

PROGRAMMING OF EUROPEAN  
FUNDS FOR MALTA  
2014 2020

# Asylum and Migration Fund

Public Consultation for NGOs

SEPTEMBER 2013



**General Programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows**  
European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals (EIF), European Refugee Fund (ERF),  
European Return Fund (RF), External Borders Fund (EBF)

Public Consultation financed by the European Union  
Co-financing rate: 100% Technical Assistance of the Four Funds

**Sustainable Management of Migration Flows**



PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT  
FOR THE EU PRESIDENCY 2017 AND EU FUNDS  
AUBERGE D'ARAGON, INDEPENDENCE SQUARE, VALLETTA, MALTA

PROGRAMMING OF EUROPEAN  
FUNDS FOR MALTA

2014 2020

2014 – 2020

**The next Multi- Annual  
Financial Framework**

## **2014 – 2020 Multi-Annual Financial Framework – Home Affairs**

The funds managed by DG Home Affairs are tools made available to help Member States in the delivery of their policies on asylum and migration, internal security, covering borders, visa and police

## The new Home Affairs Funding Structure

Asylum and  
Migration  
Fund (AMF)

Internal Security Fund (ISF)



Police Cooperation,  
preventing and  
combating crime, and  
crises management



Borders and Visas

Common regulatory framework (principles of assistance, programming & reporting, financial management & controls, monitoring and evaluation)

## **Major changes specific to the Home Affairs Funds: 2007 – 2013 versus 2014 - 2020**

- Two Funds: AMF and ISF (not 4 Funds)
- 7 year programme (no longer annual)
- Dialogue (between Member State and the Commission)
- Two main Authorities: Responsible and Audit (no Certifying Authority)
- Predefined common indicators

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Objectives

### General Objective

Effective management of migration Flows

### Specific Objectives

Common European  
Asylum System

Integration and  
legal migration

Return

Solidarity and  
Responsibility sharing

### Core Objectives

Ensure efficient  
and uniform  
application of the  
Union acquis on  
asylum

Set up and develop  
Integration strategies at  
local/regional level (two  
way process, specific  
needs, effective  
partnership)

Develop an assisted  
voluntary return  
programme including  
a component on  
reintegration

Support establishment  
and development of  
Union Resettlement  
Programme

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – General Objective**

The general objective of the Fund is to contribute to an effective management of migration flows in the Union as part of the area of freedom, security and justice, in accordance with the common policy on asylum, subsidiary protection and temporary protection and the common immigration policy.

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Specific Objective

- (a) to strengthen and develop the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension;

The achievement of this objective shall be measured by indicators, inter alia, **the level of improvement in asylum reception conditions, in the quality of asylum procedures, in the convergence of recognition rates across Member States, and in Member States' resettlement efforts.**



## Asylum and Migration Fund – Specific Objective

- b) to support legal migration to the Union in line with the economic and social needs of Member States and promote the effective integration of third-country nationals, including of asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection;

The achievement of this objective shall be measured by indicators, inter alia, **the level of increased participation of third-country nationals in employment, education and in democratic processes.**

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Specific Objective

(c) to enhance fair and effective return strategies in the Member States with emphasis on sustainability of return and effective readmission in the countries of origin;

The achievement of this objective shall be measured by indicators, inter alia, **the number of returnees.**

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Specific Objective

(d) to enhance the solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum flows.

The achievement of this objective shall be measured by indicators, inter alia, **the level of increased mutual assistance between Member States including through practical cooperation and relocation.**

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Target Group**

1. The Fund shall contribute to the financing of actions targeting one or more third-country national or stateless person:
  - (a) having the status defined by the Geneva Convention and who is permitted to reside as a refugee in one of the Member States;
  - (b) enjoying a form of subsidiary protection within the meaning of Directive 2004/83/EC;
  - (c) who has applied for one of the forms of protection referred to in points (a) and (b);

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Target Group

(d) enjoying temporary protection within the meaning of Directive 2001/55/EC;

(e) who is being or has been resettled in a Member State;

2. The target group shall comprise family members of persons referred to above, where appropriate, and in so far as the same conditions apply.

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Target Group

3. The Fund shall contribute to the financing of actions targeting one or more of the following categories of persons:

- any third-country national who is residing legally in a Member State or who is in the process of acquiring legal residence in a Member State;
- any third-country national who is on the territory of a third country, who intend to migrate to the Union and who comply with specific pre-departure measures and/or conditions set out in national law, including those relating to the ability to integrate in the society of a Member State;

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Target Group**

- any third-country national who has not yet received a final negative decision in relation to their request to stay, legal residence and/or international protection in a Member State and who may choose to make use of voluntary return, provided they have not acquired a new nationality and have not left the territory of that Member State;
- any third-country national who does not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay in a Member State.

