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**Decision of the Director-General of the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs on a non-substantial amendment (“Amendment no. 6”) to the Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 on the financing of components of the Thematic Facility under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and to the work programme for 2021 and 2022**

Whereas:

- 1) The Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of components of the Thematic Facility under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2021 and 2022 was adopted by the Commission as C(2021) 8458 final on 25 November 2021.
- 2) Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 final set out a maximum Union contribution for the two years of EUR 879 681 861, of which EUR 331 079 861 for grants, EUR 21 336 000 for procurement, EUR 97 000 000 for indirect management, EUR 429 666 000 for shared management and EUR 600 000 for other actions and expenditure.
- 3) Two substantial amendments have been made, Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)5851 final and C(2022)9224 final <sup>(1)</sup>. The most recent of these amendments, C(2022)9224 final, brought the maximum Union contribution of Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 final, as amended, to EUR 1 059 540 401.
- 4) Three non-substantial amendments have also been made to Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 <sup>(2)</sup>. These are Decisions of the Director-General of the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, pursuant to the flexibility clause laid down in Article 4 of Decision C(2021) 8458. The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the work programme for 2021 and 2022, according to the most recent of these amendments, is currently set at EUR 1 091 008 684, of which EUR 432 039 955 for grants, EUR 9 711 000 for procurement, EUR 79 000 000 for indirect management, EUR 569 657 729 for shared management and EUR 600 000 for other actions and expenditure.
- 5) On 16 June 2023, the Thematic Facility Steering Group in the Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs agreed on the following changes to the

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<sup>(1)</sup> On 18.8.2022 and 14.12.2022 respectively

<sup>(2)</sup> Ares(2021) 7747589; Ares(2022) 1297128; Ares(2022) 8758931

work programme for 2021 and 2022 as part of a stocktaking exercise. The review allows for the redeployment of EUR 6.8 million for resettlement under the 2021-2022 work programme. The other changes are:

- a. Procurement activities and one specific action are foreseen in both work programmes. To facilitate the closing of the 2021-2022 work programme, some of these activities will be redirected to the 2023-2025 work programme.
  - b. Savings of EUR 0.3 million have been identified for two actions under the 2021- 2022 work programme and can be redeployed for other purposes.
  - c. Additional needs have been identified for the direct award supporting the Asylum Information Database (AIDA) and this direct award can be increased to EUR 0.36 million.
  - d. A minor technical correction concerning the amount available for Emergency Assistance is required for accounting purposes.
- 6) A mistake should also be corrected in the presentation of point 2 of the most recent Decision of the Director-General of the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs enacting non-substantial amendment no. 5 <sup>(3)</sup> to Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458. The maximum Union contribution was stated as being financed from appropriations totalling EUR 719 344 723 for 2022, whereas this should have read EUR 719 344 823.
- 7) The present non-substantial amendment no. 6 enacts these changes. As the changes amount to a zero-sum transfer they do not increase the maximum Union contribution. The total amount of Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 final, as amended, remains EUR 1 091 008 684, of which EUR 432 405 761 for grants, EUR 8 734 315 for procurement, EUR 79 000 000 for indirect management, EUR 570 468 608 for shared management and EUR 400 000 for other actions and expenditure.
- 8) The work programme in Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 final, as amended by C(2022) 9224 final (amendment no. 4), should be modified accordingly. According to Article 110(2) of the Financial Regulation <sup>(4)</sup>, the work programme shall be published on the website of the Union institution. Therefore, in the interest of clarity, it should be replaced by the Annex to this Decision.
- 9) Article 4 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458, provides that “Cumulated changes to the allocations to actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not

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<sup>(3)</sup> Ares(2022) 8758931

<sup>(4)</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, OJ L 193 of 30.07.2018, p.1.

significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20 %. The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.”

- 10) The proposed cumulated changes to the allocations to actions do not exceed 20% of the maximum Union contribution of EUR 1 059 540 401 <sup>(5)</sup>. Since these changes do not significantly affect the nature of those actions and the objective of the work programme they are considered non-substantial.

I HEREBY DECIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Decision C(2021) 8458 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

“The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the work programme for the years 2021 and 2022 referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 1 091 008 684, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the line 10 02 01 (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund) of the general budget of the Union, as follows:

- (a) EUR 371 663 861 for 2021;  
(b) EUR 719 344 823 for 2022.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.”

- (2) The table on page 3 of the Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 final is replaced by the following table:

<b>Implementation arrangements</b>	<b>Budget line 10 02 01</b>
Grants (including emergency assistance in 2022 only)	EUR 432 405 761
Procurement	EUR 8 734 315
Indirect management <sup>6</sup>	EUR 79 000 000
Shared management	EUR 570 468 608
Other actions and expenditure	EUR 400 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 1 091 008 684</b>

<sup>(5)</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 final, as most recently amended by C(2022)9224 final

<sup>(6)</sup> Part of the emergency assistance budget accounted for under the heading “Grants” may be transferred to the heading “Indirect Management” in accordance with Article 4 of the Financing Decision

(3) The first paragraph in Point 2, page 5, of the Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision is replaced by the following:

“The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 432 405 761.”

(4) The first paragraph in Point 3, page 12, of the Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision is replaced by the following:

“The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 8 734 315.”

(5) The first paragraph in Point 5, page 20, of the Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision is replaced by the following:

“The global budgetary envelope reserved for shared management in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 570 468 608.”

(6) The second paragraph in Point 5.1, page 20, of the Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision is replaced by the following:

“The overall budgetary allocation reserved for specific actions in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 7 362 608.”

*(e-signed)*

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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**

**amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8458 final on the financing of components of the Thematic Facility under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and adoption of the Work Programme for 2021 and 2022**

## ANNEX

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This work programme is based on the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup>. It will put into operation many of the elements needed for a comprehensive European approach to migration, asylum, integration, return, and border management, including through, and in cooperation with, partner countries, as set out by the Commission in its Communication on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum<sup>2</sup>. It is based on the understanding that the internal and external aspects of migration are inextricably linked.

This work programme is biannual and will implement the part of the budget 2021 and 2022 for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund which is not implemented through the national programmes. It covers several types of action:

- Union actions which are transnational actions or actions of particular EU added value, implemented in direct management (grants selected through open calls or directly awarded to identified beneficiaries and procurement) and indirect management (contribution agreements with pillar-assessed entities);
- emergency assistance: actions supporting Member States in emergency situations as described in Article 31 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147;
- resettlement and relocation;
- specific actions which will be implemented in shared management and contribute to the national programmes of selected Member States.

