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1. GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

A. General rules

Under the annual programme the Responsible Authority only acts as an awarding body. All projects will be selected under the same procedure, following calls for proposals.

As a change to previous years the Responsible Authority acts as an awarding body and selects projects via restricted calls for proposals that were previously implemented by executing body method. The restricted call for proposals will be launched in case of actions focusing on enforced return activities (particularly in case of Action 1.2.). The restriction will be applied in case of expected grant recipients who submit project proposals concerning enforced return activities on the basis of de jure monopoly. This change was introduced first and foremost with a view to put in place a more cost efficient selection procedure as well as to decrease administrative burden on the part of the Responsible Authority. Under the previous system, where the Responsible Authority acted under an executing body method separate, two-round calls for proposals were organized, which, however, entailed an increased administrative burden as well as proved overly time-consuming. Moreover the new selection method also contributes to increasing transparency within the selection procedure.

<u>In September 2013</u> the call for proposals will be published on the website of the Responsible Authority (<u>www.solidalapok.hu</u>.) and on the Applicants' Observer website. In order to ensure maximum publicity among potential beneficiaries an e-mail will be sent to the potential beneficiaries calling their attention to the call for proposals.

In addition to the call for proposals guidelines for the call and the model grant agreement will be published on this homepage on the same day, which announces in detail general information on the Return Fund 2013 concerning financing, the aims and objectives, the legal background, criteria for applicants and for applications, the selection procedure including the deadline for the submission of proposals etc.

The selection criteria and all the information announced in the guidelines for the call are consistent with the minimum criteria defined by the legal basis, and are non-discriminatory, provide for equal treatment and a wide selection base as the application is open for public institutions and non-governmental actors as well. The equal treatment will be ensured for public and non-public bodies applying for the same activities.

The selection criteria are the following:

a) the reasonableness of the project given the legal background, the project environment (including existing actions funded from the national budget of from other EU funds), the situation, needs and requirements in the Member State;

b) the cost-effectiveness of the expenditure;

c) the experience, expertise, financial and professional reliability and financial contribution of the organisation applying for funding and any partner organisation;

d) the reliability of the project proposal.

Aiming at providing sufficient guarantees to ensure open competition and adequate publicity all interested parties will be invited for a meeting in September 2013, where the potential applicants will have the opportunity to receive more information on the selection and

evaluation of projects, the specific conditions concerning the projects and to ask questions. Besides this meeting, potential applicants will have the opportunity to raise questions in writing (via e-mail). All questions and answers that emerge will be uploaded on the website approximately a week before the deadline for the submission of proposals, thus each potential applicant will be well and equally informed.

The deadline for the submission of proposals will be <u>the second half of October 2013</u> at least 6 weeks from the launch of the call.

On the basis of the principle of transparency the opening of the proposals is public and each applicant can be present at this event. The exact time and place of the opening is also announced in the guidelines for the call. The evaluation process will be carried out <u>in</u> November 2013.

The Responsible Authority is currently seeking to improve the efficiency of the evaluation process of the proposals; therefore the current two-phase evaluation procedure (1. verification of the formal requirements and of the professional eligibility criteria, 2. evaluation of the merits of the proposals) might be subject to changes. Nevertheless the Responsible Authority will continue to ensure that during the evaluation process all applications are placed on an equal footing and evaluated upon the same criteria.

Following the approval of the proposal on the selected projects to be subsidized – expectedly in <u>December 2013</u> – each applicant will be informed on the result of the selection process in writing. In parallel the award decision – including the name of applicants, the titles of projects, the scores and the amount of allowance granted – will be made available on the homepage of the Responsible Authority.

Grant agreements will be concluded in December 2013.

The project implementation period will be <u>from 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2015</u>, within which the implementation of at most 18 months long projects will be supported.

B. State of play on the strategic objectives 2012-2013

1. Further development and improvement of voluntary return activities

Voluntary return continues to be considered as a preferred option in the Hungarian return scheme. Hungary has been conducting voluntary return operations since 2004. Between the period of 2009 January - 2012 December, a total number of 1380 third-country nationals participated in the Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes organized by on the one hand IOM and on the other hand the Office of Immigration and Nationality, co-financed by the European Return Fund. These figures evidently show that AVR is an efficient tool in return management.

In 2009, a total number of 189 third-country nationals opted for voluntary return. In the same year Hungary organised the voluntary return of Bosnian mentally ill refugees who had been residing in Hungary for 17 years, by implementing a personalized voluntary return programme taking into account their special needs.

In 2010, a total number of 432 third-country nationals (312 out of which were Kosovar nationals) left Hungary voluntarily within the framework of the Assisted Voluntary Return Programme implemented by IOM.

In 2011 a total number of 365 persons left Hungary voluntarily and 11 persons were granted reintegration support, 183 out of which were Kosovar returnees (supported business plan). In

2012 a total number of 394 persons (305 Kosovar returnees) left Hungary voluntarily and 34 persons were granted reintegration support.

This new element has proven to be a successful tool in facilitating sustainable voluntary return of third-country nationals, therefore it is our aim to enhance the number of third-country nationals granted reintegration support in the upcoming AVR programmes.

When implementing the Hungarian AVR programme, besides ensuring travel arrangements, in case of need special additional medical or/and non-medical assistance as well as a start-up support (reintegration support comprising employment assistance) are provided for the purpose of launching economic activities.

In order to efficiently implement AVR programmes, Hungary pays particular attention to information and counselling on voluntary return, as it is considered as a necessary precondition to running successful AVR programmes. Hence, more than 1000 third-country nationals were provided with information on return, and 394 were provided with counselling in 2012.

Furthermore, in the long-run it is envisaged to prepare a complex reintegration programme to Kosovo focusing on effectiveness and sustainability of voluntary returns. This would be implemented in close cooperation with all relevant state and non-state actors in the field carrying out a comprehensive assessment – including assessment of the labour market situation and the possibilities of re-integration in the labour market – of the legislative and institutional framework for the purpose of launching business activities, drawing up feasible business plans and providing trainings for returnees focusing on the re-integration to the labour market. This programme would aim to contribute to sustainable voluntary returns of Kosovar nationals and may include an in-depth survey concerning the labour market situation.