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions**

- provision of material aid, education, training, support services, health and psychological care;
- provision of social assistance, information or help with administrative and/or judicial formalities and information or counselling on the possible outcomes of the asylum procedure, including on aspects such as voluntary return;



## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions**

- provision of legal aid and language assistance;
- specific assistance for vulnerable persons such as minors, unaccompanied minors, disabled persons, elderly people, pregnant women, single parents with minor children, victims of trafficking, persons with serious physical illnesses, mental illnesses or post-traumatic disorders, and persons who have been subjected to torture, rape or other serious forms of psychological, physical or sexual violence;

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions**

- information for local communities as well as training for the staff of local authorities, who will be interacting with those being received;
- provision of integrative actions where this is combined with the reception of persons

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions

- actions enhancing the capacity of Member States to collect, analyse and disseminate data and statistics on asylum procedures, reception capacities, resettlement and relocation actions;
- actions directly contributing to the evaluation of asylum policies, such as national impact assessments, surveys amongst target groups, the development of indicators and benchmarking.

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions

- setting up and developing integration strategies, including needs analysis, the improvement of indicators and evaluation;
- advice and assistance in areas such as housing, means of subsistence, administrative and legal guidance, medical, psychological and social care, child care;

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions

- actions introducing third-country nationals to the receiving society and actions enabling them to adapt to it, to inform them on their rights and obligations, to participate in civil and cultural life and to share the values enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
- measures focusing on education, including language training and preliminary actions to facilitate access to the labour market;

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions**

- actions designed to promote self-empowerment and to enable third-country nationals to provide for themselves;
- actions that promote meaningful contact and constructive dialogue between third-country nationals and the receiving society and actions to increase acceptance by the receiving society, including through the involvement of the media;

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions

- actions promoting both equality of access and equality of outcomes in relation to third-country nationals' dealings with public and private services, including adaptation of these services to dealing with third-country nationals;
- capacity building of implementing organisations, including exchange of experience and good practices, and networking.

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions

- Actions referred to in the previous slide shall take into account the specific needs of different categories of third-country nationals and their family members, including those entering or residing for employment or self-employment and family reunification purposes, beneficiaries of international protection, asylum seekers, resettled or relocated persons and vulnerable groups of migrants, in particular, minors, unaccompanied minors, disabled persons, elderly people, pregnant women, single parents with minor children, victims of trafficking, and persons who have been subjected to torture, rape or other serious forms of psychological, physical or sexual violence.



## Asylum and Migration Fund – Eligible Actions

- Actions referred to above may include, where appropriate, citizens of a Member State with a migration background, meaning having at least one parent (i.e. mother or father) who is a third country national.

## Asylum and Migration Fund – Distribution of Funding

Basic Amount	Variable Amount		
Actions under the Objectives of the Fund	Resettlement/Relocation	Specific actions	Mid-term Review
Pre-defined allocation	No pre-defined allocation Regular pledging exercises	No pre-defined allocation Regular pledging exercises	No pre-defined allocation Regular pledging exercises
Programming for 7 year period  Co- financing principle	Lump Sum per resettlement/ relocation	List of Actions: - Joint efforts of MS - High EU added value Increased co-financing rate	Migratory pressure on Reception / Asylum Systems  Co-financing principle

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Specific Actions**

- Establishment and development in the Union of transit and processing centres for refugees, in particular to support resettlement operations in cooperation with the UNHCR;
- New approaches, in cooperation with the UNHCR, concerning access to asylum procedures targeting main countries of transit such as protection programmes for particular groups or certain procedures for examination of applications for asylum;

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Specific Actions**

- Joint initiatives amongst Member States in the field of integration, such as benchmarking exercises, peer reviews or testing of European modules, for example on the acquisition of language skills or the organisation of introductory programmes;
- Other Joint initiatives aimed at identification and implementation of new approaches on first encounters, return operations, readmission agreements, reintegration projects in the countries of origin;

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Specific Actions**

- Joint initiatives aimed at restoring family unity, the setting up of joint migration centres in third-countries, as well as joint projects to promote cooperation between Member states with a view to combating fraud and the abuse of legal migration channels, Joint initiatives strengthening the implementation of the external dimension of actions in relation to the cooperation with third countries

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Current Budget Allocation**

During the last discussions of the Asylum and Migration Fund the indicative budget allocated to Malta stood at:

**Around €15 million in EU Funds  
75% of total cost**

## **Asylum and Migration Fund – Current Status**

- Key issues paper submitted by the Commission;
- Policy Dialogue with Commission carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> June;
- Consultation with public entities is ongoing;
- Initial consultation with current beneficiaries including NGOs carried out;
- Initial Drafting of the National Programme commenced
- First Submission of the Draft National Programmes in the coming weeks

**2014 – 2020**  
**The next Multi- Annual Financial  
Framework**

**Thank You for listening**