Due to its specificities, the work programme for the European Migration Network is adopted separately.

In the same way, due to the specificities of Emergency Assistance, a specific financing decision is adopted separately for 2021. When selecting the actions to be implemented, particular attention was given to choosing the best implementation mode to achieve the objective. In particular, actions will have to be complementary to the national programmes implemented by the Member States under shared management.

Close coordination will also be maintained with other EU funds and programmes to maximise synergies. This includes:

- The Border Management and Visa Instrument (e.g. in the area of reception activities upon first arrival) and the Internal Security Fund (e.g. in the area of smuggling and trafficking of human beings);
- The European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund Plus. The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) supports measures tailored to the needs of third-country nationals generally implemented in the early stages of integration and horizontal actions supporting Member States' capacities in the field of integration. These measures can for example relate to education, employment, housing, social, health and child care. The European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund Plus support interventions for third-country nationals

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (OJ L 251, 15.7.2021, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> COM/2020/609 final. 23.9.2020.

with a longer-term impact in access to inclusive non-segregated mainstream services in education, employment, housing, social, health and child care;

- The Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument, the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance III and EU humanitarian aid regarding actions in or in relation to third countries (such as preventing irregular migration; enhancing cooperation with third countries on returns, reintegration and readmission; addressing the root causes of migration; ensuring legal pathways to Europe for those in need of international protection; and Talent Partnerships). In accordance with Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, actions in relation to third countries will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through other Union instruments. Such actions are identified and implemented in full coordination with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and relevant Commission external relations services. They will be fully consistent with and, where relevant, complement the Union's humanitarian policy, and respect the principles set out in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.
- Consistency, complementarity and synergies with other Union instruments will be ensured. In accordance with Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1147, actions in and in relation with third countries will be carried out in synergy and full coherence with the principles and general objectives of the Union's external action, its foreign policy and its international cooperation policy and their actions outside the Union supported from Union funds, in particular external instruments. Such actions are identified and implemented in full coordination with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and relevant Commission external relations services, especially with the Directorates-General for International Partnerships (INTPA), Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), throughout their numerous programmes and projects under the different instruments. Synergies with research in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe will also be ensured, in particular as regards the topics children in migration, migrant integration, return, and awareness raising in third countries.

All activities implemented under the work programme for 2021 and 2022 shall respect and be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and should be in line with the international obligations of the Union and the Member States arising from the international instruments to which they are party, in particular by ensuring compliance with the principles of gender equality, non-discrimination and the best interests of the child, while ensuring support for persons with disabilities<sup>3</sup>.

On the basis of the objectives set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the years 2021 and 2022 as follows:

- (a) for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2),
- (b) for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 3),
- (c) for actions implemented under indirect management (point 4),
- (d) for actions implemented under shared management (point 5),
- (e) for other actions or expenditure (point 6).

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<sup>3</sup> Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, COM/2021/101 final, p. 19.

Financial assistance to be provided in the event of an emergency situation<sup>4</sup> is described in points 2 and 4.

#### Legal basis

Regulation (EU) 2021/1147

Entities established in Member States participating in AMIF can be beneficiaries of AMIF supported actions. These are all Member States with the exception of Denmark; entities established in Denmark can participate on a no-cost basis only. Member State territories also include the EU outermost regions as recognised under Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). Furthermore, entities established in overseas countries and territories, which are not EU territory, can also participate, where applicable and when mentioned under geographical conditions for calls for proposals in line with Regulation (EU) 2021/1147.

#### Budget line(s)

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<b>Implementation arrangements</b>	<b>Budget line 10 02 01</b>	
Grants (including emergency assistance in 2022 only)	EUR	432 405 761
Procurement	EUR	8 734 315
Indirect management <sup>5</sup>	EUR	79 000 000
Shared management	EUR	570 468 608
Other actions and expenditure	EUR	400 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>1 091 008 684</b>

#### Objectives pursued

The overall objective of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund is to contribute to the efficient management of migration flows and to the implementation, strengthening and development of the common policy on asylum and the common immigration policy, in accordance with the relevant Union acquis and fully respecting the international obligations of the Union and the Member States arising from the international instruments to which they are party. Based on a holistic assessment, the Commission has proposed a fresh start on migration: the Communication on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum, aims to achieve a comprehensive approach to migration management, more effective procedures and a new balance between responsibility and solidarity. This work programme supports these objectives.

#### Expected results

<sup>4</sup> Article 31 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147.

<sup>5</sup> Part of the emergency assistance budget accounted for under the heading “Grants” may be transferred to the heading “Indirect Management” in accordance with Article 4 of the Financing Decision



The work programme for the Thematic Facility actions in the framework of the AMIF will support the above objective and will result in:

- strengthening and developing all aspects of the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension<sup>6</sup>;
- strengthening and developing legal migration to the Member States in accordance with their economic and social needs, and promoting and contributing to the effective integration and social inclusion of third-country nationals;
- contributing to countering irregular migration, enhancing effective, safe and dignified return and readmission, and promoting and contributing to effective initial reintegration in third countries;
- enhancing solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility between the Member States, in particular as regards those most affected by migration and asylum challenges, including through practical cooperation.

#### Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming

The Fund should support activities that respect the climate and environmental standards and priorities of the Union and would do no significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup> Such as preventing irregular migration; enhancing cooperation with third countries on returns, reintegration and readmission; addressing the root causes of migration; ensuring legal pathways to Europe for those in need of international protection, and Talent Partnerships.

<sup>7</sup> Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (OJ L 198, 22.6.2020, p. 13).

## 2. GRANTS

The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 432 405 761.

### 2.1. Call for proposals on the assistance, support and integration of third country national victims of trafficking in human beings

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Legal entities:

- Public bodies
- Non-profit-making private entities
- Profit making private entities (including non-public implementing agencies, industrial or service/consultant companies)
- International organisations

The list may be further restricted in the calls for proposals. In particular, some categories may be only eligible as co-applicant.

