

# ANNUAL PROGRAMME

**MEMBER STATE:** Hungary

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## **Reasons for revision of the Annual Programme**

The Responsible Authority initiated the revision of the 2012 Annual Programme due to the fact that the total changes to financial breakdowns has exceeded 10% and according to Article 23 of Commission decision no. 2008/457/EC the RA is obliged to submit a revised annual programme. The beforementioned changes can be attributed to the fact that for certain Actions under the Annual Programme more project applications has been received within the framework of the calls for proposals than estimated beforehand, as a result the financial plan of the Annual Programme did not correctly reflect upon the actual needs of the project applicants.

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

### **1.1. Selection of projects when the Responsible Authority acts as an awarding body**

Under the annual programme the Responsible Authority only acts as an awarding body. With the exception of the projects under Action 6 (Improving existing statistical systems collecting information about third-country nationals) all projects will be selected under the same procedure, following a call for proposals.

In April 2012 the call for proposals will be published on the website of the Responsible Authority ([www.solidalapok.hu](http://www.solidalapok.hu).) and on the Applicant' Observer website. In order to ensure maximum publicity among potential beneficiaries an e-mail will be sent to the members of the Working Group on Integration and to the members of the national network of the Hungarian National Contact Point of the European Migration Network calling their attention to the call for proposals.

The main areas of focus of the EIF for the annual programmes 2012-2013 set out in document SOLID/2011/28 will be set explicitly as priorities in the call for proposals and during the evaluation of the proposals those proposals that relate to one or more main areas of focus will receive some additional points.

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 Integration Fund 2012 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 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 May, 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 ask questions. Besides this meeting, the potential applicants will have the opportunity to raise questions in writing (via e-mail). All questions and answers that emerge will be uploaded to the website approximately a week before the deadline for the submission of proposals, so every potential applicant will be well and equally informed.

The deadline for the submission of proposals will be at the beginning of June 2012 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 every 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 start in June 2012 and will end in all probability in July 2012.

The Responsible Authority is currently trying to improve the efficiency of the evaluation process of the proposals; therefore the current two-phased 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 with the same criteria.

Following the approval of the proposal on the selected projects to be subsidized – expectedly in the third quarter of 2012 – 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.

The Responsible Authority is planning to separate the call for proposals for projects under Action 6 (Improving existing statistical systems collecting information about third-country nationals) from the other projects as this call for proposals might be based on a feasibility study that will only be prepared by June 2012. Therefore this call for proposals is planned to be published in the autumn. Otherwise this call for proposals will follow the procedure described above in order to ensure the equal treatment of applicants.

Grant agreements will be concluded in the third quarter of 2012 and in December 2012 (for the second call for proposals).

The project implementation period will be from 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, within which the implementation of at most 18 months long projects will be supported. In the case of one action (Action 6: Improving existing statistical systems collecting information about third-country nationals) the Responsible Authority wishes to ensure the possibility to implement multiannual projects financed from two allocations.

## **1.2. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments**

The following provisions apply to all actions and projects to be funded under the Annual Programme.

Applicants have to provide a declaration on the fact that they do not receive any other EU or grant financial support for the activities included in their project proposals.

Overlapping with the ERF is further excluded in the following way:

- The call for proposals specifies the target group of the actions in line with the Basic Act and expressis verbis excludes those persons from the target group who fall under the scope of the European Refugee Fund.
- The Responsible Authority being the same for the ERF and the EIF, overlapping with the ERF can easily be identified and avoided at evaluation stage.
- During the first step of the evaluation procedure compliance with the target group is verified. Those projects which do not meet this requirement can not be supported by the EIF.

Overlapping with the **European Social Fund** (hereinafter referred to as: ESF) is further excluded in the following way:

Projects within the framework of New Hungary Development Plan (2007-2013) (as of January 2011 New Széchenyi Development Plan) and its Social Renewal Operative Programme for 2007-2013 (hereinafter referred to as: SROP) financed by the ESF cover all disadvantaged groups in general. Therefore, migrant children participating in general education are eligible to participate in all ESF programmes promoting education and third-country nationals – if they fulfil the requirements – are eligible to participate in all ESF programmes promoting employment.

The SROP chapter which is relevant for migrant children (Access to quality education for all) including the actions supporting the education of migrant students is currently under revision. The Responsible Authority cooperates closely with the drafters of the relevant SROP chapter in order to ensure consistency between the two funds. During the discussions two areas of activity, which are listed as key actions in the Multi-Annual Programme of the Integration Fund (Preparing a vademecum on foreign certificates and diplomas for school heads offering guidance for the admission of children to the appropriate education level and Providing training on different aspects of intercultural education to the teaching staff of schools) were considered to be better placed in the SROP framework. Therefore this Annual Programme does not contain these activities.

