



FUNDING FOR SHORT-TERM MIGRATION NEEDS IN ITALY

Main beneficiaries:

- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Labour and Social Policies
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Defense (Italian Navy)
- Italian Coast Guard
- Financial Police
- Various Italian Regions
- Cities
- National Association of Italian Cities (ANCI)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

AT A GLANCE

Geographical coverage:

Italy (mainland and islands)

Budget (in € million):

Total EU Support since 2015: €293M.

- € 292m to the Italian authorities
- € 0,95m to International Organizations

More than 45 projects have been financed.

Type of funding:

Emergency Assistance (EMAS) under:

- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- Internal Security Fund – Borders and Visa (ISFB)

Overview

EU funding contributes to the **protection of the external borders of the EU**, to the strengthening of **the reception system** to cope with urgent pressure -with a special attention to **vulnerable people** - and to **enhance EU solidarity and fair asylum procedures**.

Protect the EU borders

EU funding supports the strengthening of the border surveillance of the second longest coastal boards of EU. Among others, it helps the enhancement of the Italian air-naval system for controlling borders and surveillance of migrant arrivals, refitting of boats and helicopters and provides support to Search And Rescue operations at sea and on air. The general aims are both the improvement of the **capacity of border surveillance** and save and rescue **of human lives at sea**.

Strengthened reception capacity for urgent needs

Italy has received EU financial support also for the **reception system for unaccompanied children** upon their arrival, to temporarily accommodate **asylum seekers taking part in the temporary relocation scheme of September 2015** and to cope with the arrival of asylum seekers from the south-eastern borders of the EU.



Protecting Vulnerable Migrants

EU funding provides immediate **and adequate protection for vulnerable people**, through medium to small reception facilities. In particular, it gives support to identify potential victims of trafficking in the reception system, activate fast-track protection paths and provide safe accommodation.

Furthermore, assistance is given to migrants subject to **labour exploitation in the agricultural sector** in five regions in Southern Italy and support to help their integration and access to the labour market.

A milestone of Italy's activities under EU funding is the **health-care provision to vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers** as EU support addresses the physical and mental health needs of applicants for and beneficiaries of international protection, including children.

Support Early Integration

EU funding provides support to integration at local level by supporting the self-reliance of refugees and asylum seekers, which **helps refugees to fully integrate into Italian society** but also supports areas with higher presence of deprived migrants and consequent risks of "ghettos" and social tensions. Language classes for minors contribute to bridge gaps in the education system for unaccompanied minors residing in Italy and speeding up their access into the Italian schooling system.

Enhanced EU solidarity and fair asylum procedures

EU funds currently enable the Italian authorities to ensure fair and efficient asylum procedures by providing asylum experts, interim administrative staff, IT equipment, inter-cultural mediators and expertise on victims of trafficking and of sexual and gender based violence. Moreover, EU funding supports the Ministry of Interior and IOM to ensure health screening and other support measures necessary to carry out the **safe and dignified relocation transfer** of asylum seekers from Italy to other EU Member and Associated States.



HUMANITARIAN EVACUATIONS

The EU has supported the **humanitarian evacuation to Italy of 447 vulnerable persons** in need of international protection, following their arrival in Libya. These asylum seekers were provided with the possibility to access international protection in Italy.

"I have seen everything – bad and good- by now, but I am happy to be here. I have lived through it and I am still living it, together with my fellows. This project touches an important subject for everybody: health" Kossi D. - Togo

(Testimony of a beneficiary in an EU-funded health care project, I-CARE)