Geographical conditions:

- Legal entities established in a Member State participating in the AMIF (all Member States except Denmark) or an overseas country or territory linked to it<sup>8</sup> can participate in this call for proposals.
- Legal entities established in third countries associated to the AMIF can participate in this call for proposals.
- International organisations may be established outside the Member States participating in the AMIF.
- Legal entities (other than international organisations) established in third countries can participate in this call for proposals:
  - o only as part of a consortium composed of at least two independent entities, at least one of which is established in a Member State
  - o only for the third countries which are relevant for the call for proposals. These countries will be further specified in the calls for proposals.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Protecting, supporting and empowering the victims, especially women and children, is a priority under the EU Strategy on combatting trafficking in human beings 2021-2025.<sup>9</sup> The assistance, support and protection to victims are a challenge and opportunities for victims to rebuild their lives remain limited as re-integration and rehabilitation programmes need to be further developed and opportunities for durable solutions, such as inclusion into the labour market, are scarce. The anti-trafficking strategy provides that social, economic and educational measures are essential for victims to re-integrate into society.

This call will support concrete transnational measures aiming to enhance the integration of the

<sup>8</sup> An “overseas country or territory linked to a participating Member State” shall be understood pursuant to Article 355 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

<sup>9</sup> COM(2021) 171, 14.4.2021.

victims in the host country, taking into account their specific needs and circumstances, as well as victims among vulnerable groups.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME

## **2.2. Call for proposals for the prevention of irregular migration through awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in selected third countries and within Europe**

### Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

#### Legal entities:

- Public bodies
- Non-profit-making private entities
- Profit making private entities (including non-public implementing agencies, industrial or service/consultant companies)
- International organisations

The list may be further restricted in the calls for proposals. In particular, some categories may be only eligible as co-applicant.

#### Geographical conditions:

- Legal entities established in a Member State participating in the AMIF (all Member States except Denmark) or an overseas country or territory linked to it<sup>10</sup> can participate in this call for proposals.
- Legal entities established in third countries associated to the AMIF can participate in this call for proposals.
- International organisations may be established outside the Member States participating in the AMIF.

### Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The proposed new Pact on Migration and Asylum<sup>11</sup> announces that the EU will strengthen cooperation with countries of origin and transit to prevent dangerous journeys and irregular crossings, including through tailor-made partnerships against migrant smuggling with third countries<sup>12</sup>. The EU will also aim to provide on the ground assistance in third countries to combat migrant smuggling, including the instrumentalisation of irregular migration through intentional disinformation by private and state actors, for example through support to information campaigns on the risks of smuggling and irregular migration. Such activities could be achieved through promoting an evidence-based narrative on combating the myths and the

<sup>10</sup> An “overseas country or territory linked to a participating Member State” shall be understood pursuant to Article 355 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

<sup>11</sup> COM(2020) 609 final

<sup>12</sup> Financial support to the implementation of these partnerships will be provided by the ISF, AMIF and BMVI funds, in complementarity with the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI), the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance III for the period 2021-2027.

false expectations of (potential) migrants about life in Europe, as well as on the possibilities of voluntary return from transit countries and on legal alternatives of migration to the EU and other relevant destinations, in particular with regard to options in the region of origin.

To operationalise such actions, the renewed EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2021-2025)<sup>13</sup> provides for the launch of information and awareness raising campaigns in key countries of origin or transit for migrants as part of dedicated partnerships against migrant smuggling in third countries. The objective of this call is to finance projects that aim at sensitising specific target audiences against the dangers of smuggling and providing prospective migrants, vulnerable communities, diaspora members and local media with objective information about the perils and difficulties of voyages and about the legal, social and economic realities of life in Europe. Ultimately, these campaigns seek to enable asylum seekers and migrants to make informed decisions about their movements and plans for the future. In addition, information campaigns both in Europe and in third countries should also provide information whenever possible on relevant legal or economic alternatives, as well as emphasise the opportunities for voluntary returns to countries of origin for those not in need of international protection, who feel their expectations do not match the reality either on route or in Europe.

All actions shall be designed in the spirit of complementarity and synergy with other past or ongoing projects in third countries concerned, either EU or Member State funded. Moreover, the actions shall be in line with the findings and lessons learnt from the *study on best practices in awareness raising campaigns*<sup>14</sup>. Therefore any project proposal should demonstrate the use of the recommendations and the guidance toolkit presented in the study to the greatest extent, namely by outlining sound research and design components, robust delivery and working methods as well as practical monitoring and evaluation planning.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME

### **2.3. Direct Award to support reception, asylum and return systems under pressure**

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The following entities can be invited to submit applications: Member States and international organisations, in accordance with Article 195(c) and/or (f) of the Financial Regulation. Other entities can be involved in the implementation of the action as co-applicants.

If the applicant is an international organisation, the application should be coordinated with the competent national authorities and other relevant actors.

N.B. For international organisations and organisations assimilated with international organisations in accordance with Article 156 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('the Financial Regulation'), the budget will be implemented in indirect management.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation

<sup>13</sup> COM(2021)591

<sup>14</sup> A link to the study will be provided in the call documents.

The objective of this action is to provide additional support to the reception, asylum and return systems of Member States particularly exposed to the migratory pressure at the EU external borders, e.g. due to their geographical position. This action will contribute to enhancing solidarity with the Member States bearing high share of responsibility on behalf of the Union as a whole. Under this action, support will be provided in relation to *inter alia*: 1/ services such as information provision, health checks and assistance, transportation, interpretation and inter-cultural mediation, identification of and assistance to vulnerable persons and persons with disabilities, legal and psycho-social assistance, as well as support to early integration 2/ the establishment, maintenance, operation and improvement of reception and accommodation facilities (including facilities at points of disembarkation as well as quarantine facilities) in line with EU standards 3/ the operations and equipment necessary for the registration and processing of asylum applications and 4/ return procedures.

The action grants will be awarded following the evaluation of proposals submitted by applicants invited directly by the European Commission.

If DG HOME is not in a position to award grants under this action, grants under emergency assistance will be awarded, in direct or indirect management, in line with the provisions included in Points 2.5 and 4.2.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME

#### **2.4. Direct Award to the European Council of Refugees and Exiles to maintain and further develop and update the Asylum Information Database (AIDA)**

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The European Council of Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) has a track-record in research and documentation activity and will further develop and update the Asylum Information Database (AIDA).