In the field of education the call for proposals of the EIF will name some actions that are eligible under the SROP and declare that they are not eligible under the EIF. Regarding other actions applicants will be informed of the fact that the same project elements (the same activities at the same time for the same target group) cannot be funded from two funds. The responsible departments of the Responsible Authority and the Ministry of National Resources will regularly exchange information on the selected projects under the EIF Action 1 and the relevant actions of the Social Renewal Operative Programme.

In the field of employment, the programmes that can be relevant are those programmes that promote employment in Hungary, such as the promotion of alternate labour market programmes, experimental employment programs and the promotion of the employment of disabled and marginalised people. Special programmes for the third-country national target group do not exist in the field of employment in the SROP therefore the complementarity feature of the actions financed from the Integration Fund is ensured by its special target group and by the fact that they are tailor-made to this target group. Moreover applicants will

be informed of the fact that the same project elements (the same activities at the same time for the same target group) cannot be funded from two funds.

In the course of preparation of this annual programme the working group on integration including the Ministry of National Resources in charge of the planning of the ESF was consulted to ensure the complementary feature of the Integration Fund. In addition to that the RA consulted separately with the responsible departments.

## **2. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN**

State of play of the four main areas of focus according to the Strategic objectives for the annual programmes 2012-2013 for the European Fund for the Integration for third-country nationals (SOLID/2011/28)

### **1. Enhance active participation of both TCNs and the receiving society in the process of integration**

As it is recognized in the Common Basic Principles for Immigrant Integration Policy in the EU integration is a dynamic, two-way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents of Member States. Integration requires an effort from the host society as well.

On the one hand – to enable migrants' participation – each annual programme prioritized education, language training and participation in the social life of Hungary. Activities aimed at social counselling and familiarization of migrants with the national labour market through information and training activities, complex services, mentoring programmes, etc. Preparation of third country nationals to pass the constitutional studies exam that is necessary for acquiring Hungarian citizenship test was also supported.

On the other hand intercultural dialogue is also high on the agenda. Each year the Responsible Authority feels the need to organize information campaigns and media activities aiming at raising the awareness of the Hungarian population and creating a more open Hungarian society. Cultural programmes, festivals, performances, exhibitions and press campaigns, different kinds of media elements aimed at promoting intercultural dialogue and sensitizing the host society. This topic was addressed at an EU Council Presidency conference held in Budapest, May 2011 supported by the community actions of the Integration Fund.

### **2. Increase the effectiveness of integration measures addressing the specific needs of vulnerable groups (women, youth and children, the elderly, etc.)**

Migrant children participating in general education are targeted by actions financed by the European Social Fund; therefore EIF actions are complementary in this relation. Actions involved trainings on intercultural dialogue targeting teachers, informing migrant parents about the Hungarian education system by a brochure. Measures aimed at preventing underachievement and early school leaving by content-based language teaching (developing and using special teaching aids such as workbooks and methods). To ensure integration from the very early age, intercultural crèche activities were also supported.

A project especially targeted pregnant migrant women, who were informed about their possibilities and rights connected to their status. To ensure the participation of women in integration programs services can be supported which include child care where this is ancillary to the main programme/service's subject.

Language courses especially focused on vulnerable groups (such as persons authorised to stay and within them, women).

### **3. Foster the multilevel cooperation between the different levels of governance involved in the development of integration strategies and measures and encouraging local action and a bottom-up approach to integration**

Integration delivers results at the local level, in the cities and regions of Europe. Actions under the annual programmes reflect the need to empower members of the public administration and private service providers to successfully interact with third-country nationals.

One of the researches undertaken with the support of the Fund show that most of the local governments have limited knowledge about the third country nationals living in their territory and only one or two of the thousands of local governments in Hungary include foreigners in their development policies. Therefore it is not easy to involve local government actors into the development of integration measures.

On the other hand as most of the project beneficiaries are NGOs who most often work at the field the bottom-up approach prevails in the integration measures. Furthermore the projects implemented cover not only the capital but also other towns in Hungary. Intercultural dialogue at local/individual level equally needs to be emphasised here.

Priority was given to training experts that come into direct contact with third-country nationals around the whole country. These trainings included topics of migration and intercultural dialogue.

### **4. Reflect on pre-departure measures as a support to integration**

So far there was no special focus on pre-departure measures. Some of the projects implemented with the support of the Integration Fund have produced results (mainly websites) that are accessible from outside the country and contain relevant information for those who wish to migrate into Hungary.

Furthermore the annual programme for 2011 includes this objective via projects providing pre-travel measures for third country nationals with the aim of facilitating their integration, such as providing information about Hungary, and the most important aspects of everyday life in Hungary as well as providing Hungarian language training. The evaluation of the proposals is still in progress.

When drafting the AP the focus was on the implementation of the Multi-Annual Programme – the planned actions for 2012 are those that are indicated in the MAP as actions that will be implemented every year and those that are mentioned in the MAP and have not yet been implemented or have been implemented but without the sufficient results (therefore the indicators of the MAP are not fulfilled yet). This strategy was discussed in the partnership consultation process and was agreed by the participants.

