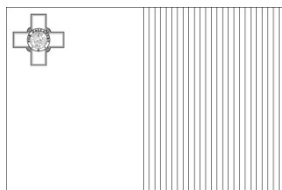


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European Refugee Fund

Target Group

- *Asylum seekers*
- *Persons with international protection*
- *Refugees*



European Refugee Fund

Priority 1 –

Implementation of the principles and measures set out in the Community acquis in the field of asylum, including those related to integration objectives

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Increasing capacity and renovation of accommodation facilities

Targets -

- *Increased accommodation capacity*
- *Continually improved facilities in the existing centres*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Provision of material aid in the centres

Targets -

- *Continued provision of daily meals and basic material necessities*
- *Addressing special nutritional requirements, arising out of medical conditions and/or national/religious/ cultural beliefs*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Continued provision of medical care

Targets -

- *To continue to provide basic medical care and more specialised treatment to those in need*
- *To strengthen the medical care provided in the centres, thus reducing pressures on public structures*
- *To reduce need for transporting residents to and from accommodation centres and clinics by providing medical care on-site*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Enhancement of assistance provided to vulnerable persons

Targets -

- *Enhance assistance provided to vulnerable persons*
- *Increase Capacity building to be able to address the special needs of vulnerable asylum- seekers*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Computerisation of the registration system at open accommodation centres

Targets -

- *To computerise the registration system at the open accommodation centres by utilising biometric registration*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Continued provision of educational services

Targets -

- *Strengthen the knowledge of Maltese/ English among the population of asylum- seekers/ beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and refugees*
- *Improve levels of vocational and other educational training of asylum-seekers, refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Provision of cultural orientation classes

Targets -

- *Cultural orientation classes and information reaching as many asylum-seekers, beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and refugees as possible*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Sensitization of local population on the situation of asylum-seekers/beneficiaries of subsidiary protection/refugees

Targets -

- *Improving understanding of situation of asylum-seekers/beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and refugees*
- *Combating racism and xenophobia against these foreigners*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Provision of information and legal aid

Targets -

- *Continuous provision of legal aid by NGO's and IO's*
- *Continuous provision of free legal aid by the authorities at appeals stage*

European Refugee Fund

Priority 2 –

Development of reinforcement tools and evaluation methodologies to assess and improve the quality of procedures for the examination of claims for international protection and to underpin administrative structures in an effort to respond to the challenges brought forward by enhanced practical co-operation with other Member States

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

The continuous training of personnel working at the Office of the Commissioner of Refugees, in the relative EU regulations and best practices in the field of evaluation of asylum applications

Targets -

- *Strengthening the pool of suitably trained personnel to evaluate professionally applications for asylum, thus strengthening the underlying administrative structure*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Improving availability of translation and interpretation services for the Office of the Refugee Commissioner

Targets -

- *Setting up of a pool of translators/ interpreters, preferably in collaboration with other MS*
- *Better communication between the Office of the Commissioner of Refugees and asylum seekers*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Enhancing structural and material facilities of the Office of the Commissioner of Refugees

Targets -

- *Increase in resources for the Office of the Commissioner of Refugees*

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Setting up of a database for the electronic management of all documentation pertaining to the asylum process

Targets -

- *Setting up of an electronic database for the Office of the Commissioner of Refugees*



European Refugee Fund

Priority 3 –

**Actions helping to enhance responsibility sharing
between Member States and Third Countries**

European Refugee Fund

Key Actions –

Seeking ways to implement responsibility sharing initiatives in the area of asylum, in particular on matters related to intra-Community transfer of asylum seekers and those enjoying some form of protection.