In accordance with Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation, the direct award of this grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action, requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialisation in the area of EU asylum *acquis* as provided by ECRE, which has developed a very specific expertise on the different national asylum systems thanks to its wide European network of organisations.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals

The activities to be funded include the collection and analysis of information related to the national asylum systems in place in different Member States (legislation and practice): overview of the legal framework, asylum and Dublin procedure, reception conditions, detention during asylum procedures, monitoring the implementation of the Common European Asylum System rules via a systematic and consistent collection of comparable information at regular intervals, including on the functioning of national asylum systems.

The action forms a specific part of a broader ECRE research and documentation activity to maintain and further develop and update the AIDA database, which contains information and reports on the asylum systems of the EU Member States and the implementation of the Common European Asylum System's rules in the Member States. The action will enable to

continue the AIDA project through the maintenance of existing activities, including country research and comparative research on various aspects (legal, institutional, practices, etc.). The financial support will allow the AIDA project to continue and provide reliable, up-to-date and quality information on the functioning of the Common European Asylum System and the asylum systems of the EU Member States, thus supporting the work of EU institutions and agencies, legal practitioners, think tanks, civil society organisations and academics in the field.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME

### 2.5. Direct awards - Emergency assistance

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award for emergency assistance

The following entities can submit applications for emergency assistance: Member States, International Organisations or Union agencies. Other entities can be involved in the implementation of the action as co-applicants. The action grant will be awarded directly (without a call for proposals), in accordance with Article 195(a) or (b) of the Financial Regulation. The direct award of this grant is justified by the emergency support operations as described below or other exceptional and duly justified emergencies.

Where a Member State submits a request to use emergency assistance as an allocation to its national programme, and the Commission so decides, the budget will be implemented in shared management.

N.B. For entities referred to in Article 24(1), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, namely international organisations and organisations assimilated to international organisations in accordance with Article 156 of the Financial Regulation, the budget will be implemented in indirect management (see point 4).

Description of the activities to be funded by the emergency assistance direct awards

Emergency assistance aims to enhance solidarity by ensuring consistency and complementarity with EU humanitarian assistance, by providing additional support to address duly justified emergency situations resulting from one or more of the following:

- a) exceptional emergency situations characterised by a large or disproportionate influx of third-country nationals *into one or more Member States* which places significant and urgent demands on those Member States' reception and detention facilities, *and on their* asylum and migration management systems and procedures;
- b) *an event of a mass influx of displaced persons* within the meaning of Council Directive 2001/55/EC<sup>15</sup>;
- c) an *exceptional migratory situation* in a third country, including where persons in need of protection could be stranded due to political developments or conflicts, notably where it might have an impact on migration flows towards the Union.

<sup>15</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).

The emergency assistance will be provided for as long as the emergency situation lasts.

Emergency assistance may 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 the Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>16</sup>.

The emergency assistance will be provided in the form of action grants awarded directly without a call for proposals, following a proposal for action, including a request for funding, submitted to the Commission by one of the eligible entities.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME

#### Selection and award criteria

##### Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 198 of the Financial Regulation, 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 for which the grant is awarded and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

In accordance with Article 198(5) of the Financial Regulation, the verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and international organisations.

##### Award criteria

In accordance with Article 199 of the Financial Regulation, proposals for an action will be evaluated on the basis of a duly justified emergency situation and 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.

#### Co-financing rate and other information

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: Up to 100% of the total eligible costs.

Other information: Emergency assistance may support expenditure incurred prior to the date of submission of the request for assistance (but not earlier than 1 January 2021), 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.

<sup>16</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).

## 2.6. Direct award to Infomigrant consortium for the multilingual online information portal for prospective migrants

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The action grant will be awarded directly (without a call for proposals) following an invitation to the consortium of leading EU public media led by France Médias Monde to submit a proposal, in accordance with Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation. The award will be made following an assessment of the results of previous grants. The direct award of this grant is justified by the specific characteristics of the action, requiring technical competence and a high degree of specialisation that the above-mentioned consortium possesses. This consortium has the necessary expertise, the European perspective and the already existing presence in the target countries that would allow this project to be a success. The consortium brings together leading EU media with a wide international audience, broadcasting in over 30 languages and attracting over 230 million listeners and viewers each week via TV, radio, internet and mobile devices. This consortium can guarantee widespread international publicity in a range of languages and with a broad network of correspondents, stringers, observers and bloggers in the target countries.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation

The objective of this action is to continue producing reliable, fact-based information available to (potential) migrants and asylum seekers, and to counter the misinformation from smugglers and traffickers, via media outlets already present in migrants' and asylum seekers' countries of origin and transit, with a particular emphasis on online and social media channels. In view of the EU policy on Migration and the (then) EU Action Plan Against Migrant Smuggling in 2015, the InfoMigrants.net multi-lingual news and information platform was developed by a high profile media consortium with actions funded under each AMIF work programme since 2016. The portal, which aims to reach prospective migrants worldwide and inform them of the dangers and the legal realities, was formally launched in May 2017. In 2018, the portal was extended to include the languages of Dari and Pashtu. During the past years, the portal has continued to reach prospective migrants and to give them accurate information including the dangers of irregular travel and the legal realities of coming to Europe. Today InfoMigrants.net is one of the most effective channels to provide clear information to would-be migrants in countries of origin, in transit and even already in Europe. The activities to be funded by this grant include the continuation and expansion of the operations of the multilingual online platform, including the additional language of Bengali.

This action is complementary to specific information campaigns selected via open calls for proposals. The main differences are the wider geographical coverage of InfoMigrants, the online nature of the actions allowing a wider outreach, and the method of implementation, due to the specific nature of the InfoMigrants action. This action requires technical competence, including linguistic, and a high degree of specialisation regarding media consumption habits in third countries that the above-mentioned consortium possesses. This consortium has the necessary expertise, developed over the last 5 years of the project, and can rely on its media partners with significant audiences in the targeted regions to amplify messages.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME



### 3. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 8 734 315.

IT development and procurement strategy choices will be subject to pre-approval by the European Commission Information Technology and Cybersecurity Board, following the IT governance process established in the European Commission.

