

Public Consultation on the European Refugee Fund actions for 2008-2010

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INTRODUCTION

This consultation aims to collect opinions on the functioning of the European Refugee Fund (ERF) 2008-2010 in your Country and more specifically the successes and the obstacles in the implementation of the national programmes.

The results of the public consultation will be taken into consideration for the preparation of the ex post evaluation report of the actions implemented with support of the ERF for 2008-2011. The ex post evaluation will be carried out by the European Commission in partnership with the Member States to assess the relevance, effectiveness and impact of actions in the light of the general objective of the Fund.

The evaluation is an important instrument to inform the European Parliament and the Council, the Member States, the research Community, the general public and other stakeholders about the achievements of the ERF actions for 2008-2010. It will also contribute to the design of future funding instruments.

In order to collect public opinion on the functioning, achievements and impact of the ERF 2008-2010 actions, this public consultation is addressed to bodies and individuals who benefited from or implemented projects funded by the Fund.

The public consultation is published in English and its results will be made publicly available through dedicated page. You are invited to reply in English to the possible extent, but replies in other languages will be accepted.

For more information on this consultation, please read the background document.

Background document

[ERF Background 20Document.pdf](#)

[ERF Glossary.pdf](#)

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PART I - IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDER OR EXPERT

*You are responding as:

- ☐ An individual who was beneficiary of activities funded by the ERF 2008-2010;
- ☐ An individual, who is an asylum seeker, refugee or other displaced person present on the territory of the 27 EU Member States concerned (but who did not benefit from ERF co-funded activities);
- ☐ An independent expert;
- ☐ On behalf of a business/private company;
- ☒ On behalf of a non-profit organisation;
- ☐ On behalf of a public authority;
- ☐ On behalf of an academic/research institution;
- ☐ On behalf of a pan-European interest group;
- ☐ Other.

Please specify your name and the name of the organisation you represent.

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Peter Devinsky, Slovak humanitarian council

*Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to register [here](#). Please notice that it is not compulsory to register to reply to this consultation. *Citizens have a right to expect that European institutions interaction with citizens associations, NGOs, businesses, trade unions, think tanks, etc. is transparent and takes place in compliance with the law as well as in due respect of ethical principles, avoiding undue pressure, illegitimate or privileged access to information or to decision makers. The Transparency Register exists to provide citizens with direct and single access to information about who is engaged in activities aiming at influencing the EU decision-making process, which interests are being pursued and what level of resources are invested in these activities. Please help us enhancing transparency by registering.*

Please indicate your Register ID-number

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Please indicate your contact e-mail address

*Please indicate your host Country or residence (please be aware that the use of 'Country' in the following questions refers to your Country of residence/activity. When reference is made to your Country of origin it will be explicitly mentioned):

- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Bulgaria
- ☐ Croatia
- ☐ Cyprus
- ☐ Czech Republic
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ Estonia
- ☐ Finland
- ☐ France
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Greece
- ☐ Hungary
- ☐ Ireland
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Latvia
- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Luxembourg
- ☐ Malta
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Poland
- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ Romania
- ☒ Slovakia
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ United Kingdom
- ☐ Other non-EU Country

PART II – QUESTIONS

1. Do you think that the implementation of the Fund during 2008-2010 affected positively the work of the public administrations dealing with asylum and the beneficiaries of EU asylum policy in your host Country?

- ☒ Generally yes, to a great extent;
- ☐ Partially yes, but to limited extent;
- ☐ Generally no, the implementation had poor impact on the administrations;
- ☐ No, it was an obstacle to the implementation of the national policy on integration;
- ☐ Other;
- ☐ Don't know.

2. The general objective of the Fund is to support 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 in this field. Based on your experience, did your Country achieve this result?

- ☒ Mostly yes;
- ☐ Partially yes;
- ☐ No;
- ☐ Don't know.

3. Based on your experience, which of the following eligible actions funded by the ERF were achieved in your Country? *(Multiple answers possible)*

- ☒ Reception conditions and asylum procedures;
- ☒ Integration of stateless persons or third-country nationals in need of international protection whose stay is of a stable nature;
- ☐ Resettlement and transfer activities of stateless persons or third-country nationals in need of international protection;
- ☐ Enhancement of Member States' capacity to develop, monitor and evaluate their asylum policies in line with the principles established by the Common European Asylum System;
- ☐ Practical cooperation activities among Member States.

4. To achieve EU common approach on asylum, the European Commission set priorities for the implementation of the ERF. In your experience, which one was the political priority of the government in your Country? *(Multiple answers possible)*

- ☒ The Common European Asylum System implemented in a consistent way and uniformly applied;
- ☐ The management of legal migration flows in line with the labour market needs;
- ☐ The promotion of integration activities for non-EU nationals;
- ☒ The development of reference tools and evaluation methodologies to assess the quality of procedures related to claims for international protection;
- ☐ The improvement of the cooperation among Member States;
- ☐ The sharing of responsibility between Member States and third Countries.