In the long-run it is also planned to establish a (possibly joint) reintegration programme to a selected third country based on the experience gained in the third-country itself. Such a reintegration programme could contribute to establishing durable return possibilities to third-country nationals originating from the third country in question by elaborating a concept on pre-return assistance, assistance provided during the travel to the third country, as well as reintegration support and monitoring of the situation of the returnee in the country of origin. Hence, the reintegration programme would adequately embrace all aspects of the whole return process. To that end, a joint conference is foreseen to be organized based on the results of which an action plan can be drawn up on increasing the effectiveness of re-integration.

Finally, providing preliminary information and counselling on voluntary return and/or reintegration possibilities to potential returnees continues to be a priority action.

2. Promotion of a more strategic focus on EU standards through implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the Return Directive

Hungary continues to implement projects aiming at the implementation of standards laid down in the Return Directive. Within the framework of the 2013 Annual Programme, Hungary envisages to implement projects aiming at more effective enforced return by air. The project include, inter alia, escorted removal, improving the acquisition of travel documents and visas, improving transfer assistance and providing temporary accommodation for the returnees. With a view to ensuring fair and effective implementation of common standards on return as well as full compliance with the Return Directive, Hungary is envisaging to implement an action aiming at providing free and quality legal aid for third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay. Furthermore, special projects are foreseen to be implemented targeting vulnerable returnees, including providing psychological and social counselling and assistance for vulnerable persons prior to return and during return at community shelters as well as providing adequate care for unaccompanied minors.

Further, infrastructural capacity building of guarded accommodations is also foreseen under the Annual Programme 2013 aiming at the improvement of detention conditions of the target group. Moreover, complex projects aiming at improving the conditions of detention and the mental and/or physical state of vulnerable returnees under immigration detention.

Finally, similarly to previous years, projects are foreseen to be implemented aiming at the capacity building of experts working in the field of return via providing training, seminars, thereby contributing to quality decision making.

3. Improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation with other Member States

In 2009 a total number of 65 return experts travelled to the United Kingdom, Germany and Romania to become familiar with the return practices of these Member States. The acquired experiences were shared with other Hungarian stakeholders and experts working in the field of return through a conference organised in Hungary. Furthermore a GDISC conference was organised with the aim of enhancing knowledge on the transposition and the implementation of the Return Directive. In 2010 study visits were organised to Belgium, the Netherlands and Austria with a view of getting an insight on the return practices of these Member States when it comes to cooperation with Frontex as well as possibilities of involvement of NGOs. The acquired information and practices were disseminated through the distribution of leaflets and lectures.

Emphasis has been put by Hungary on the exchange of information concerning country of origin information among experts working in the field of return. To that end a series of conferences were scheduled to be organised with the participation of experts from other Member States, the first part of which was held in 2012 concerning Afghanistan. This project is foreseen to be continued under the 2013 Annual Programme concerning Pakistan. Also, a joint country of origin report is planned to be elaborated together with another Member State.

Hungary envisages implementing in the future joint integrated return plans with those EU Member States that have similar tendencies with regard to their migratory flows and return procedures. To that end, within the framework of the 2013 Annual Programme Hungary intends to conduct a study visit to certain countries of origin as well as to Member States with a view to acquiring practical experience on the organisation of joint return flights, thereby contributing to enhance practical cooperation with other Member States.

Furthermore, emphasis is put in the 2013 Annual Programme to enhance cooperation with other Member States in developing and evaluating re-integration programmes in selected third countries, to that end an action plan is foreseen to be elaborated with a view to enhance effectiveness of re-integration.

2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

Not relevant.

3. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN

The quantified results and indicators are indicative under the following chapters and are mainly based on the needs signalled by the potential grant recipients and on the experience gained throughout the implementation of the previous annual programme of the RF.

Overview of actions to be supported by the annual programme

Actions implementing priority 1: Support for the development of a strategic approach to return management by Hungary

1.1. Arranging and implementing assisted voluntary return programmes [Action 1]

1.2. Simplifying and implementing enforced returns of third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and stay, by improving the quality of conditions of return, by providing administrative escort from the designated place of residence/detention to the airport/state border, by making the inland transfer more effective [Action 2]

1.3. Ensuring measures to satisfy the special needs of vulnerable returnees such as minors, unaccompanied minors, pregnant women, third-country nationals under immigration detention etc., at community shelters, guarded accommodations and other facilities designated to accommodate vulnerable returnees [Action 3]

Actions implementing priority 2: Support for the cooperation between Member States in return management

2.1. Preparation of joint integrated return plans and their implementation in cooperation with other EU Member States and/or with FRONTEX [Action 4]

Actions implementing priority 3: Support for specific innovative (inter)national tools for return management

3.1. Collecting country of origin/transit/previous residence information for the purpose of durable voluntary return, launching pilot projects in order to implement COI missions [Action 5]

3.2. Cooperation with other Member States concerning reintegration to selected third countries, developing joint reintegration programmes, including completing feasibility studies with a view to developing joint reintegration programmes [Action 6]

3.3. Providing preliminary information and counselling on voluntary return or/and reintegration possibilities to potential returnees, including asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection [Action 7]

Actions implementing priority 4: Support for EU standards and best practices on return management

4.1. Providing free and quality legal aid for third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay [Action 8]

4.2. Providing trainings, seminars for experts working in the field of return and/or for contacts on COI [Action 9]

4.3. Completion of studies, exchange of information, sharing of best practices and experiences among responsible authorities and experts on the current situation and possibilities for enhancing administrative cooperation among Member States in the field of return as well as on the role of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to be played in this context [Action 10]

4.4. Exchange of experience among Member States on best practices regarding voluntary or enforced return [Action 11]

3.1. Actions implementing priority 1: Support for the development of a strategic approach to return management by Hungary

Actions 1.1. and 1.2. aim to achieve a wide set of measures, namely the encouragement of arranging voluntary return schemes for third-country nationals and the implementation of enforced return operations in full compliance with humanitarian principles and with respect to the human dignity of returnees. The actions focus on effective and sustainable return operations. Action 1.3. aims at implementing specific priority 2 and therefore addresses the specific situation of vulnerable returnees.