#### 3.1. Actions implemented by procurement contracts

General description of the contracts envisaged

- Studies, evaluations, impact assessments and fitness check in the area of migration
- Expert meetings, technical workshops, webinar, conferences, seminars and other events
- Support for the European Integration Network (EIN)
- Support to activities of the Partnership on integration with the European Committee of the Regions
- Support the activities of Commission expert Group on the views of migrants
- Support to the European network of migration law practitioners
- Support to the European Website on Integration (EWSI) (direct service contract)
- Support for the EU Immigration Portal (EUIP)
- Support for IT developments, including the Temporary Protection Directive Platform and the development of the EU Talent Pool.
- Communication actions, including campaigns, social media activities and other actions aimed at raising awareness, understanding and acceptance of EU policies in the field of asylum and migration
- Support for developments in asylum, migration and migrant integration statistics relevant to the policies of DG HOME
- Support to return coordinator, including sponsorship IT module, technical capacity, pilots, twinnings

Implementation

Procurement will be implemented directly either by DG HOME or via subdelegation or co-delegation to the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, to the Directorate-General for Informatics, the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, to Eurostat, to the Publications Office or to DG Communication

#### 4. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN INDIRECT MANAGEMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved for indirect management in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 79 000 000.

##### 4.1. Direct Award / Contribution agreement - Projects to support long-term capacity-building and access to international protection and durable solutions for persons in third countries in the framework of the Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP)

Implementing entity

The Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) – Protection Pillar will be implemented by the selection of Member States to be entrusted with the implementation for the RDPP – Protection Pillar under the Thematic Facility 2021-22 remains to be confirmed and will be based on their technical and geographical competence, coordination capacity in case of consortium, and confidence expressed by other Member States wishing to support the action.

Entities established in the Member States participating in the AMIF, international organisations and non-governmental organisations may be associated and participate in the implementation.

Description of the activities to be funded

RDPPs represent an important aspect of engagement and dialogue with partner countries as part of the external dimension of the Communication on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum, namely that of supporting other countries hosting refugees and host communities. RDPP assistance to third countries is part of the EU's comprehensive approach to better manage migration in all its aspects and address gaps in migrant protection and asylum, including efforts to increase access to durable solutions.

The EU's comprehensive approach is reflected in the objectives of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework and the Global Compact. Having partner countries as principal providers of protection in accordance with international law is key to promote durable solutions at the local level. Support to enhanced protection and access to durable solutions also improves safety and access to means for self-reliance. This in turn can avert onward movements along the different migratory routes.

This action will promote protection, assistance and durable solutions in a multi-stakeholder approach with an enhanced focus on capacity building.

Steering Committees, chaired by the Member State leading the consortium for a respective geographical zone, will be entrusted with the governance and control of the action. The Steering Committees provide overall strategic guidance, define and agree on the geographical scope/areas, adopt, and whenever necessary revise, the annual work plans. In addition to the chair, the Steering Committees shall comprise the representatives of the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the European Union Asylum Agency (EUAA) where relevant, and Member States and countries associated to the Dublin Regulation. Where relevant, strategic partners including international organisations and non-governmental organisations may be invited to participate in the Steering Committees on an ad hoc basis.

The RDPP – Protection Pillar will be implemented in full complementarity with protection actions funded by the EU's external funding instruments, including through the Humanitarian Aid Regulation, NDICI-Global Europe, and Team Europe initiatives.

Following an assessment of the previous grants awarded, geographical priorities in line with

the external dimension of the Communication on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum, and following a whole-of route approach, it may be decided that one or several RDPPs will receive funding under the 2021-2022 AMIF work programme.

For comparison, the RDPP – Protection Pillar under the previous AMIF Regulation has been implemented since 2015 by the Italian Ministry of Interior for the North Africa component and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands for the Horn of Africa component.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented indirectly by DG HOME provided that all co beneficiaries are eligible to work under indirect management and are pillar assessed.

### 4.2. Contribution Agreement - Migration Partnership Facility

#### Implementing entity

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is a specialised international organisation with a sound experience in implementing regional migration dialogues with third countries and in managing funding and programmes linked to migration management. ICMPD successfully passed the Commission’s ex-ante “pillar assessment” on its level of capacity of financial management and protection of financial interests and has been selected as the entity entrusted to implement this action in indirect management based on its competence and successful implementation of MPF I, II and III.

Furthermore, ICMPD has established a strong network with EU Member States and partner countries relevant for migration engagement and has project-based offices in several partner countries.

#### Description of the activities to be funded

The Migration Partnership Facility (MPF) supports, in line with the Communication on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum, the external dimension of the EU’s migration policy with flexible support to EU Member States and partner countries with a particular focus on priority regions including Neighbourhood, Eastern Partnership, EU candidate countries and potential candidates, Africa and Asia.

The MPF will keep offering tailor-made support for policy dialogue and operational cooperation with third countries. Examples of activities include: activities seeking to improve partner countries’ policy and legal frameworks for migration and mobility; strengthened information, outreach and protection of migrants; review and development of legislation, policy documents/strategies, action plans, policy tools and instruments, standard operating procedures linked to migration management; capacity-building of partner country authorities in legal migration management (including migration monitoring); capacity-building of partner country authorities ; practices and policies on migrants’ contributions to national development; partner countries’ policy and legal frameworks as well as capacity-building on asylum policy and protection in line with international standards; support to migration dialogues and relevant needs identified in the dialogues with relevant partner countries. Actions will be implemented taking into account the political priorities set out in the conclusions adopted by the European Council at its meeting on 24-25 June, 2021.

The MPF will also support the implementation of Talent Partnerships with partner countries in order to attract talented students, researchers and workers to the EU. The Partnerships could combine direct support for mobility schemes and training with capacity building in areas such as labour market or skills intelligence, vocational education and training, integration of returning migrants, and diaspora mobilisation.

Projects supported through the Migration Partnership Facility will be implemented preferably via call(s) for proposals, open to public authorities or agencies of EU Member States as lead applicants. Public authorities of priority partner countries, international organisations or non-governmental organisations working on a non-profit basis established in the EU or in the priority partner countries will be able to apply as co-applicants (future co-beneficiaries).

The overall strategic guidance, leadership and oversight for the implementation of the MPF is carried out by the MPF Steering Committee (SC). In order to ensure complementarity with external policies, the SC consists of representatives of the European Commission (DG HOME, the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations - DG NEAR - and the Directorate-General for International Partnerships - DG INTPA, and the European External Action Service - EEAS). The SC is chaired by DG HOME, while ICMPD acts as secretariat and provides technical support/assistance for its functioning.

Actions eligible for funding by the Facility shall be in line with the objectives of the AMIF, the ISF and the BMVI, and each Fund will support actions falling within its remit.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented indirectly by DG HOME provided that all co-beneficiaries are pillar assessed.