Any difference between the indicative financial plan of the MAP, the indicative plan on the implementation of the national priorities of the Integration Fund in the MAP and this draft is due to this strategy.

When drafting the AP, experience was drawn from the previous Annual Programmes. The structure of the previous AP was maintained as it seemed to facilitate the preparation of the project proposals.

All output and outcome objectives in the programme are indicative. They are estimations based on the feature of the possible supported actions and the experiences gained through the evaluation of the project proposals under the previous APs.

The target group of all the actions of the annual programme is exclusively third-country nationals as defined in the European Integration Fund's basic act, directly (eg. promoting the education and/or training of third-country nationals under Action 1) or indirectly due to the specificities and the goals of the given action (eg. the intercultural training of experts dealing with third-country nationals or information activities targeting the host population).

All operations to be funded must comply with the EIF Council Decision and be of an integrative type.

## **2.1. Actions implementing Priority 1**

The purpose of the actions implementing Priority 1 are: introducing concrete and new measures for the integration of third-country nationals, increasing the civic, cultural and political participation of third-country nationals in the society, promote their active citizenship and recognition of fundamental values and strengthening the ability of the host society to adjust to increasing diversity by targeting integration actions at the host population.

### **Action 1: Promoting the education and/or training of third-country nationals**

#### a) Purpose and scope of the action

As third-country nationals often face with particular difficulties when it comes to educational and labour market opportunities either because of the lack of information, language skills or appropriate qualification, or of the lack of recognition of existing qualifications it is of crucial importance to provide them programs which facilitate these aspects of the integration process. Therefore the overall purpose of this action is to empower third-country nationals with the necessary information, knowledge, skills, documentation or qualification and competences in view of their better integration in Hungary and in particular into the Hungarian educational system and labour market including voluntary work. Continuation of the action is needed as for the time being unfortunately only a few projects were supported with the aim of promoting the education and/or training of third-country nationals. Our experience shows that introductory programmes and activities are linked to language training, therefore it is necessary to mention them here in order to allow applicants to prepare projects including language training and cultural orientation as well.

This action relates to the first and the second main area of focus. It relates to the first as it enhances the active participation of third country nationals in the process of integration by helping them to have access to the mainstream education system and the labor market and with this enabling them to integrate and to have more successful interactions with the receiving society. It also relates to the second area of focus as one of the purposes of this action is to empower third country national children to better integrate into the Hungarian educational system.

In the following are indicative examples of possible topics to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

1. Providing information on the Hungarian educational and/or training system
2. Promoting the participation of young migrants in higher education
3. Taking into account the specific problems of young immigrants in measures preventing underachievement and early school-leaving
4. Organising supplementary language training courses, such as language camps for migrant children during the summer holiday
5. Providing Hungarian language training for adult third-country nationals
6. Developing educational tools, curriculum, alternative ways of the recognition of qualifications or skills/competences
7. Providing special activities enabling third-country nationals to finish the elementary and the secondary school and to graduate
8. Providing training activities enabling third-country nationals to acquire or improve their knowledge, skills, and competences
9. Providing opportunity for traineeship
10. Providing counselling and information aiming at the familiarization of third country nationals with the national labour market, including job-search assistance and entrepreneurship
11. Assisting third-country nationals in the process of recognition of their certificates or diplomas (inter alia by counselling, preparing them to pass the necessary exams, providing financial support)
12. Providing mentoring services for third-country nationals
13. Creating and implementing introductory programmes and activities (civic orientation, cultural orientation) using regular methods and special forms of education such as e-learning, part time courses, or fast track modules
14. Targeting integration activities at young third-country nationals with specific social and cultural problems relating to identity issues, including mentoring and role-model programmes
15. Training programme or other service implementing this action which can include child care where this is ancillary to the main programme/service's subject and necessary to ensure the participation of third-country nationals in the programme/service.

Etc.

b) Expected grant recipients:

Institutions of general and higher education, NGOs (any status), language schools, training centres, governmental institutions, public and private bodies, international and inter-governmental organisations

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Objectives:

\* Total number of projects expected under this Action: at least 5

of which projects aiming to develop education, language courses, information providing/counselling projects, etc. : 1 in each case

\* Total number of third-country nationals expected under this Action, participating in the activities or using the services: 300

- Output indicators:

\* Number of projects implemented, total and by type of activities

\* Number of third-country nationals, of which women, children, adults, participating in the activities or using the services, in total and by type of activities

e) Visibility of EC funding:

