

ANNEX

European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals 2007-2013 Community actions Work Programme for 2013

1.1 POLICY CONTEXT

The European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals¹ is focused on enhancing migrants' economic, social, cultural and political participation in their receiving society, in order to realise the potential of migration. Member States have confirmed their commitment to the implementation of the European Agenda for Integration and underlined the importance of ensuring proper financing of integration measures at the European level.² The European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals should contribute, by supporting migrants' participation and the development of bottom-up integration policies.

The European Agenda for Integration builds on developments to date of the EU cooperation in the area of integration and on the legal base introduced in the Treaty (art. 79.4 TFEU) providing for support to Member States' actions to promote the integration of legally residing third-country nationals. The policy context is defined primarily in the Stockholm Programme and the Europe 2020 Strategy, setting as one of its headline targets the aim to increase the employment rate of women and men aged 20-64 to 75%, including through better integration of legal migrants.³

Within this context, and building on previous work programmes and projects supported to date, the 2013 work programme identifies a number of priorities and objectives to be pursued through Community actions for the year 2013. It takes into account discussions within the network of National Contact Points on Integration and suggestions put forward at the meetings of the European Integration Forum. The 2013 Work Programme is focused on local action to enhance migrants' participation and the cooperation with source countries in fostering integration, as well as governance and effectiveness of integration measures. Actions under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union⁴.

¹ European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals, COM(2011) 455 final.

² Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals, Council document 18296/11.

³ Document EUCO 6/09 CO EUR 6 CONCL 4, 11 December 2009; Document EUCO 7/10CO EUR 4 CONCL 1, 26 March 2010.

⁴ OJ C 303/7, 14.12.2007, p.1. Strategy for the effective implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights by the European Union, COM(2010)573 final, 19.10.2010.

On the basis of the objectives given in the Council Decision of 25 June 2007 establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows (2007/435/EC), the total budget available is of **EUR 12 400 000**.

LEGAL BASIS

Council Decision of 25 June 2007 establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows (2007/435/EC)

BUDGET LINE

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1.2 GRANTS

I. CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Indicative amount for the call for proposals: **EUR 6 900 000**

A.) PRIORITIES OF THE YEAR, OBJECTIVES TO BE FULFILLED AND FORESEEN RESULTS

1. Local action to enhance migrants' economic, social, cultural and political participation

1.1 Promote effective cooperation between national, regional and local administrations to support integration.

1.2 Promote the engagement of the receiving communities in interacting with the migrants, based on the mutual respect of their rights, obligations and different cultures.

1.3 Remove obstacles to migrants' political participation and increase their involvement in the formulation and implementation of integration and mainstream policies.

1.4 Ensure equal treatment and improve diversity management in public and private work places, service provision, education systems, media and other important arenas.

2. Cooperation with source countries in fostering integration

2.1 Impact analysis of pre-departure information and training in order to support the integration process.

2.2 Promote measures to map, assess and validate migrants' qualifications and professional experiences.

2.3 Explore the links between the integration process and transnational mobility.

3. Governance and effectiveness of integration measures

3.1 Promote effective governance of integration strategies and programmes.

3.2 Promote gender mainstreaming in integration measures in order to ensure equal opportunities for disadvantaged migrant men or migrant women

3.3 Assess the effectiveness of integration measures, in particular measures targeting particularly vulnerable migrant groups, such as women, elderly, and children; including unaccompanied minors and victims of trafficking.

B.) FORESEEN RESULTS

The call for proposals is expected to result in around 110 proposals, of which the available budget for grants should allow 6 to 13 to be co-financed depending on the individual grant amounts. The projects that are selected must enable progress to be made in the attainment of one or more of the objectives within the priorities mentioned above and must present a good value/cost ratio.

C.) IMPLEMENTATION

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME through awarded grants pursuant to a public call for proposals.

D.) TIMETABLE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- Publication of the call for proposals: Q4 2012
- Deadline for submission of proposals: Q1 2013
- Evaluation of proposals: Q2 2013
- Award decision: Q3 2013
- Commitments and conclusion of grant agreements: Q4 2013

The results of the call for proposals will be communicated to the participants after a maximum of 6 months from the date of publication in 2013.

E.) MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RATE OF CO-FINANCING

90% of the eligible costs

F.) ESSENTIAL EXCLUSION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

a. Exclusion criteria

The applicant organisation involved in the project must not be in one of the situations listed in articles 93 and 94 of Council Regulation n°1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the budget of the European Union.

b. Eligibility criteria

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant and its partners must be national, regional and local authorities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public or private bodies, university departments, research centres or international organisations.
- The applicant and its partners must be organisations working on a non-profit basis.

- The applicant and its partners must be registered in any of the 26 EU Member States participating in the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals (all EU Member States except Denmark).⁵
- Actions must be implemented with the participation of at least four distinct organisations from at least four different⁶ Member States.
- The requested grant amount is in line with the financial provisions of this work programme.

G.) ESSENTIAL SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

a. Selection criteria

Applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the action is being carried out and to participate in its funding. They must have the professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action or work programme and have expertise in the field of immigration and integration.

b. Award criteria

The Commission will select the proposals achieving the highest score following evaluation according to the award criteria set out in the call for proposals, the essential award criteria being the relevance, quality, the overall effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the proposed action. Special attention will be paid to projects involving migrants' organisations.

H.) FORM OF THE GRANT, VALUE AND DURATION

Grants shall be covered by a written grant agreement.

Union funding per project will not exceed EUR 1 000 000 nor be less than EUR 400 000.

The indicative duration of projects is 18 months.

1.3 PROCUREMENT AND CROSS SUBDELEGATION

The global budgetary envelope reserved in 2013 for the procurement contracts amounts to **EUR 5 500 000**.

A.) INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

- Organisation of meeting and conferences: 2
- Studies: 2
- Website maintenance: 2
- Other service contracts: 2

B.) SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

⁵ Not applicable for international organisations

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- European Integration Forum: two meetings and the preparatory activities of the 'Bureau';
- European Web Site on Integration: content and technical maintenance and development.
- EU Immigration Portal: content and IT maintenance;
- Support to pilot cities and regions for the exchange of innovative local and regional methodologies and practices of integration;
- Initiative to follow up the consultation on economic migration and its contribution to EU growth;
- Studies or evaluation on specific immigration and integration related issues;
- Communication activities.

C.) IMPLEMENTATION

The actions will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

D.) INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

- European Integration Forum: Q2 and Q4 2014
- European Web Site on Integration: 2013
- EU Immigration Portal: Q3 2013
- Support to pilot cities and regions for the exchange of innovative local and regional methodologies and practices of integration: 2013
- Initiative to follow up the consultation on economic migration and its contribution to EU growth: 2013
- Studies and/or evaluation on specific immigration and integration related issues: 2013
- Communication activities: 2013

E.) SPECIFIC CONTRACTS

European Integration Forum, support to pilot cities and regions as well as communication activities: existing framework contract could be used for the organisation of conferences under the condition of availability.

F.) CROSS SUBDELEGATION

Cross subdelegation is foreseen to DG DIGIT to cover the hosting services related to the European Web Site on Integration and of the EU Immigration Portal.

Cross subdelegation is also anticipated to Eurostat (ESTAT) for the implementation of an ad hoc module on the labour market situation of migrants within the Labour Force Survey 2014. The action will be implemented in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The national statistical offices and other national authorities are the only authorities in charge of providing national official statistics in this field. This action will be implemented through a call for proposals and the maximum Commission co-financing rate will be 70%. Indicative amount: EUR 2 000 000.