



Union Action to Support Reception, Asylum and Return Systems under Pressure

**Thematic Facility Work Programme 2021-2022
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund**

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2.7 Direct Award to support reception, asylum and return systems under pressure

- The objective of this action is to provide additional support to the reception, asylum and return systems of Member States particularly exposed to migratory pressure at the EU external borders, e.g. due to their geographical position.
- This action will contribute to enhancing solidarity with those Member States bearing high share of responsibility on behalf of the Union as a whole.

* Contribution agreement in case of International Organisation

Financial support to Member States under migratory pressure (2021-2027)

Appropriate funding tool in respect of different situations and magnitude of needs

Member States national programmes

Shared management

Programmed for 7 years based on pre-defined allocation
Long-term needs and structural investments

Standard co-financing rate 75%
(up to 90% for specific priorities in the Fund-specific Regulations)

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Direct and Indirect management

Additional funding in light of continuous pressure on capacities and system
Medium-term needs and investments

Co-financing rate is 90%
(97% in case of International Organisations)

Emergency assistance for exceptional situations

Direct and indirect management

Additional funding for exceptional emergency situations resulting from a large or disproportionate migratory pressure
Short-term and urgent needs

Co-financing rate up to 100%

Intensity of European Solidarity

General principles 1/4

- The request has to be **duly justified in the light of high pressure** on migration systems / external borders, in particular due to geographical location, and supported by relevant data and evidence.
- The additional funding will **cater for medium-term needs and/or investments** that are **foreseeable in the light of high and continuous pressure** and that cannot be supported under Member State's programmes under the Home Affairs Funds.

General principles 2/4

- The request should demonstrate that the **national funds** and/or **funds under Member States' programmes** or **other sources of funding** to carry out the proposed actions **are not sufficient** and/or that the **proposed actions deliver additional EU added value** to the actions funded under the Member States' programmes.
- The additional funding **intends to finance actions retroactively** in accordance with the Financial Regulation and AMIF Regulation.

General principles 3/4

- Where the applicant is a **Member State authority**, the application has been **coordinated** and **consulted** with the Managing Authority (MA) of the AMIF before its submission.
- Where the applicant is an **International Organisation**, the application has been **coordinated** and **consulted** with the competent national authorities and other relevant actors before its submission.

General principles 4/4

- The **complementarities** between the different funding tools (i.e. Structural funds, Recovery and Resilience Plan, Humanitarian assistance, Member States' programmes etc.) are demonstrated to avoid potential overlaps.
- The additional funding will be implemented **in full respect of the relevant Union acquis and the Charter of Fundamental Rights** of the European Union.

Questions and Answers

Objectives and activities

Objective:

Provide **additional support** to the reception, asylum and return systems of Member States **particularly exposed to migratory pressure at the EU external borders**, e.g. due to their geographical position.

Activities:

1. Services (health, legal, interpretation, early integration etc.)
2. Accommodation facilities in line with EU standards
3. Registration and processing of asylum applications
4. Return procedures

Expected impact

Reduce the pressure on the reception, asylum and return systems of Member States particularly exposed to migratory pressure at the EU external borders, e.g. due to their geographical position.

Increase their **capacity building** for **sustainable migration management**.

Improve living/reception conditions of refugees and asylum seekers.

Improve an **integrated and coordinated approach to return** management at Union and Member States' level.

Questions and Answers

Indicative budget

Indicative budget - for the AMIF 2021-2022 standing call is **EUR 188 500 000**

- Round 1 – 75% = EUR 141 375 000
- Round 2 – 15% = EUR 28 275 000
- Round 3 – 10% = EUR 18 850 000

DG HOME reserves the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call rounds, depending on the applications received and the results of the evaluation.

Timetable and deadlines

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Rounds:	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Topic:	Topic 1 and 2	Topic 1 and 2	Topic 1 and 2
Call opening:	26 January 2022	26 January 2022	26 January 2022
<u>Deadline for submission of application:</u>	<u>09 March 2022 – 11:59:59 CET (Brussels)</u>	<u>15 June 2022 – 11:59:59 CET (Brussels)</u>	<u>12 October 2022 – 11:59:59 CET (Brussels)</u>
Notification of the evaluation results¹ (indicative):	May 2022	September 2022	December 2022
GA signature (indicative):	Q2-Q3 2022	Q3-Q4 2022	Q4 2022 – Q1 2023

Questions and Answers

Assessment process – eligibility

Eligibility

- Is the application within the scope of the call (does it relate to the subject matter, objectives and types of activities that can be financed according to the call conditions)?
- Does the applicant belong to the specific categories set out in the call conditions?

Assessment process – two-step evaluation

The evaluation of applications received under the standing call will involve two steps:

1. evaluation of the “relevance” award criterion. Only proposals above the minimum threshold for relevance will pass to the second step.
2. evaluation of the other award criteria (quality, including cost-effectiveness, and impact).

Questions and Answers

Technical aspects – application

Admissibility

Section 5 of the call document. We will check:

- if the application was submitted on time and in both formats (electronic and on paper);
- if it is readable;
- if it's complete – does it include all documents using the application templates Part A and B and the three mandatory annexes?

Technical aspects – application documents

Application documents are composed of 1 main document and 3 annexes:

- Application form
- Annex 1 – list of previous projects
- Annex 2 – estimated budget for the action
- Annex 3 - checklist

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Technical aspects – grant agreement

Grant agreement +

- Annex 1 – description of the action
- Annex 2 – estimated budget for the action
 - Annex 2a – additional information on unit costs and contributions (if applicable)
- Annex 3 – accession form (if applicable)
 - Annex 3a - Declaration on joint and several liability of affiliated entities (if applicable)
- Annex 4 – model for the financial statements
- Annex 5 – specific rules (if applicable)

Questions and Answers

FAQ

Frequently asked questions will be posted on DG HOME webpages and regularly updated.

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/calls-proposals/union-action-support-reception-asylum-and-return-systems-under-pressure_en

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