In the guidelines for the call the Responsible Authority stipulates that all grant recipients have the obligation to ensure visibility of co-financing from EC funding when implementing their projects. Grant recipients have to indicate in their grant applications how they will fulfil this obligation. The concrete forms of ensuring visibility of EC funding are to be determined in the grant agreements. In the Corporate Identity Manual the relevant articles of the implementing rules are displayed, the logo of the Fund, the emblem of the EU, the statement chosen by the Responsible Authority, together with examples for the usage of visibility obligations. The Identity Manual is available at the website of the Fund. As defined by the Responsible Authority actions or measures of visibility of EC funding may include: informing all projects beneficiaries of European Integration Fund co-financing. In accordance with the articles of the implementing rules the logo of the Fund, the emblem of the EU and the statement shall be placed on the equipments purchased for the project, on all relevant publicity materials, leaflets, PR work; on grant recipients' premises (e.g. on office walls, entrances, etc.); T-shirts, mugs, calendars flags, posters, plaques, any other materials popularizing the European Integration Fund.

The following acknowledgements should be used for projects co-financed by the Integration Fund: *Co-financed by the European Integration Fund of the European Union* or *The project is co-financed by the European Integration Fund of the European Union*. Any publications that acknowledge co-funding from the Integration Fund must specify that the publication reflects the author's view and that the Commission is not liable for any use that may be made of the information.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (*all figures in Euro*):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	300 756,24	75%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	100 252,13	25%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	401 008,37	100%

## **Action 2: Promoting intercultural dialogue and/or raising awareness of the Hungarian society about migration and/or integration**

a) Purpose and scope of the action

A better mutual understanding and enhanced solidarity can lead to the appreciation of diversity from the part of the host society and a sense of belonging from the part of the third-country nationals, which all together could prevent the already existing tensions and stereotypes in Hungary from further intensifying. Therefore the overall aim of this action is to raise the awareness of Hungarians about the third-country nationals living in Hungary. This aim will be achieved by activities enabling third-country nationals and the members of the host society to interact with each other and/or to get to know the culture, gastronomy, language, history and individual background of the other with the help of common activities of various kinds. Information activities for the host society about immigration and/or migrant communities and/or third-country nationals' integration and/or intercultural dialogue in Hungary also promote this aim and fall under the scope of this action. These will include media activities aiming at raising the awareness of the Hungarian population and/or creating a more open Hungarian society and other types of information activities (such as special programs for children and cultural festivals for adults). Activities aiming at ensuring that the Hungarian media gives objective and well-founded information about the question of migration/integration and about third-country nationals living in Hungary are also included in this action. Continuation of this action is needed as the polls and researches show that the need to which it responds is still actual in Hungary.

This action reflects the first area of focus as it emphasizes the role of the receiving society along with the role of the third country nationals in the process of integration and as its aim is to sensitize the receiving society in order to ensure that its members are willing to participate in the process of integration. This action also reflects specific priority 5 as it addresses effective ways of raising awareness and actively involving the host society in the integration process.

In the following are indicative examples of possible topics to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

1. Organizing cultural and social activities including third-country nationals as well as members of the host society and information activities for Hungarians

2. Promoting information campaigns with the help of the media for the host society about immigration, and/or the culture of TCNs in Hungary, and/or migrant communities and/or third-country nationals' integration in Hungary, and media programmes sharing information about intercultural dialogue or promoting this
3. Strengthening the ability of the host society to adjust to diversity and increasing the understanding and acceptance of migration by organising programs, such as exhibitions and cultural events targeting the host population
4. Co-operating with the media partners and/or representatives and/or those who major in journalism in order to provide them with up-to date and correct information about migration in Hungary and to sensitize them to migrants and the topics of migration.

Etc.

b) Expected grant recipients:

NGOs (any status), religious communities, training centres, governmental institutions, national, local and regional authorities, public and private bodies, international and inter-governmental organisations

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Objectives

- \* Total number of projects expected: at least 4
- \* At least 2 common activities or programmes for third-country nationals and members of the host society.
- \* At least 2 activities aiming at strengthening the ability of the host society to adjust to diversity
- \* At least 6000 persons participating in these activities or programmes.
- \* At least 30 third-country nationals actively involved in the aforementioned activities or programmes.
- \* At least 2 information activities.
- \* At least 1 000 000 persons reached by information activities.

- Indicators

- \* Number of projects implemented, total and by type of activities (common activities or programmes for third-country nationals and members of the host society, information activities, co-operating with the media)
- \* Number of persons participating in common activities or programmes

\* Number of third-country nationals involved in the aforementioned activities or programmes.

\* Number of Hungarians reached by information activities

e) Visibility of EC funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under item e) of Action 1 apply to this Action as well.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (all figures in Euro):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	1 019 253,90	75%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	339 751,30	25%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	1 359 005,20	100%

### **Action 3: Promoting the migrant's possibility to participate in the social and political life of the host society**

a) Purpose and scope of the action

The purpose of the action is to increase the social and political activity of third country nationals. This action relates to the first main area of focus as it encourages third country nationals to participate actively in the social and political life of Hungary.