1.1. Arranging and implementing assisted voluntary return programmes [Article 4 (1) c)] *(implementing specific priority 1.1)* [Action 1]

Implementing Objective 1 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 1

This Action relates to the strategic objective on further development and improvement of voluntary return activities.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action

Assisted voluntary return is an essential component of migration management. This method is continued to be a preferred option in the future as opposed to forced return, since it provides a better solution both in terms of human rights and cost-effectiveness. Building on the experience gained during the implementation of previous voluntary return schemes, the continuation of such programmes is considered to be of utmost importance. Assisted voluntary return programmes are complex programmes in terms of the services offered, including travel assistance, secondary transportation of returnees, essential expenses before and after return, temporary accommodation and measures facilitating the returnees to integrate or re-integrate into the country of return and other services.

In relation to the implemented projects, there is a still increasing need for the reintegration supports. Most of the funds have been allocated concerning Kosovar citizens. Therefore, an independent Kosovar reintegration program was granted during the 2012 allocations. 40 business ad training plans are envisioned to be carried out strengthening sustainable returns. So the further development of reintegration is expected in the forthcoming plans.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. *Providing travel (transit and departure) assistance*: this can include concluding flight and transportation arrangements, providing assistance for returnees when arranging the necessary formalities to be carried out with the border authorities, providing local transportation in the country of departure and secondary transportation for returnees to their final destination in the destination country.

2. Assisting returnees in preparing their return, as well as providing essential expenses before return.

3. *Providing limited financial contribution for initial expenses after return* for covering basic needs, including costs of inland travel, medicine, food etc.

4. Ensuring training and employment assistance and limited start-up support for economic activities. This key action aims at encouraging third-country nationals to make use of the possibility of voluntary return and introducing specific measures for returnees in the country of return to enhance their durable reintegration in their community. Cash incentives and other short-term measures necessary to launch the reintegration process focusing on the development of the returnees' personal skills, such as trainings (vocational training, language courses and computer skills development), employment assistance, start-up support for economic activities, post-return assistance and counselling are welcomed.

5. Complex re-integration programmes in third countries with a view to ensuring the effectiveness and sustainability of returns: in close cooperation with all relevant state and non-state actors in the field carrying out a complex re-integration programme, including, inter alia, providing support for commencing business activities, for instance providing micro-credit arrangements, also providing measures aimed at facilitating the re-integration to the labour market, thus providing for training courses and counselling sessions.

2. Expected grant recipients: international organization, Office of Immigration and Nationality, NGOs, Police Headquarters

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body.

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- at least 450 persons who return to the country of origin/transit/previous residence;

- at least 70 third-country nationals provided with re-integration support (vocational training and/or business start-up support);

- at least 120 re-integration counselling sessions provided.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

Funding from the European Return Fund must be made clearly visible for any activity linked to the actions and financed under the programme. The obligations of the grant recipient related to the visibility of the project co-financing from EU funding shall be defined in the grant agreements and in the Corporate Identity Manual.

Ways to ensure visibility include: informing all project beneficiaries of co-financing from the Return Fund; placing EU logo and RF logo on all equipments purchased for the project and on all relevant publicity materials, leaflets, letterhead, PR work; placing the EU logo and indication of co-financing from the Return Fund on grant recipients' premises (e.g. on office walls, entrances, etc.) When projects are mentioned at seminars or conferences, the audience shall be informed about co-financing from the Return Fund.

The following acknowledgement should be used for projects co-financed by the European Return Fund: "project co-financed by the European Return Fund". Any publications that acknowledge co-funding from the Return Fund must specify that the publication reflects the

author's view and that the European Commission is not liable for any use that may be made of the information.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information (all figures in Euro): EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | А | 555 751,59 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 185 250,53 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 741 002,12 | 100% |

| LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN | |
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| TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 100 % TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 0 % | |
| LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | |
| Typology (1 to 10) | Share (%) |
| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 80 % |
| 3. Forced return | 0 % |
| 4. Counselling and information | 0 % |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 0 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 0 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 20 % |

1.2. Simplifying and implementing enforced returns of third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and stay, by improving the quality of conditions of return, by providing administrative escort from the designated place of residence/detention to the airport/state border, by making the inland transfer more effective [Article 4 (1) e)] [Action 2]

Implementing Objective 2 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 1

This Action relates to the strategic objective on more strategic focus on EU standards through implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the Return Directive. This Action is implemented by awarding body method via restricted call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action contributes to the effective implementation of national legislation concerning removal by deportation, thereby enhancing the credibility and integrity of immigration policies. It also aims at improving the arrangements of proper conditions to develop the recent practice on return in order to ensure the cost effective and sustainable nature of such actions as well as improving the conditions of detention of third-country nationals facing removal, thereby improving the efficiency of the implementation of national return programmes.

This action also contributes to facilitating access of the target group to interpretation services during the return procedure, thereby enhancing the efficiency of integrated return management and contributing to the credibility of return operations.

A successfully implemented modernisation project (improvement of security system and facilities for free time activities) financed by the 2011 allocation helped to decrease tensions at the detention centre of Nyírbátor. There is a need for further development in order to increase the quality of the detention. The development of inland transportations and using the solutions (e.g. new software) of a previous project are expected to increase the efficiency of expulsion. Concerning return by air, an expertise pool has been created during the previous projects while there has been no fluctuation which ensured the continuous development of transfer techniques.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. Creating the conditions for a more effective enforced return by air of third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and stay: improving acquisition of travel documents, visas necessary for the entry to the destination country or for the inland transfer, the acquisition of necessary land vehicles for inland transportation, improving transfer assistance and providing for temporary accommodation for returnees by the Office of Immigration and Nationality.

2. Creating the conditions for a more effective enforced return by land of third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and stay: improving acquisition of travel documents, visas necessary for the entry to the destination country or for the inland transfer, acquisition of the necessary vehicles for transportation, improving transfer assistance and providing for temporary accommodation for returnees by the Police Headquarters.

3. *Improving the conditions to facilitating access to interpretation during the alien policing procedure*: providing regular access to interpreters at the premises of guarded accommodations and other facilities designated to accommodate third-country nationals belonging to the target group; setting up and/or improving of remote interpreting systems at alien policing authorities and at guarded facilities.

4. *Improving access to information in detention facilities:* providing multilingual information sheets on the rights and obligations of third-country nationals belonging to the target group in detention facilities as well as on the rules of the detention facility.

