capacity - Applicants must have the professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and International Organisations, in accordance with Article 131 (3) of the Financial Regulation.

Award criteria

³ For these purposes, international organisations would be considered as an entity established in a Member State.

⁴ International Organisations referred to in this Annual Work Programme shall be:

- (a) international public-sector organisations set up by intergovernmental agreements, and specialised agencies set up by such organisations;
- (b) the International Committee of the Red Cross;
- (c) the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- (d) other non-profit organisations assimilated to international organisations by a Commission decision.

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the essential award criteria - to be further detailed in the call for proposals - of conformity, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added-value of the proposed action.

Form of the grant, value and other information

Grants shall be covered by a written grant agreement.

The EU co-financing requested should not exceed EUR 750.000, and not be less than EUR 300.000 for any project.

Indicative timetable of the call for proposals

Q3/Q4 2014

5.1.2. PROCUREMENT

In 2014 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and using existing framework contracts or sub-delegation to DG DIGIT and OPOCE).

The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved in 2014 for the procurement contracts amounts to **3.960.842,00 EUR**.

It will cover in particular the following priority actions (*with respective indicative timeline for launching the procurement procedure*)

- (a) Support to the European Website on Integration (EWSI): Q4 2014
- (b) Support to the Immigration Portal: Q3 2014
- (c) Preparation of a Handbook of migrant rights: Q4 2014
- (d) Support the work of the European Forum for Integration, Migration and Asylum (EFIMA), in particular the organisation of the meetings of the forum in 2014 and 2015: Q4 2014
- (e) Establishing and implementing the platform on labour migration; in particular the implementation of the launch event of the platform: Q4 2014
- (f) Support to the comprehensive plan to prevent and fight against smuggling (Task Force Mediterranean): Q4 2014
- (g) Study on legal avenues from third countries to seek asylum in the EU: Q4 2014
- (h) Study on mapping good practices on contingency planning: Q3 2014
- (i) Comparative study on the qualitative analysis of asylum decisions in different Member States on representative caseload: Q4 2014
- (j) Development of a curriculum on EU asylum law in view of judicial training of judges: Q3 2014
- (k) Testing remote interpretation within migration management procedures: Q3 2014
- (l) Audio-visual campaign on non-discrimination against asylum seekers and migrants: Q3 2014
- (m) Ad hoc film screening: Q3 2014

Funds will also be made available to support several information and communication measures with a view to further strengthen information on European issues in the policy areas covered by AMIF⁵.

Within the indicative budgetary envelope and in addition to the above specific items conferences, seminars may be held and studies, evaluation and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed in order to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area of the asylum, migration, integration and return.

Indicative number of new specific contracts envisaged: 10.

5.2. INDIRECT MANAGEMENT

Delegation Agreement with ICMPD - Support to the preparation and implementation of current and future Mobility Partnerships and Common Agendas for Migration and Mobility - Mobility Partnership Facility (3M €)

Mobility Partnerships and Common Agendas for Migration and Mobility (CAMMs) contribute significantly to the operationalization of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM), offering a political framework for an enhanced and tailor made EU dialogue and cooperation with third countries in the area of migration, including on internal security-related aspects.

In order to support the preparation and implementation of current and future Mobility Partnerships and Common Agendas for Migration and Mobility, funding will be provided, through a **Mobility Partnership Facility (MPF)**, to actions which represent a high priority to the EU and its Member States and have a direct impact on the EU migration agenda. In line with the objectives foreseen and actions eligible under the AMIF, in particular the following actions shall receive funding: (i) support to partner countries' policy and legal frameworks for migration and mobility, including through circular and temporary migration schemes as well as better information and protection of migrants, including pre-departure training; (ii) information of potential migrants on opportunities for legal migration and on requirements for legal stay, as well as on the risks of irregular migration; (iii) capacity-building of partner countries' authorities in legal migration management (including migration monitoring); (iv) support to partner countries' policy and legal frameworks as well as capacity-building on asylum policy and protection in line with international standards; (v) support to the migration dialogue with relevant partner countries.

Under the 2014 Annual Work Programme relevant support will be provided as a priority to the MP with Azerbaijan, Morocco, Jordan and Tunisia.

Support to these actions will complement that provided through the ISF-Police and ISF-Borders funded components of the Mobility Partnership Facility (one single facility supported via the three funds), as well as those actions covered through the national programmes of the EU Member States and those more development-oriented actions to be funded through external cooperation instruments.

In order to achieve the objectives of the above actions, in particular the following activities should be financed: (i) Capacity-building support through the deployment of experts (mainly from EU Member States); (ii) Development and implementation of trainings and training

⁵ It is not foreseen that the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund contributes financially to corporate communication in 2014 in accordance with article 20(2)(c) of the Regulation. However, this is without prejudice to the fact that it shall do so in future exercises, as agreed by the Commission in the Communication SEC(2013) 486 final of 23.9.2013."

material; (iii) Exchange of personnel; (iv) Provision of specific equipment which would be indispensable in relation to the abovementioned capacity-building support and training (i.e. software related to border or visa management systems); (v) Information and awareness raising campaigns; (vi) Organisation of expert meetings and conferences; (vii) Studies, evaluations and monitoring activities.