According to the Constitution of Hungary third-country nationals have the right to establish and to join organizations while their political participation is limited to voting in local ballots for the election of representatives and mayors, and to participating in local referenda or popular initiatives. However those who become Hungarian citizens can participate fully in the national elections. Therefore the legal framework of social and political participation exists, but despite this fact the participation of third-country nationals in organisations is quite low and migrant organisations do not play significant role in the social and political life of Hungary. Therefore migrant organizations should be encouraged and empowered to make use of the available possibilities for example by the provision of information and legal counselling on the procedures for the establishment and management of civil organizations.

Providing adequate, reliable and up-to-date information for migrants on the everyday life, Hungarian and European values, culture, economy, history, religious life and policy-making process with the help of for example cultural and civic orientation activities and encouraging them to apply for citizenship and give them the necessary help for passing the basic

constitutional studies exam via for example language courses, preparatory naturalisation programmes, information leaflets, information days etc. are important measures which can foster the integration process.

In the following are indicative examples of possible topics to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

1. Improving dialogue between different groups of third-country nationals, migrant organisations, the national and/or local government and civil society to promote their empowerment and active citizenship
  2. Increasing third-country nationals' participation in the democratic process through awareness-raising and information activities (including awareness raising about the statuses that allow participation in the democratic process and the rights and obligations relevant to these statuses)
  3. Empowering migrant's associations or associations representing migrants to better represent their members
  4. Elaborating preparatory naturalisation programmes that inform migrants about the possibility of acquiring Hungarian citizenship and/or prepare them to the basic constitutional studies exam (providing language training for them when it is necessary for that purpose)
  5. Providing civic and cultural orientation programmes and activities, including Hungarian language training where necessary
- Etc.

b) Expected grant recipients:

NGOs (any status), training centres, governmental institutions, national, local and regional authorities, public and private bodies, international and inter-governmental organisations

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Objectives

\* Total number of projects expected: at least 4

projects with the main aim of improving dialogue 1,

projects with the main aim of awareness-raising and information activities 1,

projects with the main aim of preparatory naturalisation programmes 1,

projects with the main aim of civic and cultural orientation 1,

\* Total number of third-country nationals expected under this Action, participating in the activities or receiving the information: 200.

- Indicators

\* Number of projects implemented, total and by type of activities

\* Number of third-country nationals participating in the activities or using the services, total and by type of activities

e) Visibility of EC funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under item e) of Action 1 apply to this Action as well.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (*all figures in Euro*):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	0,00	0%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	0,00	0%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	0,00	0%

#### **Action 4: Supporting the integration of third-country nationals with special programs and services**

a) Purpose and scope of the action

The general aim of this action is to provide complex special programs and services for third-country nationals with the aim of facilitating their integration into the host society.

Access to public and private goods and services in an equal way can often be guaranteed if extra help is provided for third-country nationals for example via legal assistance, social and psychological counselling, interpretation and/or translation.

In Hungary, the free legal aid service is only available at certain lawyers, NGOs and university professors who are registered at the Central Office of Justice and only if the Central Office of Justice decides that the person in question and the legal dispute/case in question is eligible to free legal assistance and it does not include interpretation or translation.

Therefore the legal aid provided for third-country nationals under this action complements the national actions as

- it is available to all legally staying third-country nationals regardless of their legal status and their financial situation,
- it is available in the context of a complex integration service and
- translation and interpretation is also available during the provision of legal aid.

Persons authorized to stay who are not covered by the health care insurance system (as they are unemployed) are only entitled to limited health care services. When it comes to housing facilities, persons authorized to stay who do not have workplace neither sufficient means for living can easily get into particularly difficult situations. Therefore it is essential to find ways which facilitate to solve the health and housing problems of this special group of people. According to the eligibility rules set out in the 2008/457/EC the action will not fund purchase, construction or renovation of real estate.

This action relates to the first and the second main area of focus. It relates to the first as it enhances the active participation of third country nationals in the process of integration by providing them with complex services enabling them to have better access to public and private goods. It also relates to the second area of focus as services under this action can take into account the individual needs of the client, therefore his/her specific needs.

In the following are indicative examples of possible topics to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

1. Providing interpretation and translation for third-country nationals
2. Providing legal, social or other counselling, information and assistance for third-country nationals for example on consumer protection, bank processes, family support, social security system, mental hygiene, healthy way of life, parental duties, life management, education system, crèche and nursery, housing, administrative procedures, etc.
3. Providing mentoring services for third-country nationals
4. Providing certain special kinds of health care services for persons authorized to stay who are not covered by the health care insurance system
5. Providing housing programmes for persons authorized to stay (excluding purchase, construction and renovation of real estate)
6. Providing counselling and mentoring aiming at the familiarization of third country nationals with the national labour market, including job-search assistance and entrepreneurship.
7. Programme or other service implementing this action which can include child care where this is ancillary to the main programme/service's subject and necessary to ensure the participation of third-country nationals in the programme

Etc.

b) Expected grant recipients:

NGOs (any status), language schools, training centres, governmental institutions, national, local and regional authorities, public and private bodies, international and inter-governmental organisations

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Objectives

\* Total number of projects expected under this Action: at least 2

\* Total number of third-country nationals expected under this Action, participating in the activities or using the services: at least 200.