### **4.3. Contribution Agreement - Support the implementation of the EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration**

#### Implementing entity

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is a specialised international organisation with sound experience in implementing regional migration dialogues with third countries and in managing funding and programmes linked to migration management. ICMPD successfully passed the Commission's ex-ante "pillar assessment" on its level of capacity of financial management and protection of financial interests.

As ICMPD is already supporting the current European Return and Reintegration network (ERRIN) as implementing partner within its structures, these activities would ensure continuation in governance, staffing and available capacity. ICMPD has established a strong network with EU Member States and partner countries relevant for migration engagement and has project-based offices in several partner countries. ICMPD is therefore well-placed to implement activities in the field of return and reintegration and has the support of Member States.

#### Description of the activities to be funded

In the context of the transfer of the activities currently carried out under the European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN) to Frontex, there are a limited number of activities which

fall outside the scope of Frontex' legal and financial mandate or which are complementary to the activities of Frontex. Member States have expressed strong demand for continuing several such activities with the support of EU funding through the AMIF.

In the ERRIN Strategic Management Board, Member States have discussed various options for continued funding of these activities. Member States have expressed clear preference for a Union Action to be carried out by an implementing entity. ICMPD (already an implementing partner of ERRIN) has expressed its readiness to carry out these activities.

ICMPD would provide Member States with access to operational and financial support that is required to develop and implement joint projects and activities in the areas of return and reintegration that fall outside the mandate of Frontex, or which are complementary to the activities of Frontex. This concerns in particular the setting up of a funding mechanism to be used for innovative projects led by one or more Member States, coupled with project support; such a mechanism exists under the ERRIN but cannot be taken over by Frontex. Projects can target one or more third countries or parts thereof and for the benefit of one or more Member States and reinforcing the overall EU capacity to provide assistance to voluntary return and sustainable reintegration in line with the EU-wide return efforts. The overall objective would be to provide adequate, high-performance and flexible operational, financial and knowledge support that enables Member States to develop and implement return and reintegration projects and activities in cooperation with other Member States.

Activities would focus, inter alia, on: increasing the effectiveness of return and reintegration programmes and approaches by ensuring adequate assistance tailored to general or specific needs; promoting the link between the reintegration programmes and development cooperation activities (including long-term reintegration) in partner countries funded by NDICI; improving strategies to reach the target group; embedding reintegration assistance in the context of the countries of return; supporting third countries' and local communities ownership of the readmission and reintegration processes including through better coordination and reintegration management and outward referral to the other forms of assistance; testing innovative approaches including government-to-government and involving new stakeholders. ICMPD could develop a facility open to all Member States that will be operational by the time the current ERRIN comes to an end. Furthermore, although the development and maintenance of some IT tools (e.g. Reintegration Assistance Tool (RIAT) and Return & Reintegration Assistance Inventory (RRAI)) at EU level may be funded from a different source (e.g. the European Migration Network budget), ICMPD can support training and use (by Member States, Frontex and reintegration service providers) and data quality elements for the use of these IT-tools. A case in point, for RIAT, is training of Member State authorities' staff as well as the users of the systems in third countries.

A steering committee entrusted with the governance and oversight of seeing the implementation of the actions would need to be set up, including with the appropriate representation of the Commission, Member States and Frontex as relevant.

The facility and activities proposed by ICMPD would provide a useful tool in the context of the implementation of the EU strategy on voluntary return and reintegration to support a coherent and effective EU approach to return and reintegration.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented indirectly by DG HOME provided that all co-beneficiaries are pillar assessed.

#### **4.4. Direct award/Contribution Agreement - Support and preparatory activities to facilitate voluntary transfers of either applicants for or beneficiaries of international protection**

Implementing entity

International organisations and entities assimilated to international organisations in accordance with Article 156 of the Financial Regulation, which submit an application for which the action is awarded. This concerns entities which have been subject to an ex ante assessment pursuant to Article 154 of the Financial Regulation, including those that are signatories of a framework partnership agreement concluded with the Commission pursuant to Council Regulation (EU) 2016/369<sup>17</sup>, or those that are covered by the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement concluded with the United Nations.

Such organisations will have to demonstrate specific technical competence and experience appropriate for the action.

Entities established in the Member States participating in AMIF, international organisations and non-governmental organisations may be associated and participate in the implementation.

Description of the activities to be funded

The objective of this action is to contribute towards the overall objective of enhanced solidarity and fair responsibility sharing between Member States by providing support and preparatory activities that will facilitate voluntary transfers of either applicants for international protection or beneficiaries of international protection from Member States that benefits from the voluntary transfers. The action will focus, in particular, on the following pre-departure activities that will take place in the Member State that benefits from the voluntary transfers: health checks, cultural orientation, accommodation, logistical arrangements before departure, provision of clothing suitable for the weather in the Member State of transfer at the time of departure, etc.

Upon arrival in the Member State of transfer, the persons can be supported within the regular national framework for asylum and integration activities, also those funded with the support of the Member State's programme under AMIF. This action is thus complementary to the funding allocated to the Member States under their national programmes, where the support to the management of secondary movements (as part of national systems) following first transfer are encouraged<sup>18</sup>.

Implementation

The action will be implemented indirectly by DG HOME provided that all co-beneficiaries are pillar assessed.

#### **4.5. Contribution Agreement - Emergency assistance**

Implementing entity

<sup>17</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2016/369 of 15 March 2016 on the provision of emergency support within the Union (OJ L 70, 16.3.2016, p. 1).

<sup>18</sup> Article 20 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, i.e. EUR 500 for transfer of each applicant and/or beneficiary of international protection provided to the Member State that benefits from the transfer and EUR 10 000 for each applicant and/or beneficiary of international protection transferred to another Member State.

International organisations and non-profit organisations assimilated to international organisations in accordance with Article 156 of the Financial Regulation, which submit an application for which the action is awarded. This concerns organisations which have been subject to an ex ante assessment pursuant to Article 154 of the Financial Regulation, including those that are signatories of a framework partnership agreement concluded with the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/369, or those that are covered by the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement concluded with the United Nations.

Such organisations will have to demonstrate specific technical competence and experience appropriate for the action.