Targets -

- *Transfer of persons enjoying protection to another Member State and/or third country, per year, putting into practice the principle of burden-sharing which is especially important in the case of Malta*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Target Group

- *Third Country Nationals*, that is any person who is not a citizen of the Union within the meaning of Article 17(1) of the Treaty, *with an intention to reside in Malta*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Priority 1 –

Implementation of events proposed for the purpose of introducing “Common basic principles for policy of integration of immigrants in the EU”

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Improvement of procedures for preparation of admission procedure to ensure better integration process

Targets –

- *Improve awareness on admission procedures facilitating integration*
- *Strengthen capacities to harmonize admission procedures and needs for integration*
- *Improve quality of admission procedures*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Development and improvement of programmes and activities for the introduction of newly arrived third-country nationals to the Maltese society and provide knowledge about Malta

Targets –

- *Improve knowledge of third-country nationals in the Maltese language, Maltese history, institutions, social and economic situation, cultural life and fundamental norms and values*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Development and improvement of flexible introductory programmes and activities allowing third-country nationals to work and study at the same time

Targets –

- *Improve knowledge of third-country nationals on Maltese language, history of Maltese, institutions, social and economic situation, cultural life and fundamental norms and values*
- *Increase the number of third- country nationals taking part in introductory programmes and courses*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Development and improvement of programmes and activities to establish and maintain relations with specific groups of third-country nationals (for example, dependents of persons subject to admission procedure, children, women, elderly people, disabled or illiterate persons)

Targets –

- *Improve knowledge and skills of specific group of third-country nationals in Maltese language, history and other knowledge and skills*
- *Successful participation of third-country nationals in the programmes and activities*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Development and improvement of the programmes and activities to promote the admission of highly qualified third-country nationals and support their integration process

Targets –

- *Improve knowledge and skills of highly qualified third-country nationals in language, history and other*
- *Improve conditions for the admission and integration process of highly qualified third-country nationals*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Development and improvement of the programmes and activities to strengthen the capacity of the Maltese society to adapt to diversity, to maintain trustful relations with third-country nationals as well as to strengthen the assent to integration.

Targets –

- *Improve awareness of Maltese society about the immigration and integration of third- country nationals*
- *Improve mutual relations and understanding between Maltese society members and third-country nationals*
- *Improve conditions for the integration process of third-country nationals.*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Development and improvement of the programmes and activities to provide various consultations and information to third-country nationals in creating more favourable opportunities for them to use public and private services

Targets –

- *Improve awareness of third-country nationals about job-seeking and education systems, public and private services so as to create better conditions to receive relative services*
- *Improve intercultural competence and capacities of people working in the area of services provision*
- *Improve quality of services provided*
- *Strengthen understanding of third- country nationals about their rights and duties*
- *Promote implementation of equal opportunities and non-discrimination principles in the area of services provision*
- *Improve conditions for the integration process of third- country nationals.*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Priority 2 –

Elaboration of indicators and methodologies of evaluation for appraisal of progress, adjustment of policies and measures, and facilitation of coordination of comparative learning

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Performance and development of studies and researches to assess admission procedure of third-country nationals, introductory programmes and activities.

Targets –

- *Improved knowledge on admission procedures and programmes effectiveness and benefit, identified positive and negative impact on integration process;*
- *Improved quality of admission procedures and carried out programmes.*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Creation and improvement of the indicators and comparative methodologies for measuring the progress of integration policy

Targets –

- *Improved quality of measures for evaluation of integration process and integration policy;*
- *Improvement of common indicators and coefficients;*
- *Improved knowledge on integration policy;*
- *Improved quality of integration policy measures.*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Creation and implementation of the systems dedicated to collect and analyze information on the needs of various categories of third-country nationals.

Targets –

- *Improved knowledge on the strengths and weaknesses of integration policy as well as their conformity to specific needs of third-country nationals groups;*
- *Improved knowledge about the needs of third-country nationals in the area of integration;*
- *Improved quality of measures for evaluation of integration process and integration policy.*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Priority 3 –

Building capacities within policy, coordination and building intercultural knowledge on various levels and governmental departments

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

- **Training on the intercultural competence, capacity strengthening and diversity management for policy makers, servants and other persons working in the areas pertinent to the objectives of the EIF**

