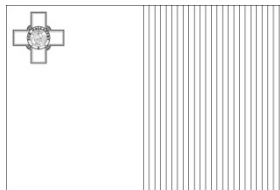


GENERAL PROGRAMME SOLIDARITY AND MANAGEMENT OF MIGRATION FLOWS

(2007 – 2013)



External Borders Fund (EBF), European Refugee Fund (ERF),
European Return Fund (RF), European Fund for the Integration of
Third Country Nationals (EIF)

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Co-financing Rate: 100% EU Funds

Sustainable Management of Migration Flows



Background

The General Programme aims at assisting and integrating immigrants, being either asylum seekers, refugees or persons with international protection as well as third country nationals, having a valid permit to stay in Malta.

The Programme part-finances assistance of various forms starting of at the very border of the country, into detention centers, or open centers in case of asylum seekers or refugees as well as in various other public institutions in relation to all target groups. Assistance is also given on their voluntary or forced return to their country of origin, where applicable.

The Responsible Authority

The Funds and Programmes Division within the Office of the Prime Minister is the designated national responsible authority for the management of the General Programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows Programme.

The Financial Instruments

The financial instruments of the General Programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows (2007 – 2013 EBF/EIF, 2008 – 2013 RF/ERF) are:

- **External Borders Fund (EBF),**
- **European Refugee Fund (ERF),**
- **European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals (IF),**
- **European Return Fund (RF)**

The Four Funds

The External Borders Fund (EBF)

Aims to ensure the efficient organisation of control, covering both checks and surveillance tasks relating to the external borders. This fund further aims to ensure the efficient management by the Member States of the flows of persons at the external borders in order to ensure a high level of protection as well as the smooth crossing of the borders in conformity with the Schengen Aquis. The Fund also supports actions for building a common EU visa policy in order to facilitate legitimate travel, while tackling irregular border crossings and visa fraud.

Because of the nature of EBF, this Fund will not be tackled in this public consultation exercise.

The Four Funds

The European Refugee Fund (ERF)

Aims to support and encourage the efforts made by the Member States in receiving, and in bearing the consequences of receiving, refugees and displaced persons, taking account of Community legislation on those matters through co-financing of actions.

The Four Funds

The European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals (IF)

Aims to support the efforts made by the Member States in enabling third-country nationals of different economic, social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to fulfill the conditions of residence and to facilitate their integration into the European societies.

The Four Funds

The European Return Fund (RF)

Aims to support the efforts made by the Member States to improve the management of return in all its dimensions through the use of the concept of integrated management and by providing for joint actions to be implemented by Member States or national actions that pursue Community objectives under the principle of solidarity, taking account of Community legislation in the field and in full compliance with fundamental rights.

Multi – Annual Programme

- The Multi-Annual Programme (MAP) is the document which lists down the **priorities** Malta has identified as in need of action for the period 2007 – 2013 for each of the Four Funds.
- The MAP of each of the Four Funds were approved by the Commission.
- The MAP is then implemented by means of Annual Programmes (APs) for each year. Covering a period of 2 and a half years.

Annual Programme

The Annual Programme which is drafted by the RA for each of the four Funds every year during the programming period (2007-2013) includes:

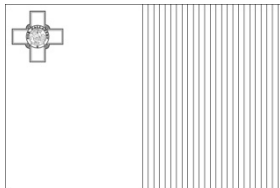
- The general rules for selection of projects to be financed under the APs
- **A description of the actions to be supported under the APs**
- The proposed financial breakdown of the four Funds' contribution between various actions and
- An indication of the amount requested to cover technical assistance

AP 2013 Provisional Financial Allocations

Fund	2013 Provisional Allocations
External Borders Fund	€20,356,279.46
European Refugee Fund	€1,142,634
European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals	€609,683
European Return Fund	€818,203

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