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**Commission Implementing Decision**

**Amending the work programme for 2015 and the financing for the emergency assistance  
within the framework of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund**

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### **Annual Work Programme for 2015 and the financing for the emergency assistance within the framework of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.**

On the basis of the objective of strengthening and developing the Common European Asylum System and enhancing solidarity and responsibility sharing between Member States covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to provide emergency assistance.

All Member States, with the exception of Denmark, are participating in the "Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund": hence entities established in the participating Member States can take part as beneficiaries in the actions that are supported under this financial instrument. Entities established in Denmark can only participate on a no-cost basis.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Consistency, complementarity and synergies with other Union instruments shall be ensured.

As provided for in article 3(4) and (5) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup>, actions in and in relation to third countries under this work programme will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through EU funds, in particular external assistance instruments. The identification and implementation of such actions is fully coordinated with European External Action Service and relevant Commission's external relations services, including DG ECHO as far as humanitarian assistance is concerned.

As provided for in article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup>, the implementation of emergency assistance in third countries is consistent with, and, where relevant, complementary to the Union humanitarian policy and respects the humanitarian principles as set out in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.

### **LEGAL BASIS**

Articles 6 to 8 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014; Article 2(k) and Article 21 of Regulation
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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112).

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).

(EU) No 516/2014

Budget line	Amount for AWP 2015
Budget line 18 03 01 01 - Asylum and solidarity	EUR 131 500 000

Implementation modalities		Total Amount	% of the 2015 appropriations for AWP
Direct management to be implemented by DG HOME	Grants – Direct award	EUR 131 500 000	100 %

#### Description and objective of the assistance to be provided

- Enhance solidarity by ensuring consistency and complementarity with EU humanitarian assistance, by providing additional support to address emergency situations of heavy migratory pressure in Member States or third countries, or in the event of mass influx of displaced persons, pursuant to Council Directive 2001/55/EC<sup>3</sup>, through Emergency Assistance;
- Support ad hoc humanitarian admission programmes aimed at allowing temporary stay on the territory of a Member State in the event of an urgent humanitarian crisis in third countries, and also provide support in specific situations covered by Article 33 of Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup>.

The emergency assistance shall be provided for as long as the emergency situation prevails, in principle with a maximum duration of 12 months.

The emergency assistance will be provided in the form of action grants awarded directly without a call for proposals, following a request for funding submitted to the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>5</sup> (Financial Regulation) and Article 190(1)(b) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>6</sup> (Rules of Application).

#### Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

<sup>3</sup> Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001 on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof (OJ L 212, 7.8.2001, p. 12).

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (OJ L 180, 29.6.2013, p. 31).

<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

<sup>6</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

Eligibility criteria

- Applications for emergency assistance can be submitted only by Member States, International Organisations or EU agencies. Other entities can be involved in the implementation of the action as co-applicants.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and international organisations in accordance with Article 131(3) of the Financial Regulation.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of relevance of the proposal with regards to the objectives and the expected impact of the proposed activities on addressing the emergency situation in the countries concerned.

Rate of co-financing and other information

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

Up to 100% of the total eligible costs

Other information

The grant shall be covered by a written agreement.

The indicative maximum duration of the assistance will be 12 months

Emergency assistance may support expenditure which was incurred prior to the date of submission of the request for assistance, if this is necessary for the successful implementation of the action and it is demonstrated that the emergency situation prevailed earlier than the submission of the request.

The applications for emergency assistance may not envisage provision of financial support to third parties.

The indicative time table for grants to be awarded: Q1–Q4.

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
HOME/2015/AMIF/AG/EMAS	At the initiative of Member States, International Organisations or EU Agencies	EUR 131 500 000