The facility will be managed indirectly by the **International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)** after signing a delegation agreement.

Considering the limited resources available, the need to be able to adjust and respond rapidly and in an effective manner to the priorities identified in the framework of MP/CAMM (existing or under preparation), as well as the need to ensure complementarity with the actions funded through external cooperation instruments (which remain the main source of funding of the GAMM), such an implementing mode is considered to be the most adequate to serve EU needs: it allows the necessary flexibility in the identification of concrete actions to be implemented, with COM - in cooperation with EU MS and the EEAS - steering and monitoring closely the financial support provided by the facility.

ICMPD is an international public-sector organisation set up by intergovernmental agreements. Apart from its specific mandate and expertise in this area, ICMPD already has a proven track record in managing EU funds (including facilities) in cooperation with third countries, as well as in supporting migration dialogues and Mobility Partnerships. Its established network with EU Member States and third countries' practitioners on migration issues represents a key condition for the MPF to be successful.

ICMPD has successfully passed the four-pillar assessment in 2013. In accordance with Article 60 (2) of the new Financial Regulation, a six-pillar assessment of ICMPD is planned to be initiated in 2014 before the signing of the delegation agreement.

Governance and control structure

To ensure effective governance and control by the EU, a MPF steering committee will be set up, under the leadership of the European Commission and comprising also EEAS representatives. ICMPD will ensure the secretariat of the steering committee and provide technical support/assistance when necessary.

The steering committee will work in close consultation with EU Member States and, whenever relevant, with international organisations. Its role will be to provide the overall strategic guidance for the implementation of the MPF, as well as to examine and approve each concrete action to be funded under the MPF, with due attention to the necessity to ensure coherence and coordination with other funds supporting the Mobility Partnerships/CAMM. It will also adopt, and whenever necessary revise, the annual work plan of the facility. All EU Member States having co-signed Mobility Partnerships will be consulted and informed in due course before the adoption of the annual work plan. The MPF steering committee will meet regularly - at least twice a year - to assess the latest developments in terms of the implementation of GAMM and the various Mobility Partnerships, as well as to decide on the overall priorities for the use of the MPF.

On the basis of requests for concrete support to a Mobility Partnership submitted by a MP/CAMM partner country, by one or more EU Member State signatory of that Mobility Partnership, or at the initiative of the Commission, notably within the framework of the governance structures of each Mobility Partnership (Mobility Partnership meetings, Local Cooperation Platforms, etc.), the MPF steering committee tasks ICMPD to identify, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, the relevant activities to be carried out.

ICMPD management tasks include the management of the award procedures, accounting and administration of the facility, as well as monitoring and reporting.

Actions supported through the MPF will be implemented by authorities/public agencies of EU MS having signed the MP/CAMM in question, or whenever relevant via international organisations. When no EU MS or international organisation is in a position to implement an action, the steering committee may task ICMPD with its direct implementation, under the condition that the action is of a short-term nature (i.e. training, short-term TA, conferences, seminars, workshops and study visits) and that the overall amount for actions directly implemented by ICMPD would not exceed one third of the facility's operational budget. Any decision taken by the steering committee to task ICMPD, or another international organisation, with the direct implementation of an action will be subject to the prior consultation of the relevant EU MS.

Further details on the functioning of the MPF will be laid down in the Delegation Agreement to be signed with ICMPD.

The indicative amount under the 2014 AMIF Union Actions Annual Work Programme foreseen to support actions to be financed via the **Mobility Partnership Facility (MPF)** is **EUR 3.000.000**.

The initial duration of the MPF is **24 months**.

II. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

It is important for enhanced solidarity that the AMIF provides, in coordination and in synergy with the humanitarian assistance managed by the Commission where appropriate, additional support to address emergency situations of heavy migratory pressure in Member States or third countries, or in the event of mass influx of displaced persons, pursuant to Council Directive 2001/55/EC⁶, through Emergency Assistance.

Emergency assistance should also include support to ad hoc humanitarian admission programmes aimed at allowing temporary stay on the territory of a Member State in the event of an urgent humanitarian crisis in third countries, and also provide for support in specific situations covered by Article 33 of the Dublin Regulation⁷.

Emergency assistance will be provided in the form of grants. The grants will be awarded without a call for proposals, following a request for funding submitted to the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Article 128 of the Financial Regulation and Article 190 of its Rules of Application.

⁶ Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001 on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof (OJ L 212, 7.8.2001, p. 12).

⁷ Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast) (OJ L 180, 29.6.2013, p. 31.)

Maximum possible rate of co-financing

Up to 100 % of the total eligible costs.

Eligibility criteria

Applications for emergency assistance can be submitted only by the EU Member States, EU agencies and international organisations.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and international organisations, in accordance with Article 131 (3) of the Financial Regulation.

Award criteria

The award criteria will be the relevance of the proposal with regards to the objectives and the estimated impact of the proposed activities on the situation in the countries concerned.

Form of the grant(s), value and other information

The grant shall be covered by a written grant agreement.

The indicative maximum duration of the actions will be 12 months.

Emergency assistance may support expenditure which was incurred prior to the date of submission of the request for assistance but not prior to 1 January 2014 if this is necessary for the implementation of the action.