

Public Consultation on the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals actions for 2007-2010

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INTRODUCTION

This consultation aims to collect opinions on the functioning of the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals (EIF) 2007-2010 in your Country and more specifically the successes and the obstacles in the implementation of national programmes.

The results of the public consultation will be taken into consideration for the preparation of the ex post evaluation report on the EIF actions for 2007-2010.

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 EIF actions for 2007-2010. It will also contribute to the design of the future funding instruments.

In order to collect public opinion on the functioning, achievements and impact of the EIF 2007-2010 actions, this public consultation is mostly addressed to bodies and individuals who benefited from or implemented projects funded by the Fund.

The public is 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.

Files

[EIF_Glossary.pdf](#)

[EIF_Background_20Document_20PC.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 EIF 2007-2010;
- ☐ An individual who is a third-country national legally present on the territory of the 26 EU concerned Member States (but who did not benefited from EIF 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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* Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Slovakia
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☒ Spain
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ United Kingdom
- ☐ Other non-EU Country

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.

PART II – QUESTIONS

1. In your Country, do you consider that the implementation of the EIF during 2007-2010 affected positively the work of the administrations dealing with integration and the beneficiaries of EU integration policy?

- ☒ 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 EIF is to support the efforts made by the Member States in enabling third-country nationals of different economic, social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to fulfil the conditions of residence and to facilitate their integration into the European societies. 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 specific objectives were achieved under the EIF in your Country? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ The development and implementation of admission procedures related to the integration process of third-country nationals;
- ☐ The improvement of the integration process of newly-arrived third-country nationals;
- ☒ The development of policies and measures facilitating the integration of third-country nationals;
- ☐ Exchange of information, best practices and cooperation on integration policy among your public administrations and the Member States.

4. To achieve EU common approach to third-country nationals' integration the European Commission set the following priorities for the implementation of the EIF. In your experience, which one was the political priority of the government in your Country? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☒ The implementation of actions in line with EU integration policy developments;
- ☒ The enhancement of the capacity of the public administrations to develop and implement integration policies;
- ☒ The improvement of coordination and intercultural competence across the different levels of the national administrations;
- ☐ The exchange of experience, good practice and information on integration at Member States level.

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

- ☐ 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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The actions financed were consistent with the objectives planned, however not all the objectives were achieved in the same grade because of the lack of actions (i.e., designing and implementation of an evaluation system of integration policies, etc.)

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

- ☒ Measures preventing language from being a barrier to successful integration;
- ☒ Measures helping third-country nationals to orient themselves in their host community;
- ☒ Actions in the area of education;
- ☒ Actions to support intercultural dialogue and intercultural competencies;
- ☐ The improvement of the intercultural competencies of all actors working on integration;
- ☐ Measures to increase cooperation and training among the Member States;
- ☐ Development of indicators, evaluation methods and further measures in order to evaluate actions on integration;
- ☒ Capacity to develop new initiatives on integration;
- ☒ Actions addressed to the needs of specific target groups such as women, the elderly, minors or disabled people;
- ☒ Measures specifically targeted at involving and educating the host society;
- ☐ Pre-departure measures for third-country nationals prior to their arrival in the Member State;
- ☐ Actions targeting newly-arriving third-country nationals upon their arrival in the Member State;
- ☒ Actions targeting third-country nationals already residing in the Member State;
- ☐ Other;
- ☐ Don't know.

7. Operational cooperation among the Member States' authorities is essential to facilitate the exchange of experience and improve the quality of EU integration policy. Did your Country intensify its cooperation with other 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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Most of the funds were addressed to fund projects of integration from social organisations and local governments. Exchange of experiences with other MMSS was not relevant through EIF

8. Were the activities funded by the EIF 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 integration 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 integration policy standards?

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

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

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

If you did not reply 'yes' please describe briefly your reasons.

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Sometimes ressources were unsufficient in relation to the number of applicants or potential beneficiaries

11. One of the expected results of the EIF is the improvement of the cooperation among Member States and within the national administrations at different levels (regional, local and urban). In your opinion, was this result achieved?

- ☐ Yes, through the exchange of experience, good practice and information;
- ☐ Partially yes, but the cooperation was improved primarily at the external level;
- ☐ Partially yes, but the cooperation was improved primarily at the internal level;
- ☐ Other;
- ☒ The cooperation was not improved.
- ☐ Don't know.

If you replied 'the cooperation was not improved', please briefly provide some details.

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Cooperation with other MMSS was not carried out; actions were mainly implemented at national level and , in some cases, in cooperation con local governments.

12. Projects funded by the EIF are expected to produce positive effects. Would you say that improved services and procedures (achieved also through the EIF) will continue without the EU financial support?

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

If you did not reply 'yes' please briefly describe your reasons.

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EU FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAS BECOME ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT NATIONAL POLICIES ON INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY SINCE DOWNTURN. ALTHOUGH SOME POSITIVE EFFECTS WILL REMAIN, MANY IMPROVED SERVICES AND PROCEDURES WILL CONTINUE NEEDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF EU TO CONTINUE.

13. Based on your experience, would you say that the contribution of the EIF was crucial to implement the EU policies in the field of integration 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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EIF let to broaden the scope of the integration policies adding funds to the allocated national budget and allowing a wider range of programmes (even of local administrations) otherwise could not have been carried out.

20. Do you have any publication (flyer, study, handbook etc..) concerning the EIF 2007-2010 that would you like to share with us?

- ☐ Yes;
- ☒ No.

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