Targets –

- *Improved knowledge of policy makers and other interested persons on diversity management and intercultural competence;*
- *Improved knowledge of policy makers and other interested parties on specific needs of particular groups of third- country nationals;*
- *Enhanced the capacities of policy makers and other interested parties to manage the functions they are delegated;*
- *Improved quality of integration policy measures;*
- *Diminishing of discrimination phenomenon;*
- *Improved understanding that the integration is a two-way process.*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Creation and improvement of the systems for cooperation, co-ordination and maintenance of relations of competent institutions and other interested parties

Targets –

- *Strengthen co-ordination in integration policy in different government levels and sectors*
- *Strengthen cooperation among different government institutions and other interested parties*
- *Enhance the capacity of interested parties to manage immigration and integration policy measures*
- *Strengthen intercultural competence and capacity of policy makers and other interested parties*
- *Improve knowledge on immigration and integration procedures and measures*



European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Priority 4 –

Exchange of experience, verified procedures and information in the field of integration among member states

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Creation of networks between Member States in order to exchange the experience, verified procedures, and information within the integration process

Targets –

- *Increased exchange of information and best practices between participating countries*
- *Increased exchange of information in research on vulnerable groups within the TCN community between participating countries*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Support of pilot projects in the field of enhancement of approach of migrants to services, goods, cultural and social life

Targets –

- *Increased exchange of information and best practices between participating countries*
- *Increased exchange of information in research on vulnerable groups within the TCN community between participating countries*

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals

Key Actions –

Support of comparative research with specific impact on integration of vulnerable groups such as women, youth and children, the elderly, illiterate persons and persons with disabilities between Member States

Targets –

- *Increased exchange of information and best practices between participating countries*
- *Increased exchange of information in research on vulnerable groups within the TCN community between participating countries*

European Return Fund

Target Group

- *All asylum seekers who have not yet received a final negative decision in relation to their request for international protection or refugees or other persons having international protection who may choose to make use of voluntary return*
- *All third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay in a Member State who may wish to make a voluntary return*
- *All other third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay in a Member State.*



European Return Fund

Priority 1 –

Support for the development of a strategic approach to return management by member states

European Return Fund

Key Actions –

- *Set up an assisted Voluntary Return Programme*
- *Execute Forced Return Programmes*
- *Strengthen cooperation with Third countries*
- *Improve access to information on third country nationals*
- *Set up a Repatriation Committee*
- *Increase the number of Ambassadors or Honorary Consuls in the relevant countries of the African Continent, while also appointing a roving ambassador responsible for Migration Matters*
- *Seek further collaboration with other Member States*



European Return Fund

Priority 2 –

**Support for the Cooperation between Member- States
in return Management**

European Return Fund

Key Actions –

- *Seek collaboration with Malta's partners in relation to consular representation and readmission agreements with Third Countries, especially on the African Continent*
- *Cooperate with other Member States on Assisted Voluntary Return Programme*
- *Organize and implement joint- flights with other Member States, as the apex of return programmes*



European Return Fund

Priority 3 –

**Support for specific innovative (inter) national tools
for return management**

European Return Fund

Key Actions –

- *Launch a pilot programme which will address the communication problem in a cost-effective and efficient way*
- *Improve counselling, in the form of reintegration assistance. This could be done through an information campaign using successful case-studies of returns from Malta as well as from other countries*
- *Setting up of a periodical forum, in coordination with involved NGO's and IO's, to establish a standard common procedure for the referral and assistance of AVR cases*



European Return Fund

Priority 4 –

Support for developing a broader base in the Community on standards, ways and means of improving return management and best practices

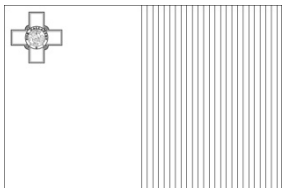
European Return Fund

Key Actions –

- *Enhance the know-how of the authorities and officials involved in rules, procedures and best-practices in preparation and execution of return programmes. (Exchange of best practices and transfer of know-how could be affected through organisation of joint seminars, conferences and even exchange programmes with authorities responsible for return in other Member States)*
- *Conduct practical training for officers involved in return, in topics covering legal competencies, treatment of returnees, management of incidents, intercultural understanding and negotiation techniques*

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