5. *Modernisation of guarded accommodations:* improvement of detention conditions in accordance with recital 17 of the Return Directive, and the modernisation of the buildings in order to reduce the energy consumption. Illegal migrants, i.e. third country nationals who do not fulfil, or no longer fulfil the conditions of entry or other conditions for stay or residence in Hungary, are guarded in the referred accommodations. The modernisation of the facilities could help to improve their living conditions in line with the possibly highest meeting of their needs. The modernisation of the buildings is planned in order to reduce their energy consumption. Moreover, in respect of security issues, the technical conditions of their guarding are to be improved as a consequence of the modernisation process.

2. Expected grant recipients: Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters, guarded accommodations

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- a maximum of 40 persons are provided with administrative escort to the country of return;
- at least 60 persons provided with interpretation services;
- acquisition of 6 vehicles used for inland transportation of the target group;
- an improvement of detention conditions in at least 2 guarded accommodations;
- reduction of energy consumption of at least 1 guarded accommodation.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation year 2014.

7. Financial information (all figures in Euro): EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | А | 622 553,49 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 207 517,83 | |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 830 071,32 | 100% |

8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

| LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN | |
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| TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 0 % | |
| TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 100 % | D |
| LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | |
| Typology (1 to 10) | Share (%) |
| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 0 % |
| 3. Forced return | 70 % |
| 4. Counselling and information | 0 % |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 0 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 30 % |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 0 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % |

1.3. Ensuring measures to satisfy the special needs of illegal migrants, i.e. third country nationals who do not fulfil, or no longer fulfil the conditions of entry or other conditions for stay or residence in Hungary (including vulnerable persons as well) at detention centres, community shelters, guarded accommodations and other facilities designated to accommodate returnees

The action has special focus on the implementation of specific priority 1.2., and objectives 1 and 2 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 1 [Action 3]

This Action relates to the strategic objective on more strategic focus on EU standards through implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the Return Directive.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action

The project(s) to be implemented with special focus to specific priority 1.2. aim at providing special pre-return and/or post-return assistance to illegal migrants, i.e. third country nationals who do not fulfil, or no longer fulfil the conditions of entry or other conditions for stay or residence in Hungary.. In line with paragraph (2) of Article 5 of the basic act, eligible measures may include in all cases of return specific assistance for persons affected by the scope of the action. Pursuant to the Aliens Act (Act II of 2007 on the entry and residence of third-country nationals) there is a possibility – under strictly defined conditions – to prolong immigration detention up to a maximum of 12 months. The increased period of detention enhances tension among detainees originating from confinement. Therefore it is essential to provide third-country nationals accommodated at guarded facilities with psychological and social assistance in order to alleviate tensions arising from the fact of being detained. Also, providing recreational activities such as sports and cultural activities, contribute to mitigating stressful factors and easing tension, thereby increasing their willingness to cooperate and proactively facilitate their return.

The action aims at enhancing the implementation and durability of returns by providing assistance, counselling to both voluntary and forced returnees.

Previous projects decreased the tensions before removal and made the acceptance rate higher of voluntary return. The pooled expertise shall be in line with further development of activities being supported by the current action giving constant training for the staff. Due to the acquired knowledge of the project staff, the mental conditions of third country nationals in detention can be improved.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. Complex projects providing psychological and social counselling and/or assistance as well as medical assistance for persons prior to return and during return at community shelter(s): providing psychological and psychiatric assistance to third-country nationals in need, providing suitable recreational activities to minors.

2. Complex projects at guarded accommodations with a view to improving the conditions of detention and the mental and/or physical state of returnees under immigration detention: providing psychological and social counselling and/or assistance for the target group, providing recreational activities, improvement of material conditions at guarded accommodations tailored to the needs of the target group, providing medical assistance to third-country nationals in need.

3. *Providing adequate care for unaccompanied minors*: providing special psychological and social assistance to third-country national unaccompanied minors, providing special accommodation conditions to unaccompanied minors, providing special training for medical staff with a view to carrying out proper age assessment.

2. Expected grant recipients: Public bodies, churches and NGOs

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- at least 600 persons provided with social and/or psychological assistance and/or counselling before return;
- at least 80 third-country nationals provided with supplementary health care assistance;
- at least 2 professional consultation forums for the staff members working in the field of psychological and social counselling and/or assistance of persons prior to return;
- at least 150 unaccompanied minors provided with social and/or psychological assistance.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information (all figures in Euro): EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | А | 381 086,79 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 127 028,93 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 508 115,72 | 100% |

| LAYER | LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN | | |
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| \boxtimes | TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return | | |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % | | |
| \square | TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return | | |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % | | |
| LAYER | LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | | |
| Typolog | Typology (1 to 10)Share (%) | | |
| 1. R | Return management (strategy) | 0 % | |
| 2. A | ssisted voluntary return | 0 % | |
| 3. F | orced return | 0 % | |
| 4. C | Counselling and information | 45 % | |

| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 45 % |
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| 6. Capacity building of staff | 10 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 0 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % |

3.2. Actions implementing priority 2: Support for the cooperation between Member States in return management

2.1. Preparation of joint integrated return plans and their implementation in cooperation with other EU Member States and/or with FRONTEX [Article 4 (2) c)] [Action 4]

Implementing Objective 4 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 2

This Action relates to the strategic objective on the improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation with other Member States.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via restricted call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objective is to develop and implement joint integrated return plans with those EU Member States that have similar tendencies with regard to their migratory flows and return procedures. As Hungary has been participating in several FRONTEX joint return flights, therefore it is our aim to become organisers of FRONTEX joint return flights in the long run. In order to prepare such a FRONTEX joint return flight, a study visit is foreseen to be carried out to Sweden or Germany, as these Member States already dispose of the necessary expertise to organise FRONTEX joint return flights. The three potential countries of origins vis-à-vis which Hungary intends to organise joint return flights are Kosovo, Georgia and Albania. The Office of Immigration and Nationality is planning to conduct a study visit to one of these countries of origin with a view to acquiring practical experience on the organisation of joint return flights, with special focus on the tasks assured by the advanced parties. To that end, the experts taking part in the study trip would gain in-depth experience as regards the tasks to be assured by the advance parties, designated to fulfil the preparatory tasks in the country of origin.