\* Total number of counselling occasions: at least 200.

- Output Indicators

\* Number of projects implemented, total and by type of activities

\* Number of third-country nationals participating in the activities or using the services, total and by type of activities

e) Visibility of EC funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under item e) of Action 1 apply to this Action as well.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (*all figures in Euro*):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	0,00	0%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	0,00	0%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	0,00	0%

### **Action 5: Rendering admission procedures more effective and accessible to third-country nationals**

a) Purpose and scope of the action

The purpose of this action is to render admission procedures more effective, transparent and more accessible to third country nationals in accordance with the general objective of the Fund and to provide pre-departure measures.

The first aim of this Action is to evaluate the accessibility and effectiveness of admission procedures (i.e. all administrative procedures that are related to the legal entry and stay in Hungary of persons under the scope of the Integration Fund, as well as the prolongation of this stay, such as the issuance of visas and residence permits as well as the prolongation of the residence permit and the issuance of permanent residence permits) and to compare them to those of other Member States. As a result, accessible, transparent and more effective procedures can be developed, which will enhance the starting position of TCNs. Furthermore, if the administrative procedures that allow acquiring more permanent statuses are transparent and accessible, that allows third- country nationals to know on what they should focus in their integration process in order to acquire these statuses and increases their trust in the institutions of the host society which also enhances their integration.

The other aim of this action is to provide pre-departure measures for third-country nationals fostering their integration such as the provision of language training, vocational training and other necessary information and services.

One of the aims of this action (pre-departure measures) relates to the fourth area of focus.

In the following are indicative examples of possible topics to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

1. Exchanging experience (at national level and between Member States) about the admission procedures relevant to and supportive of the integration process of third-country nationals in order to render the implementation of these procedures more effective
2. Exploring and evaluating the third-country nationals' opinion about the admission procedures
3. Developing internet websites or communication tools providing adequate and up-to-date information about admission procedures
4. Providing pre-travel measures for third country nationals with the aim of facilitating their integration, such as providing information about Hungary, and the most important aspects of everyday life in Hungary, providing Hungarian language training, vocational training and facilitating integration to the labour market.

Etc.

b) Expected grant recipients:

NGOs (any status), language schools, governmental institutions, national, local and regional authorities, public and private bodies, international and inter-governmental organisations

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- Objectives

- \* Total number of projects expected under this Action: at least 2.
- \* Total number of third-country nationals expected under this Action using the service and/or the information tool provided or participating in the survey: at least 300.

- Indicators

- \* Number of projects implemented under this Action, total and by type of activities.
- \* Number of third-country nationals expected under this Action using the service and/or the information tool provided.

e) Visibility of EC funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under item e) of Action 1 apply to this Action as well.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (all figures in Euro):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	71 823,31	68,23%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	33 436,93	31,77%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	105 260,24	100%

## **2.2. Actions implementing Priority 2**

### **Action 6: Improving existing statistical systems collecting information about third-country nationals**

a) Purpose and scope of the action

The aim of this action is to improve statistical systems relating to third country nationals in order to meet the requirements of the Regulation (EC) No. 862/2007 on migration statistics.

In November 2011 the Responsible Authority published a call for proposals for the preparation of a feasibility study that would examine and present in details the possible ways of developing the existing statistical systems collecting information about third

country nationals with special emphasis on the activities that can be financed from the European Integration Fund.

The activity under this action will either be based on the results of this study or on a detailed consultation with the most important stakeholders of the present registering and statistical system – the Hungarian Central Statistics Office, the Office of Immigration and Nationality, etc.

As this development is a long and complicated process, it might be implemented within the framework of a multiannual project (in the framework of this Annual Programme and the Annual Programme for 2013).

Our experience shows that surveys or other forms of quantitative research might be necessary to complement the data gained from administrative databases in order to satisfy the needs of policy makers, better comply with the regulation on migration statistics and provide information about the status of the Zaragoza indicators in Hungary. Therefore within the framework of this action it is also possible to support such surveys and other forms of quantitative research.

In the following are indicative examples of possible topics to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

1. Developing the administrative databases of governmental bodies collecting information about third country nationals (as these databases are the most important sources of migration data in Hungary),
2. Developing a central database/central databases for this purpose and/or the relevant databases of the Central Statistical Office,
3. Promoting measures to improve the coherence between the databases,
4. Promoting the capacity-building of these governmental bodies and the Central Statistical Office
5. Undertaking further feasibility studies if needed
6. Undertaking surveys and other forms of quantitative research necessary to complement the administrative data collection.

b) Expected grant recipients:

governmental institutions collecting information about third-country nationals, the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, research institutes, public and private bodies

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- Objectives

\* Total number of projects expected under this Action: at least 1.