If you selected more than two priorities, please indicate the two main ones.

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5. As a general principle, Member States implement their annual programmes following the general objective and the Community eligible actions. Based on your experience, were the financed projects consistent with the above objectives and actions in your Country?

- ☒ Yes;
- ☐ Generally yes, but to limited extent;
- ☐ Generally no, but with some exceptions;
- ☐ No;
- ☐ Don't know.

Please add any comments that you would like to share.

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6. Based on your experience, which one(s) of the following activities funded by the Fund was implemented in your host Country? *(Multiple answers possible)*:

- ☐ Measures to increase the cooperation among Member States (e.g. transnational cooperation networks, awareness-raising campaigns, pilot projects);
- ☐ Measures to expand networks linking non-governmental organisations assisting refugees and asylum seekers and which are present in at least 10 Member States;
- ☐ Measures to support the exchange of information and good practices among national administrations working on asylum ;
- ☒ Development of indicators, evaluation methods and further measures in order to evaluate actions on asylum;
- ☐ Emergency measures to address massive and sudden arrivals of large number of persons some of which in need of international protection;
- ☐ Other;
- ☐ Don't know.

7. In order to facilitate the exchange of best practices and improve the Common European Asylum System, based on your experience, did your Country intensify its cooperation with European Member States?

- ☐ Yes;
- ☐ Mostly yes, but with some problems;
- ☐ Generally no, although good practices were exchanged in some cases;
- ☐ No;
- ☒ Don't know.

Please feel free to provide details on your experience.

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8. Were the activities funded by the ERF implemented in compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights as well as Community legislation in this field?

- ☒ Yes;
- ☐ Generally yes, but only some of the activities;
- ☐ No;
- ☐ Don't Know.

9. In order to ensure the functioning of the asylum policy it is essential that the Member States adopt common principles and common measures. In your experience, did you notice any difference among the Member States in the way they apply the EU asylum/integration policy standards?

- ☐ Yes, very large differences;
- ☒ Yes, but the differences are small;
- ☐ No differences;
- ☐ Don't know.

If you answered 'yes' please specify why and which common standards haven't been applied.

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Different approach to asylum seekers in all Member States

10. In your opinion, did the projects and the activities funded by the Fund in your Country address the needs of the potential beneficiaries?

- ☒ Yes;
- ☐ Generally yes, but with some problems;
- ☐ Generally no, although with some successes;
- ☐ No;
- ☐ Don't know.

11. Were the expected results of the actions supported by the Fund achieved at a reasonable cost in terms of financial and human resources deployed?

- ☒ Yes;
- ☐ Generally yes, but with some problems;
- ☐ Generally no, although with some successes;
- ☐ No;
- ☐ Don't know.

12. Projects and actions supported by the Fund are expected to be coherent with and complementary to other actions in the same field funded by the EU financial instruments and national resources of the Member States. Based on your experience, would you say that this was achieved?

- ☒ Yes, the actions were coherent with and complementary to other actions;
- ☐ Yes, but only few actions were coherent with and complementary to other actions;
- ☐ Generally no, although some of the actions were similar to other actions financed by EU financial instruments and by resources of my Country;
- ☐ No;
- ☐ Don't know.

Please feel free to provide details on your experience.

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13. Based on your experience, would you say that the contribution of the Fund for the period 2008-2010 was crucial to implement the EU policies in the field of asylum in your Country?

- ☐ Yes, it made a huge difference;
- ☒ Yes, but to limited extent;
- ☐ Probably no;
- ☐ No;
- ☐ Don't know.

Please feel free to provide details on your experience.

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14. If you are a beneficiary of the activities funded by the ERF, which type of service / assistance did you benefit from?

- ☒ Accommodation facilities;
- ☒ Services and training courses related to asylum procedures; Legal and social assistance for asylum seekers or refugees;
- ☐ Courses for the acquisition of technical skills;
- ☒ Language courses;
- ☐ Resettlement operations;
- ☐ Relocation operations;
- ☐ Other;
- ☐ Don't know.

Please feel free to provide detailson the services / assistance you benefitted from.

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- providing social and psychological counseling
- material help
- uprising of condiction in asylum establishments
- emphasis on the social and assistance and health care
- positive influence of public policy toward to target group
- providing of legal counseling for asylum seekers, asylums and foreigners with additional care

15. Were these services responding to your needs? Which other services do you think you would have needed, that were not provided?

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16. After the end of the project supported by the Fund, have these services/assistance remained available for you and other asylum applicants, or have they ended as well?

- ☒ The services/assistance remained available;
- ☐ The services/assistance ended.

17. To the extent of your knowledge, has the Fund promoted a new type of service/assistance for the asylum applicants that was not delivered before?

- ☒ Yes;
☐ No.

18. Do you have any publication (flyer, study, handbook etc.) concerning the ERF 2008-2010 that you would like to share with us?

- ☐ Yes;
☒ No.

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