2. Expected grant recipients: Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- at least 1 study visit conducted to Member State(s);

- at least 1 fact-finding visit conducted to a third country.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information (all figures in Euro): EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | А | 13 232,19 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 4 410,73 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 17 642,92 | 100% |

| LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN | |
|--|-----------|
| TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 0 % TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 100 % | |
| LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | |
| Typology (1 to 10) | Share (%) |
| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 0 % |
| 3. Forced return | 80 % |
| 4. Counselling and information | 0 % |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 0 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 20 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % |

3.3. Actions implementing priority 3: Support for specific innovative (inter)national tools for return management

3.1. Collecting country of origin/transit/previous residence information for the purpose of durable voluntary return, launching pilot projects in order to implement COI missions [Article 4. (2) a)] [Action 5]

Implementing Objective 7 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 3

This Action relates to the strategic objective on more strategic focus on EU standards through implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the Return Directive.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action:

This action aims to cooperate in the collection of information on the country of origin, former residence or transit and to disseminate the acquired information to potential returnees and/or stakeholders working in the field of return. Collecting information on the socio-economic and political conditions in the country of return and further distributing it to interested stakeholders, such as to the government, NGOs, social services, and to the third-country nationals themselves aims to provide potential returnees with the necessary information so that they can make a well-founded decision on return. It also helps social workers, international organizations, NGOs and other stakeholders dealing directly with potential returnees, as well as returnees themselves to analyse reintegration possibilities. In a broader context a well-founded decision assures the sustainability of return. Organization of COI missions provides the possibility of acquiring reliable, adequate and accurate information on the country of origin/transit/previous residence.

During the previous year, Kosovo have been crystallised a clear target country of the action. Experience of the implemented projects (including study visits and seminars) has been incorporated in the subsequent ones. Flexible to migration tendencies, our aim is to grant new target countries (mainly in the Southern Balkan region) on the basis of the current Turkish and FYROM COI projects financed from the allocation 2012. The gained expertise shall be worked up by the competent Hungarian authorities working in the field of return.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. Collecting information on the socio-economic and political conditions in the country of *return* and further distributing it to interested stakeholders, such as to governmental bodies, NGOs, social services, and the returnees themselves.

2. Collecting information on the migratory routes relevant to Hungary in the country of origin and/or transit countries with the aim of examining the return policies of the respective countries, this might include, inter alia, the concerning legislation, practice, as well as logistical background to be applied, with a view to identifying best practices as well as potential difficulties when implementing readmission agreements.

3. Organising COI missions and/or participating in joint COI missions organized by other *Member States* in order to acquire reliable, adequate and accurate information on country of origin/transit/previous residence.

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

3. Expected grant recipients: international organizations NGOs, Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters and other governmental or non-governmental organisations.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- participation and/or organisation of at least 1 implemented COI mission;

- at least 2 COI reports summarizing the result of the missions and/or the results of the desk research;

- at least 50 experts working in the field of return provided with reliable, adequate and accurate information on the country of origin/transit/previous residence.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information:

EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | А | 44 989,41 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 14 996,47 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 59 985,88 | 100% |

| LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN | | |
|--|--|--|
| \boxtimes | TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return | |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % | |
| \square | TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return | |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % | |
| LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | | |

| Typology (1 to 10) | Share (%) |
|--|-----------|
| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 0 % |
| 3. Forced return | 0 % |
| 4. Counselling and information | 0 % |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 0 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 65 % |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 35 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % |

3.2. Cooperation with other Member States concerning reintegration to selected third countries, developing joint reintegration programmes [Article 4. (2) c)] [Action 6]

Implementing Objective 8 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 3

This Action relates to the strategic objective on the improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation with other Member States.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action

Reintegration is a very important component of sustainable return, therefore innovative actions implementing the principle of sustainability should be developed and supported. The objective of this Action is to enhance cooperation with other Member States in developing and evaluating re-integration programmes in selected third countries that are of relevance to each country taking part in the actions.

Within the framework of this Action a joint conference is envisaged to be organized with other Member States in Kosovo with a view to increasing the effectiveness of re-integration programmes and as a result drawing up recommendations in this field. The main purpose to organise this conference in Kosovo is to facilitate the participants of different MSs to exchange opinions on site about the previous reintegration programmes implemented in Kosovo.

2. Expected grant recipients: Public bodies, international organizations, NGOs.

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- at least 1 conference organized aiming at exchanging best practices on re-integration;

- an action plan elaborated on increasing the effectiveness of re-integration.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information:

EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | а | 39 696,57 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Public Allocation | b | 13 232,19 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | c | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 52 928,76 | 100% |

| LAYEI | R 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR F | ORCED RETURN |
|---|---|--------------|
| \boxtimes | TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 100 % | |
| | TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 0 % | |
| LAYEI | R 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | |
| Typolog | Typology (1 to 10) Share (%) | |
| 1. | Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. | 2. Assisted voluntary return 0 % | |
| 3. | 3. Forced return 0 % | |
| 4. Counselling and information 0 % | | 0 % |
| 5. | Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. | Capacity building of staff | 0 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools 0 % | | 0 % |
| 8. | Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % |
| 9. | Cooperation between MS | 80 % |

| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 20 % |
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3.3. Providing preliminary information and counselling on voluntary return or/and reintegration possibilities to potential returnees, including asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection [Article 4. (1) b)] [Action 7]

Implementing Objective 5 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 3

This Action relates to the strategic objective of further development and improvement of voluntary return.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action:

This action aims at promoting the ways and means to provide information on voluntary return programmes and on re-integration possibilities in the country of origin as soon as possible in asylum and immigration procedures and to encourage third-country nationals individually to make use of the possibility of voluntary return. Therefore those projects are supported under this action which provide for better and more effective information services on voluntary return and/or re-integration possibilities to third-country nationals under the scope of detention prior to expulsion or/and to third-country nationals under the scope of compulsory confinement and to asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection.

The target group can be reached using the existing tools developed by the implemented projects financed by the previous allocations. There is a need to facilitate the availability of the existing services.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. Producing and disseminating leaflets, videos, posters, information brochures, application forms, CDs etc. containing information on assisted voluntary return possibilities or/and reintegration possibilities: maintenance of multilingual website on assisted voluntary return options, establishment and operation of multilingual hotline assistance in the most frequent languages of the target group.