\* Total measures undertaken to improve the existing statistical system: at least 1.

- Indicators

\* Number of projects implemented under this Action, total and by type of activities.

\* Measures undertaken to improve the existing statistical system.

e) Visibility of EC funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under item e) of Action 1 apply to this Action as well.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (all figures in Euro):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	302 209,81	75%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	100 736,62	25%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	402 946,43	100%

### **2.3. Actions implementing Priority 3**

#### **Action 7: Empowering the existing structures to promote the integration of third-country nationals and co-ordinating integration measures**

a) Purpose and scope of the action

In order to ensure the access for third-country nationals to institutions as well as to private goods and services it is necessary to empower members of the public administration and private service providers to successfully interact with third-country nationals. In this context priority should be given to training experts that might come into direct contact with third-country nationals, and those who can appropriately train and endow these people with the necessary skills.

Integration is a complex process that involves several aspects, such as language, employment, education, and culture. This complexity is reflected in the variety of stakeholders involved in the integration process and the variety of integration actions undertaken by them. To ensure that these measures are coherent, effective and efficient, mechanisms need to be developed to exchange information about the different measures so that the different stakeholders can co-ordinate their actions with a view to increase their efficiency.

The meetings of policy makers in the field of migration and integration and/or of experts working closely with third country nationals where they have the possibility to consult each other also serve this aim. The development of information channels about the work of

organisations of the public administration and private service providers can also help to improve the access for migrants to these institutions and can be important for third country nationals as well as for members of these institutions.

This action relates to the third main areas of focus as it encourages local action and a bottom-up approach to integration by enabling service providers to interact more successfully with third-country nationals. It also fosters the multilevel cooperation between the different levels of governance involved in the development of integration strategies and measures by enabling stakeholders to exchange information and co-ordinate their measures.

In the following are indicative examples of possible topics to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

1. Providing intercultural and language training of experts who might come into direct contact with third-country nationals
2. Promoting the training of trainers and multipliers of intercultural skill as well as experts working in the field of integration
3. Promoting the regular or occasional meetings of experts who might come into direct contact with third-country nationals, for example members of the public administration, social workers and other interested professions, enabling them to share their experiences and to receive information or training that helps them in their work, to exchange best practices, to find common answers to common questions, to put forward recommendations in their field of expertise. Setting up a network of professionals
4. Strengthening the capacity of experts who are in contact with third-country nationals via for example interpretation, translation and/or intercultural mediation
5. Developing comprehensive information tools such as information hotline, handbook and/or a website providing information for third country nationals and/or Hungarian experts
6. Promoting the teaching of migration studies among students attending higher education
7. Promoting teaching excellence among university teachers and instructors working on fields related to migration and integration teaching in institutions of higher education, developing the curriculum of migration and integration studies
8. Developing co-operation between government stakeholders enabling officials to exchange ideas, information, foster mainstreaming
9. Capacity building of the authorities responsible for the integration of third-country nationals
10. Promoting regular meetings of different stakeholders in the field of integration to allow regular information exchange about planned and ongoing actions and experiences gathered in previous integration actions.

11. Promoting the establishment of a permanent consultation forum, such as a website, where different stakeholders can be informed at any time about the ongoing actions.

Etc.

b) Expected grant recipients:

Institutions of higher education, NGOs (any status), language schools, training centres, governmental institutions, national, local and regional authorities, public and private bodies, international and inter-governmental organisations

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Objectives

\* Total number of projects expected under this Action: at least 5, of which:

projects with the main aim of training 1,

projects with the main aim of developing models of co-operation between government stakeholders, experience and best practice sharing/networking 1,

projects with the main aim of strengthening the capacity of public authorities and public service providers to interact with third-country nationals 1,

projects with the main aim of the teaching of migration studies among students attending higher education 1,

\* Total number of experts involved in the projects: at least 120

\* Total number of third country nationals benefiting from the projects: at least 50

- Indicators

\* Number of projects funded, total and by type of activities

\* Total number of experts involved in the projects, total and by type of activities

e) Visibility of EC funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under item e) of Action 1 apply to this Action as well.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (*all figures in Euro*):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	204 024,23	75%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	68 008,10	25%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	272 032,33	100%

### **2.3. Action implementing Priority 4**

#### **Action 8: Promoting exchange of information, good practice and information on integration between the Member States**

##### a) Purpose and scope of the action

The aim of this action is to allow exchange of experience, good practice and information on integration of third-country nationals between the Member States in the topics that were highlighted in the Multi-Annual Programme and in other topics that may be necessary and that comply with the aim of the Integration Fund.

In the following are indicative topics of information exchange to be supported under this Action. Other topics can also be supported, provided they comply with the purpose and scope described above.