#### Description of the activities to be funded

Emergency assistance aims to enhance solidarity by ensuring consistency and complementarity with EU humanitarian assistance, by providing urgent support to address duly justified emergency situations resulting from one or more of the following:

- a) exceptional emergency situations characterised by a large or disproportionate influx of third-country nationals **into one or more Member States** which places significant and urgent demands on those Member States' reception and detention facilities, **and on their** asylum and migration management systems and procedures;
- b) **an event of a mass influx of displaced persons** within the meaning of Directive 2001/55/EC;
- c) an **exceptional migratory situation** in a third country, including where persons in need of protection could be stranded due to political developments or conflicts, notably where it might have an impact on migration flows towards the Union.

The emergency assistance will be provided for as long as the emergency situation lasts.

Emergency assistance may 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 may also provide support in specific situations covered by Article 33 of the Regulation (EU) No 604/2013.

The emergency assistance will be provided in the form of contribution agreements, following a proposal for action, including a request for funding, submitted to the Commission by one of the eligible entities.

#### Co-financing rate and other information

Selection and award criteria, and the maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs, are as for emergency assistance grants.

Emergency assistance may support expenditure incurred prior to the date of submission of the request for assistance (but not earlier than 1 January 2021), 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.

Actions implemented under this section will be provided in the form of contribution agreements following a proposal for action, including a request for funding, submitted to the Commission by one of the eligible entities. If the Commission were not in a position to sign a

contribution agreement, a grant may be awarded in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation (notably Article 195).

#### **4.6. Direct award/Contribution Agreement – Provision of quality and timely psychological first aid to people affected by the Ukraine crisis**

Implementing entity

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the eligible legal entity to implement this action. The IFRC has the appropriate experience and capacity to implement the action through its unique and extensive experience in providing direct support, through its extensive network of national associations, which are specialised in conflict mitigation and crisis situations. This will enable the Commission to provide concrete help and support for the mental health of persons having arrived in the Union, fleeing the war in Ukraine; these persons often have war-related traumas or post-traumatic distress due either to indirect exposure to an armed conflict or to the fact that they were victims of physical violence and psychological distress in their journey to safety.

Description of the activities to be funded

As the IFRC is already supporting Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) activities in providing psychological support to people fleeing the war in Ukraine, within the framework of the EU4Health Programme managed by DG SANTE, it already has established links and has the appropriate governance structure to scale up these activities beyond the countries neighbouring Ukraine, in which the IFRC is already active, with the aim of establishing activities in the 22 EU Member States not currently covered. The scale-up plan to be financed by the cross sub-delegation of AMIF funds will fulfil one of the priority objectives of the Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027: effective access to mental care services for all migrants, including refugees and people seeking international protection.

The action supports the implementation of the DG HOME Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion and the policy priority to address effective access to mental health and psychosocial challenges for all migrants, in particular for those in vulnerable situations in the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The crisis in Ukraine has had an unprecedented impact on the mental health and psychosocial issues of the displaced people who were forced to leave Ukraine and are currently in the European Union. The people affected by the conflict have been greatly exposed to multiple stresses affecting mental well-being or to the exacerbation of pre-existing conditions due to the experience of loss, pain and violence. The process of displacement itself is having a negative impact on the mental health of that population given the critical situations that the people are exposed to (lack of basic needs and security): this in particular affects the most vulnerable groups among them.

Implementation

The action will be implemented in indirect management by DG SANTE via a cross sub-delegation from DG HOME to DG SANTE (provided that all partners are selected and assessed in accordance with Article 154 of the Financial Regulation).



## 5. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED UNDER SHARED MANAGEMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved for shared management in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 570 468 608.

### 5.1. Specific actions<sup>19</sup>

As per Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, Member States participating in that fund may receive funding for specific actions in addition to their allocation through the national programmes.

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for specific actions in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 7 362 608.

Type of applicants targeted by the specific actions

All Member States participating in the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

The implementation of the specific actions will require cooperation among Member States unless it is provided in response to situations where new developments in the Union require additional funding to be made available to one or more Member States.

Description of the activities to be funded by the specific actions

The specific actions will fund transnational or national projects that bring Union added value in accordance with the objectives of the Fund.

They will contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and focus on specific topics including:

- Support to victims of trafficking in human beings, including early identification and prompt referral, and provision of services for non-EU victims, delivering for a victim centred, child, and gender specific approach
- Finalisation of the running projects and activities of the European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN)
- Cooperation between Member States on language assessment in the field of asylum

Funding allocated for specific actions shall not be used for other actions in the Member State's programme, except in duly justified circumstances and as approved by the Commission through the amendment of the Member State's programme.

Complementarities with similar actions funded under the Member States' programmes shall also be specified to avoid duplications.

Implementation

The action will be implemented by one or more Member States participating in the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund via funding received in addition to the allocation under the Member States' programmes, in line with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147.

<sup>19</sup> As per Article 2, point (10), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147: 'Specific actions' means transnational or national projects that bring Union added value in line with the objectives of the Fund for which one, several or all Member States may receive an additional allocation to their programmes.

## 5.2. Resettlement<sup>20</sup> and humanitarian admission<sup>21</sup>

### Description

To put in practice the Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/1364 on legal pathways to protection in the EU<sup>22</sup>, this action will provide support to the Member States participating in the AMIF programme to enhance their resettlement efforts, and to provide additional places of admission for people in need of international protection through humanitarian admission programmes. The action will be implemented taking into account the political priorities set out in the conclusions adopted by the European Council at its meeting on 24-25 June, 2021.

In accordance with Article 19 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Member State participating in the AMIF programme shall receive resources, under shared management, for resettlement and humanitarian admission.

#### **Resettlement**

Member States shall receive, in addition to their allocation calculated in accordance with Article 13(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, an additional amount of EUR 10 000 for each person admitted through resettlement. Where appropriate, Member States may also be eligible for the respective amounts for family members of persons admitted through resettlement if the persons are admitted to ensure family unity.

#### **Humanitarian Admission**

Member States, in addition to their allocation calculated in accordance with point (a) of Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, shall receive an additional amount of EUR 6 000 for each person admitted through humanitarian admission. This amount is increased to EUR 8 000 for each person, from the following vulnerable groups, admitted through humanitarian admission:

- (a) women and children at risk;
- (b) unaccompanied minors;
- (c) persons having medical needs that can be addressed only through humanitarian admission;
- (d) persons in need of humanitarian admission for legal or physical protection needs, including victims of violence or torture.