2. Visiting reception centres and/or places of detention centres and/or community shelters, NGOs, border management services and holding detailed presentations, including informing the staff.

3. Providing a platform for question and answer sessions addressing individual needs and providing counselling on assisted voluntary return possibilities or/and re-integration possibilities which enable the participants to receive direct feed-back from potential caseloads of returnees etc.

2. Expected grant recipients: Public bodies, international organizations, NGOs.

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- at least 1000 persons are provided with information on voluntary return;

- at least 5 visit to reception centres and/or guarded accommodations and/or community shelters providing information on voluntary return, including to the staff.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information:

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EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | a | 31 757,25 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Public Allocation | b | 10 585,75 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | c | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 42 343,00 | 100% |

| LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR F | ORCED RETURN |
|---|--------------|
| TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return | |
| Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 100 9 TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return | /0 |
| Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 0 % | |
| LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | |
| Typology (1 to 10) | Share (%) |
| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 0 % |
| 3. Forced return | 0 % |
| 4. Counselling and information | 80 % |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 20 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |

| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % |
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| 9. Cooperation between MS | 0 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % |

3.4. Actions implementing priority 4: Support for EU standards and best practices on return management

4.1. Providing free and quality legal aid for third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay [Action 8]

Implementing Objective 2 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 1

This Action relates to the strategic objective on more strategic focus on EU standards through implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the Return Directive.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action:

This action aims at providing free and quality legal aid for third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay. According to Article 13 (4) of the Return Directive third-country nationals are entitled to effective remedy to appeal against the decisions related to return.

The activities of legal aid can be divided into two categories: legal counselling (giving information on relevant right/obligations, regulations, providing legal advice, preparing applications, appeals, complaints, other written statements etc.) and legal representation (represent the client before court etc.). Furthermore, linguistic assistance linked to the provision of legal aid as well as specialized training targeting the staff providing legal aid is foreseen to be implemented within the framework of this Action. In contributing to the fair and effective implementation of common standards on return this Action enhances the capacity of competent national authorities to provide free and quality legal aid to the target group.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

- 1. Providing third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay with free legal advice and representation
- 2. Providing interpretation and targeted training of the personnel.

2. Expected grant recipients: government body, non-governmental organisations

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body.

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- at least 300 persons belonging to the target group provided with legal counselling;
- at least 50 persons belonging to the target group provided with legal representation;
- at least 50 persons belonging to the target group provided with interpretation;
- at least 2 professional forums for the personnel.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information:

| EU contribution | А | 78 069,87 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 26 023,29 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 104 093,16 | 100% |

EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| Layer 1 – assisted voluntary return OR forced return | | |
|---|-----------|--|
| TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 0 % TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 100 % | | |
| Layer 2 (the Ten Typologies) | | |
| Typology (1 to 10) | Share (%) | |
| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % | |
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 0 % | |
| 3. Forced return | 0 % | |
| 4. Counselling and information | 80% | |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % | |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 20 % | |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % | |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % | |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 0 % | |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % | |

4.2. Providing trainings, seminars for experts working in the field of return and/or for contacts on COI [Article 4. (3) d)] [Action 9]

Implementing Objective 10 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 4

This Action relates to the strategic objective on more strategic focus on EU standards through implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the Return Directive.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action:

This action aims at providing trainings for experts working in the field of return. In this aspect trainings on the legal and/or practical aspects of return, for instance on the application of the principle of non-refoulement, are welcomed. The action enables the experts to make return decisions of a higher quality with more standardized practice leading to more effective return procedures. This action also aims at ensuring the appropriate expertise on return in order to attain the effective and uniform application of common standards on return and the respect of obligations under international instruments affecting the treatment of returnees.

As lessons of the implemented projects, there is still a need for staff trainings working at detention centres. Continuous trainings are needed to increase of the 'sensitivity' of personals working with hosted third country nationals who do not fulfil the conditions of entry and stay. Moreover, the staff trainings for decision-makers foster good governance by the implementation of newly acquired knowledge and skills.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. Organizing trainings, seminars on the legal and/or practical aspects of return for the staff of judicial bodies, immigration authorities and other experts, practitioners working in the field of return and/or for contacts on COI, also including experts working in the child care system.

2. Organizing trainings, seminars on human rights related aspects of return for experts working in the field of return.

3. Complex trainings at the guarded accommodations with a view to ameliorating detention conditions of the target group: providing intercultural as well as awareness raising trainings and trainings promoting more effective handling of conflicts arising in the guarded accommodation and improving stress-handling skills of the personnel of the guarded accommodation, training of the social workers and the medical staff working at the premises of the guarded accommodation.

2. Expected grant recipients: NGOs, international organizations, Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- at least 3 trainings or seminars provided for experts working in the field of return;

- at least 200 participants involved in the trainings and/or seminars.

5. Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information:

EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | А | 95 271,69 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 31 757,23 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 127 028,92 | 100% |

| LAYE | R 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR F | ORCED RETURN |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| \boxtimes | TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % | |
| \boxtimes | TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % |) |
| LAYE | R 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | |
| Typolo | gy (1 to 10) | Share (%) |
| 1. | Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. | 2. Assisted voluntary return 0 % | |
| 3. Forced return 0 % | | 0 % |
| 4. Counselling and information 0 % | | 0 % |
| 5. | Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. | Capacity building of staff | 100 % |
| 7. | Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |
| 8. | Capacity building - research / best practices | 0 % |
| 9. | Cooperation between MS | 0 % |

| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % |
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4.3. Completion of studies, exchange of information, sharing of best practices and experiences among responsible authorities and experts on the current situation and possibilities for enhancing administrative cooperation among Member States in the field of return as well as on the role of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to be played in this context [Article 4. (2) d)] [Action 10]

Implementing Objective 9 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 4

This Action relates to the strategic objective on the improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation with other Member States.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action:

This action aims at enhancing cooperation with other Member States by means of platforms for exchange of information, sharing of best practices and experiences with responsible authorities and experts of other Member States. Under this action conferences and study visits are also welcomed which result in the completion of a study or a report with special regard to the evaluation of the current situation and possibilities for enhancing administrative cooperation among Member States in the field of return as well as on the role of intergovernmental and non-governmental organization to be played in this context.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. Completion of a study or exchange of information, sharing of best practices and experiences among responsible authorities and experts on the current situation and possibilities for enhancing administrative cooperation among Member States in the field of return by means of for example study visits, seminars;

2. Completion of a study or exchange of information, sharing of best practices and experiences among responsible authorities and experts on the role of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to be played by means of for example study visits, seminars;

3. *Participation in international or EU seminars, and fora organized in connection with the Return Directive* in order to get to know best practices and experiences of other Member States regarding the transposition or implementation of the Directive.