##### 1. Ways to involve third-country nationals into the elaboration of integration measures:

- ways to introduce and implement schemes to gather and analyse information about the needs of different categories of third country nationals,
- ways to involve third-country nationals in consultation about integration measures at local or regional level,
- ways of conducting surveys among migrants about their needs and on how best to respond to those needs.

2. Financial, institutional and legal background of integration policies, especially ways of satisfying the needs of vulnerable persons, such as women, children and youth, elderly persons and persons with disabilities to prevent their marginalisation and assure their participation in the integration process.

##### 3. Intercultural dialogue

- ways to strengthen the capacity of public education to promote multiculturalism and intercultural dialogue,
- ways to support cultural and social activities including migrants as well as members of the host society
- ways to promote intercultural dialogue with the help of the media.

##### 4. European Modules of Integration

Exchange of information and experience based on the European Modules of Integration, including research on the activities highlighted in the modules and gathering further

information on those practices which seem to be useful and applicable in Hungary. Projects targeting the topics mentioned above are prioritized.

Etc.

The forms of information and experience exchange and sharing of best practices can be: study visits, staff exchange programmes, workshops, seminars, and conferences and related desk-research.

The dissemination of the results of the exchange shall also be financed under this action.

b) Expected grant recipients:

NGOs (any status), governmental institutions, national, local and regional authorities, public and private bodies, international and inter-governmental organisations

c) This action will be implemented by the responsible authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Objectives

\* Total number of projects expected under this Action: at least 2

\* Total number of experts receiving information about good practices in other Member States: at least 200

- Indicators

\* Number of projects funded, total and by type of activities

\* Total number of experts involved in the information exchange and receiving information about it

e) Visibility of EC funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under item e) of Action 1 apply to this Action as well.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments:

The provisions on complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, as described under item I (General rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the programme), are applicable.

g) Financial information (*all figures in Euro*):

<b>Community contribution</b>	A	40 909,49	75%
<b>Public Allocation</b>	B	13 636,50	25%
<b>Private Allocation</b>	C	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	A+B+C	54 545,99	100%

### 3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

#### 3.1 Purpose of the technical assistance

The amount set aside for technical assistance under the Hungarian Annual Programme 2012 for the Integration Fund will be spent on the programming, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities of the authorities designated for the Integration 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 Refugee Fund, the European Return 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 are 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.
- 5 persons are responsible for the supervision of the projects; among them three 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, her 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. Of these persons the wages of two 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 Integration 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. supporting the operation of the Responsible and the Certifying Authority when implementing the Hungarian Annual Programme 2012 of the Integration Fund, including the costs for call for proposal(s) and mobile phone charges;
4. ensuring trainings for the possible partners in order to help them to make appropriate project proposals and also to implement the projects under the Integration Fund;
5. covering costs related to the preparation and implementation of the evaluation report to be submitted to the Commission in 2012, including recourse to an external evaluation capacity;
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:

<b>FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (all figures in Euro)</b>				
<b>Community contribution</b>	<b>Public Allocation</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%EC</b>	<b>Share of total</b>
112 040,70	0	112 040,70	100%	4,14%

Community contribution to technical assistance would be 100% which is 112 040,70 Euros. This amount equals to 4,14% of the total allocation.

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

### **3.3 Visibility of EC funding**

Funding from European Integration 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 ([www.solidalapok.hu](http://www.solidalapok.hu)).

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

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

- The EU logo and indication of European Integration 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 Integration Fund co-financing when projects are mentioned at seminars or conferences.

Annual programme - draft financial plan									
Table 1 - Overview table									
Member state: Hungary									
Annual programme concerned: 2012									
Fund: European Integration Fund									
(all figures in EUR)	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority (1)	Community contribution (a)	Public allocation (b)	Private allocation (c)	Total (d=a+b+c)	% EC (e=a/d)	Share of total (d/ total d)	
Action 1	1		300 756,24	100 252,13	0,00	401 008,37	75,00%	14,81%	
Action 2	1	5	1 019 253,90	339 751,30	0,00	1 359 005,20	75,00%	50,21%	
Action 3	1		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00%	0,00%	
Action 4	1		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00%	0,00%	
Action 5	1		71 823,31	33 436,93	0,00	105 260,24	68,23%	3,89%	
Action 6	2		302 209,81	100 736,62	0,00	402 946,43	75,00%	14,89%	
Action 7	3		204 024,23	68 008,10	0,00	272 032,33	75,00%	10,05%	
Action 8	4		40 909,49	13 636,50	0,00	54 545,99	75,00%	2,02%	
Technical assistance			112 040,70	0,00	0,00	112 040,70	100,00%	4,14%	
Other operations (1)			0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00%	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>2 051 017,68</b>	<b>655 821,58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 706 839,26</b>		<b>100,00%</b>	

(1) if applicable



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