Where a Member State admits a person belonging to more than one of these categories of

<sup>20</sup> As per Article 2, point (8), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147: ‘resettlement’ means the admission following a referral from the UNHCR of third-country nationals or stateless persons from a third country to which they have been displaced, to the territory of the Member States, and who are granted international protection and have access to a durable solution in accordance with Union and national law

<sup>21</sup> As per Article 2, point (5), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147: ‘humanitarian admission’ means the admission following, where requested by a Member State, a referral from the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (‘UNHCR’), or another relevant international body, of third-country nationals or stateless persons from a third country to which they have been forcibly displaced to the territory of the Member States, and who are granted international protection or a humanitarian status under national law that provides for rights and obligations equivalent to those of Articles 20 to 34 of Directive 2011/95/EU of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted (OJ L 337, 20.12.2011, p. 9).

<sup>22</sup> OJ L 317, 1.10.2020, p. 13.

vulnerable groups it shall receive the fixed amount for that person for one category only. Where appropriate, Member States may also be eligible for the respective amounts for family members of persons admitted through humanitarian admission if the persons are admitted to ensure family unity.

The amounts referred to in this action shall take the form of financing not linked to costs in accordance with Article 125 of the Financial Regulation. The amounts will be allocated to Member States provided the conditions are fulfilled, i.e. persons are resettled / admitted in accordance with the respective definitions.

The amounts allocated to Member States within this action shall be allocated to the respective national programmes for the first time in the financing decision approving that programme.

Those amounts shall not be used for other actions in the Member State's programme except in duly justified circumstances, as approved by the Commission through the amendment of that programme. Those amounts may be included in the payment applications to the Commission, provided that the person in respect of whom the amount is allocated was effectively resettled or admitted.

Member States shall retain the information necessary to allow the proper identification of the persons resettled or admitted and of the date of their resettlement or admission.

In accordance with Article 19(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, and in order to take account of current inflation rates, relevant developments in the field of resettlement and other factors, the Commission may adopt delegated acts to adjust, if deemed appropriate, and within the limits of available resources, the amounts mentioned above.

#### Implementation

The action will be implemented by Member States participating in the AMIF programme via funding received in addition to the allocation under the Member State's national programmes, in line with Article 19 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147.

### 5.3. Relocation

#### Description

In accordance with Article 20 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, Member States shall receive resources, under shared management, for the transfer of applicants for international protection<sup>23</sup> or of beneficiaries of international protection<sup>24</sup>.

In particular:

Member States participating in the AMIF programme shall receive, in addition to the allocation received under their national programme<sup>25</sup>, an amount of **EUR 10 000** for each **applicant for**

<sup>23</sup> As per Article 2, point (1), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147: 'applicant for international protection' means an applicant as defined in Article 2, point (c), of Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council

<sup>24</sup> As per Article 2, point (2), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147: 'beneficiary of international protection' means a beneficiary of international protection as defined in Article 2, point (b), of Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

<sup>25</sup> In accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council

**international protection transferred from another Member State<sup>26</sup>** or as a result of **similar forms of relocation**. Where appropriate, Member States may also be eligible to receive EUR 10 000 for each family member of persons referred to hereinabove, provided that those family members have been transferred to ensure family unity<sup>27</sup> or have been transferred as a result of similar forms of relocation.

Member States participating in the AMIF programme shall receive, in addition to the allocation received under their national programme<sup>28</sup>, an amount of **EUR 10 000** for each **beneficiary of international protection transferred from another Member State**. Where appropriate, Member States may also be eligible to receive the respective amounts for family members of persons referred to hereinabove if those family members have been transferred to ensure family unity.

The Member State covering the cost of transfers referred to above shall receive a contribution of **EUR 500** for each applicant for international protection or beneficiary of international protection transferred to another Member State.

The amounts referred to in this action shall take the form of financing not linked to costs in accordance with Article 125 of the Financial Regulation.

The amounts shall be allocated to the Member State's programme, provided that the person in respect of whom the amount is allocated was effectively transferred to a Member State or was registered as an applicant in the Member State responsible<sup>29</sup>, as applicable.

Those amounts shall not be used for other actions in the Member State's programme except in duly justified circumstances, as approved by the Commission through the amendment of that programme.

Member States shall retain the information necessary to allow the proper identification of the persons transferred and of the date of their transfer.

In accordance with Article 20(9) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, and in order to take account of current inflation rates, relevant developments in the field of relocation and other factors, the Commission may adopt delegated acts to adjust, if deemed appropriate, and within the limits of available resources, the amounts mentioned above.

## Implementation

The action will be implemented by Member States participating in the AMIF programme via funding received in addition to the allocation under the Member State's national programmes, in line with Article 20 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147.

<sup>26</sup> In accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 604/2013.

<sup>27</sup> In accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 604/2013.

<sup>28</sup> In accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147.

<sup>29</sup> In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 604/2013.

## 6. OTHER ACTIONS OR EXPENDITURE

The global budgetary envelope reserved for other actions and expenditure in the years 2021 and 2022 is EUR 400 000.

### 6.1. European Migration Liaison Officers

Indicative Amount

EUR 400 000
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Description

<p>European Migration Liaison Officers (EMLOs) are national experts seconded to work in the Delegations of the European Union in third countries. EU Member States cover the costs of their salaries and allowances, and the Commission covers, through this action, the costs of (civilian) missions, telecommunication and security costs, and any other relevant costs or activities.</p>
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<p>The main purpose of designating and deploying EMLOs is to step up coordination to maximize the impact of EU action on migration in third countries and to enhance the engagement of key countries of origin and transit on the entire spectrum of migration issues. EMLOs will interact with national and regional authorities to promote and support engagement with the EU on migration issues. They will gather relevant knowledge and information related to migratory trends and relevant policy developments and provide analysis and recommendations through regular reporting. EMLOs will contribute to the operational implementation of the comprehensive approach presented in the Communication on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum by inter alia contributing to migration governance and management, including the prevention and countering of irregular migration, counter-smuggling and border protection measures, better organising legal migration and mobility, ensuring more effective coordination between Member States and third countries on return, readmission and reintegration, proving protection and support to host communities and building economic opportunities. The EMLOs will also contribute to the implementation of the bilateral and regional cooperation frameworks on migration.</p>
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