4. Monitoring and evaluation of the current situation concerning voluntary return, including re-integration in third countries, as well as forced return. This might include, inter alia, study visits or completion of studies undertaken with the view of

• monitoring and evaluating the role of governmental and non-governmental organizations in the field of voluntary return and forced return, including the evaluation of the actions taken by such organizations;

• enhancing administrative cooperation among Member States' governmental authorities and non-governmental organizations through consultation, exchange of information and sharing of best practice.

5. *Disseminating and putting into practice the experience gained* for example by the means of organizing conferences, completing studies or reports.

2. Expected grant recipients: international organizations, NGOs working in the field of return, Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- at least seminar or conference organized in the field of return and at least one report summarizing the gathered experience;

- at least 80 experts working in the field of return participating in the seminar/conference;

- at least 1 study visit to a third country to evaluate return practice and/or reintegration possibilities;

- an evaluation report is elaborated concerning the re-integration of third-country nationals in their countries of origin.

5. Visibility of EU funding

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information:

| EU contribution | А | 104 534,22 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Public Allocation | В | 34 844,74 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | С | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 139 378,96 | 100% |

EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

| LAYEF | R 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN |
|-----------|--|
| \square | TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % |
| \square | TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50 % |
| LAYEF | R 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) |

| Typology (1 to 10) | Share (%) |
|--|-----------|
| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 0 % |
| 3. Forced return | 0 % |
| 4. Counselling and information | 0 % |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 0 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 80 % |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 0 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 20 % |

4.4. Exchange of experience among Member States on best practices regarding voluntary or enforced return [Article 4. (2) f)] [Action 11]

Implementing Objective 10 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 4

This Action relates to the strategic objective on the improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation with other Member States.

This Action is implemented by awarding body method via open call for proposals.

1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action aims at enhancing cooperation with other Member States and at the dissemination of best practices in order to make Hungary's return management system more effective. Within this action those projects, especially short-term study visits can be financed which aim at exchanging information, sharing best practices and experiences among practitioners working for Member States' authorities. During such study visits particular emphasis will be put on practical observations, for instance by means of on-site visits and displays of executive techniques. Reintegration is a very important factor of sustainable return; therefore the innovative actions implementing the principle of sustainability should be developed and supported.

There is a permanent need to obtain information of other Member States' best practices. The acquired knowledge was disseminated in the previous projects, too. Wider repercussions and multiplier effects are also expected under the current action with their incorporation of feasible incorporation in the long run.

The following activities are foreseen in the framework of the action:

1. *Exchange of information, sharing of best practices and experiences* among practitioners and experts of Member States concerning voluntary or enforced return, including aspects of reintegration, especially by means of a study visit to an EU Member State.

2. Disseminating online and putting into practice the experience gained.

2. Expected grant recipients: Public bodies, international organizations, NGOs working in the field of return.

3. Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- 1 study visit carried out on the exchange of best practices of a MS;

- 1 report is elaborated summarizing the findings of the study visit and containing recommendations.

5. Visibility of EU funding

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation period of the 2013 Annual Programme.

7. Financial information:

EU contribution is 75% and 25% is co-financing.

| EU contribution | а | 26 464,29 | 75% |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Public Allocation | b | 8 821,43 | 25% |
| Private Allocation | c | 0 | |
| TOTAL | d=a+b+c | 35 285,72 | 100% |

| LAYI | ER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FO | RCED RETURN |
|-----------|---|-------------|
| \square | TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return | · |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50% | |
| \square | TYPOLOGY B – Forced Return | |
| | Share (only in case both A and B have been selected): 50% | |
| LAYI | ER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES) | |
| Typol | ogy (1 to 10) | Share (%) |

| 1. Return management (strategy) | 0 % |
|--|------|
| 2. Assisted voluntary return | 0 % |
| 3. Forced return | 0 % |
| 4. Counselling and information | 0 % |
| 5. Assistance to vulnerable persons | 0 % |
| 6. Capacity building of staff | 0 % |
| 7. Capacity building - infrastructure and tools | 0 % |
| 8. Capacity building - research / best practices | 80 % |
| 9. Cooperation between MS | 20 % |
| 10. Cooperation with third countries | 0 % |

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

4.1. The purposes of the technical assistance

The amount set aside for technical assistance under the Hungarian Annual Programme 2013 for the European Return Fund will be spent on the programming, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities of the authorities designated for the European Return Fund, with the exception of the Audit Authority:

- The Ministry of Interior as *Responsible Authority* and its separate units: the Department of EU Cooperation as *Professional Consultative Body*, Members of the Department of Support-Coordination and one member of the Department of Financial Resource-management as *Management Team*,
- Members of the Cabinet of Minister of Interior as *Certifying Authority*,
- The Deputy State Secretary for EU and International Relations as *Responsible Person*.

The Ministry of Interior is also responsible for three other Funds, namely the European Integration Fund, the European Refugee Fund and the External Borders Fund. The activities of the designated authorities/units will be financed proportionally from the four Funds, according to the rate of amount available for technical assistance from each Fund compared to the total allocation for technical assistance from the four Funds.

The **Management Team** for the four Funds is the same and at present it is made up from the following teams:

- 3 persons are responsible for project management, and while each of them is responsible for one Fund, their work is done in teams. The wages of 1 person is paid from the budget of the Ministry of Interior, while the wages of 2 persons are paid from the technical assistance of the European Refugee Fund, the European Return Fund and the European Integration Fund, proportionately.
- 4 persons are responsible for financial management. Of them, the wages of two persons are paid from the budget of the Ministry of Interior, while the wages of the other two persons are paid from the technical assistance of the four Funds, proportionately.
- 6 persons are responsible for the supervision of the projects; among them four persons are responsible for financial questions while two others are responsible for professional questions. Their wages are paid from the technical assistance of the European Refugee Fund, the European Return Fund and the European Integration Fund, proportionately.
- One person is responsible for the administrative tasks of the Management Team, whose wages are paid from the technical assistance of the four Funds, proportionately.

