



EU Funding in the Field of Migration:

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2021-2027



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Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund ('AMIF')

Objectives and minimum allocations

Specific Objective 1 – Strengthen and develop all aspects of the Common European Asylum System (min.15% of MS programmes).

Specific Objective 2 - Strengthen and develop legal migration to MSs, promote integration and social inclusion of third country national (min.15% of MS programmes).

Specific Objective 3 - Counter irregular migration & enhancing effective, safe & dignified return and readmission (incl. reintegration in Third Countries).

Specific Objective 4 - Enhance solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility between MSs (min. 20% of the thematic facility).

(AMIF Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of 7 July 2021)

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund Budget 2021-2027

- The AMIF's financial envelope
→ **EUR 9.9 billion**



To be used as follows:

- EUR 6.3 billion → **AMIF programmes implemented by Member States** under shared management (63.5%);
- EUR 3.6 billion → **“thematic facility” work programme** (36.5%)
– flexible programming by DG HOME to address evolving needs.



Member States Programmes

- Programming of the **Member States' programmes** for 2021-2027 is still ongoing.
- The Commission shall approve programmes within 5 months of the formal submission.
- When assessing the Member States Programmes the Commission checks compliance with the **Principle of Partnership**.

Partnership Principle

Common Provision Regulation (Article 8): “... each Member State shall organise and implement a comprehensive partnership in accordance with its institutional and legal framework and taking into account the specificities of the Funds [...] The Member State shall involve partners [...] throughout the preparation, implementation and evaluation of programmes, including through participation in monitoring committees”

AMIF Regulation (Article 4): “[...] partnerships shall [...] include regional, local, urban and other public authorities or associations representing such authorities, relevant international organisations, non-governmental organisations, such as refugee organisations and migrant-led organisations, as well as national human rights institutions and equality bodies, and economic and social partners.”

Thematic Facility Work Programme

- The Thematic Facility **complements Member States programmes** and provides for **budgetary flexibility** to react promptly to emerging needs
- The Thematic Facility is programmed by the Commission.
- The first Work Programme covering 2021-2022 was adopted by the Commission in November 2021 after consultation of Member States. It is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/library-document/ec-adopts-2021-2022-work-programme-under-amifs-thematic-facility_en

Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) & Civil Society

*“Considering the crucial role played by Member States’ authorities and civil society organisations **in the field of integration** and to facilitate the access of these entities to funding at Union level, **the Fund should facilitate the implementation of actions in the field of integration by national, regional and local authorities or civil society organisations**, including through the use of the thematic facility and through a **higher co-financing rate** (90% instead of usual 75%) for these actions. In that regard, a minimum of **5% of the initial allocation to the thematic facility should target the implementation of integration measures by local and regional authorities**”*

(Recital 19, AMIF)



Encouraging Integration under AMIF

Minimum percentages for the allocation of funds towards SO2:

- At least 15% of the resources to MS programmes allocate to the specific objective on legal migration, integration and social inclusion (Art. 16(2));
- At least 5% of the initial allocation of the Thematic Facility target local and regional authorities implementing integration measures (Art. 11 (9)).



Higher EU Co-financing rate

- Integration measures implemented by LRAs and civil society eligible for higher co-financing (90%).

Scope of Support – Integration SO2

- Early Integration strategies
- Support to local and regional authorities with integration
- Training of staff
- Training of TCNs (early language learning, civic orientation courses)
- Services for TCNs (information sessions, assistance with family reunification and legal status, one-stop integration shops etc.)



Implementing Measures Integration

The Fund shall contribute to SO2 by focusing on the following implementation measures:

....(d) “promoting integration measures for the social and economic inclusion of third-country nationals, protection measures for vulnerable persons in the context of integration measures, facilitating family reunification, preparing their active participation in and their acceptance by the receiving society, with the involvement of national and, in particular, regional or local authorities and civil society organisations, including refugees and migrant-led organisations and social partners.”

(Annex II, Point 2 (d))

Complementarity of EU Funding

*“ The Fund should support measures tailored to the needs of third-country nationals that **are generally implemented in the early stages of integration,** and horizontal actions supporting Member States’ capacities in the field of integration, **whereas interventions for third-country nationals with a longer-term impact should be financed under the ERDF and ESF+.**”*

(Recital 15, AMIF)



AMIF support for persons displaced by violence in Ukraine

- AMIF's strength lies in its ability to target **immediate support during first reception phase**.
- **AMIF support for persons displaced from Ukraine:**
 - Provision of material aid to address basic needs of persons (e.g. clothes, food, health care, reception needs etc.);
 - Asylum processing activities;
 - Identification and processing of persons with special procedural or reception needs;
 - Family tracing, legal and translation assistance, psycho-social and other specialised services;
 - Reception accommodation, including addressing the needs of families with minors;
 - **Early** integration measures.

EU funds supporting integration, 2021-2027

**ASYLUM, MIGRATION
AND INTEGRATION FUND (AMIF)**

SUPPORT FOR
EARLY
INTEGRATION

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
INITIATIVE (YEI)

FUND FOR EUROPEAN AID
TO THE MOST DEPRIVED (FEAD)

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL
INNOVATION (EASI)

EU HEALTH PROGRAMME

**EUROPEAN
SOCIAL FUND
PLUS
(ESF+)**

SUPPORT FOR
MEDIUM
& LONG-TERM
INTEGRATION

EUROPEAN
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FUND (ERDF)

ERASMUS +

EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL
FUND FOR RURAL
DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Thank you!



Questions?

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