For the European Refugee Fund, the European Return Fund and the European Integration Fund there are three **Professional Consultative Bodies**, one for each Fund. They are composed of 2 persons per Fund and the head of the Professional Consultative Body, who is the same person for all three Funds. From these persons the wages of three persons are financed from the technical assistance of the European Refugee Fund, the European Return Fund and the Integration Fund, proportionately.

At present the **Certifying Authority** consists of three persons who are responsible for the tasks related to all four Funds. Their wages are financed from the technical assistance of the four Funds proportionately.

The resources for technical assistance will also be spent on the reinforcement of the administrative capacity for the implementation of the European Return Fund.

The actions financed by technical assistance will include:

- 1. supporting the implementation of the tasks of the designated authorities by the maintenance of an IT system for the monitoring and management duties;
- 2. covering costs of communication between the Commission and the Responsible Authority and expenses of the Responsible Authority such as travel and interpretation expenses;
- 3. covering costs related to the preparation and implementation of the evaluation report to be submitted to the Commission in 2013, including recourse to an external evaluation capacity;
- 4. supporting the operation of the Responsible and the Certifying Authority when implementing the Hungarian Annual Programme 2013 of the European Return Fund, including the costs for call for proposal(s);
- 5. ensuring trainings for the possible partners in order to help them to make appropriate project proposals and also to implement the projects under the European Return Fund;
- 6. to ensure the control and audit of public procurements;
- 7. to ensure the visibility of the support of the Fund;
- 8. book-keeping;
- 9. The annual information activity provided for by Article 33 (2) a IR includes an open-day of the four Funds to which the beneficiaries, CA, AA and other authorities, institutions and organisations (e.g. ministries, universities), the representatives of the media are invited. The event is open for the general public. Besides the general introduction of the four Funds, the final beneficiaries can introduce their projects, the achievements can be communicated, the results can be disseminated. Visitors can get a broader view on the Funds. We plan to hold a press conference as well.

This annual information activity is planned in September or October of each year.

- 10. An annual kick-off event related to the actual annual programme, held at the beginning of the year (probably in February) with about 100-120 participants (the Final Beneficiaries, the Certifying Authority, the Audit Authority). On this event the Responsible Authority informs the participants by holding presentations e.g. on MAP, AP, the eligibility criteria, IT system for the monitoring and management, reporting, identity manual, discussing problems, previous experiences etc.
- 11. One or two closing workshop(s) according to the timing of the closure of the projects. These events are organised for about 80 participants (e.g. the Final Beneficiaries, the Certifying Authority, the Audit Authority, the representatives of other Hungarian authorities). The Responsible Authority holds presentations to help the Final Beneficiaries to compile their final reports.

Financial information:

| FINANCIN | G OF TECHNIC | AL ASSISTANCI | E (all figures i | n Euro) |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Community contribution | Public Allocation | Total | %EC | Share of total |
| 114 308,64 | 0 | 114 308,64 | 100% | 4,12% |

Community contribution to technical assistance would be 100% which is 114 308,64 Euros. This amount equals to 4,12% of the total allocation.

Public procurements funded from the Technical Assistance will comply with the applicable national rules for public procurement procedures.

4.2. Visibility of EU funding

Funding from European Return Fund must be made clearly visible for any activity linked to the actions and financed under the annual programme. Ways to ensure visibility include:

- The call for proposals, the evaluation of proposals, the supported and implemented projects will be published on the website of the four Funds (<u>www.solidalapok.hu</u>).

- All project beneficiaries will be informed on the co-financing of the European Return Fund.

- The emblem of the EU and the European Return Fund logo will be placed on all equipment – except for the cases when the size and usage of the certain equipment does not allow to do so – purchased for the projects.

- The EU logo and indication of European Return Fund co-financing will be placed on all relevant publicity materials, leaflets, publications, letterhead, conference packages, decoration etc.

- The audience will be informed of European Return Fund co-financing when projects are mentioned at seminars or conference.

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| 'all figures in euro) | priority | priority | | (q) | Allocation (c) | (d= a+b+c) | (e=a/d) | (f=d/total d) |
| Action 1. [1 1] | | en nr 11 | | 405 070 FO | | | | |
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| Action 2: [1.2.] | | | 622 553,49 | 207 517,83 | 1 | 830 071,32 | 75% | 29.94% |
| Action 3: [1.3.] | - | 1 sp. pr.1.2 | 381 086,79 | 127 028,93 | 1 | 508 115.72 | 75% | 18.33% |
| Action 4: [2.1.] | 5 | | 13 232,19 | 4 410,73 | ı | 17 642.92 | 75% | 0.64% |
| Action 5: [3.1.] | с С | | 44 989,41 | 14 996,47 | h | 59 985,88 | 75% | 2.16% |
| Action 6: [3.2.] | 3 | | 39 696,57 | 13 232,19 | | 52 928.76 | 75% | 1.91% |
| Action 7: [3.3.] | ĉ | | 31 757,25 | 10 585,75 | • | 42 343,00 | 75% | 1.53% |
| Action 8: [4.1.] | 4 | | 78 069,87 | 26 023,29 | • | 104 093,16 | 75% | 3.75% |
| Action 9: [4.2.] | 4 | | 95 271,69 | 31 757,23 | • | 127 028,92 | 75% | 4.58% |
| Action 10: [4.3.] | 4 | | 104 534,22 | 34 844,74 | | 139 378,96 | 75% | 5.03% |
| Action 11: [4.4.] | 4 | | 26 464,29 | 8 821,43 | 1 | 35 285,72 | 75% | 1.27% |
| Fechnical assistance | - | | 114 308,64 | t | | 114 308,64 | 100% | 4.12% |
| Other operations | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | 2 107 716.00 | 664 469 12 | 00.0 | 2 772 185 12 | 76 03% | 100 00% |



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