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0. Justification for the Revision of the Annual Programme 2011

Given that changes to financial breakdowns have exceeded 10% in the financial table it is necessary to submit a revision to the annual programme. In addition, further changes proved necessary during the implementation of the annual programme. Changes in the annual programme thus mainly affect the financial table, in addition there are changes to the indicators as well as to the scope of certain actions.

The Responsible Authority has not received any project proposals under Action 3.3.3., thus this action has been deleted and the financial breakdown for this action has been reallocated. The indicators set for Actions 3.1.1., 3.1.2., 3.1.3. and 3.2. have been modified in accordance with the actual implementation of the projects approved by the Responsible Authority under these actions. Finally, under Action 3.1.3. the project proposal was not submitted by the applicant in the second round of the calls for interest procedure, therefore this action was re-launched in an open call for proposals and was implemented in awarding mode.

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

The general rules for the selection of projects to be financed under the European Return Fund 2011 are based on:

- the national management and control system signed by the relevant Hungarian authorities and approved by the European Commission;
- the Ministerial Decree 17/2010. (IV. 29.) of the Minister of Interior – issued with the agreement of the Minister of Finance – on the creation of the institutional, management and control systems and on the fundamental regulations of the use of the funds deriving from the 2007-2013 General Programme “Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows” which came into force on 30th April 2010¹. (hereinafter referred to as: Solid Decree),
- the Manual of Procedures which has been drafted according to Article 6 of 2008/22/EC Commission Decision and entered into force in April 2009.

The detailed rules for the selection of projects are laid down in:

- the rules of procedure of the Evaluation Committee (hereinafter referred to as EC) and
- the guidelines for applicants approved by the Responsible Person.

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

The Responsible Authority acts as an awarding body and an open call for proposal followed by a procedure described below is applied when the tendered activities are not based on de

¹ The Ministerial Decree is available in Hungarian at: <http://www.kozlonyok.hu/nkonline/index.php?menuindex=200&pageindex=kozltart&ev=2010&szam=65>

jure monopoly. The proportion of the allocation tendered by open procedure is decided by the Responsible Person, namely by the Deputy State Secretary for EU and International Matters of the Ministry of Interior.

All projects are selected under the same procedure, following a call for proposals.

In the middle of September 2011 the call for proposals will be published in two daily papers and on the homepage of the Application's Observer and on the website: www.solidalapok.hu in order to ensure maximum publicity among potential beneficiaries.

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 European Return Fund 2011 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.

During the selection and awarding process the RA examines the following selection criteria:
Whether the Applicant meets the organizational, economic and financial requirements of the call.

Whether the Grant Application meets the following requirements:

- technical, formal requirements,
- professional requirements: the target group corresponds to the provisions set by 2007/575/EC Council decision, the activities of the project are directed at the priorities/objectives set in the guidelines of the call for proposals,
- financial requirements (eligible costs, Annex XI of 2008/458/EC Commission Decision).

Grant Applications meeting the above-mentioned selection criteria are evaluated by the Evaluation Committee with the help of an evaluation sheet included in the guideline to the call for proposals.

Aiming at providing sufficient guarantees to ensure open competition and adequate publicity through the website, all interested parties will be invited for a meeting at the end of September 2011, 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 in the middle of October 2011, so every potential applicant will be well and equally informed.

The deadline for the submission of proposals will be at the end of October 2011 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 take place in November 2011. Evaluation of the proposals is carried out in two steps:

- Verification of the formal requirements and of the professional eligibility criteria,
- Evaluation of the merits of the proposals.

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 December 2011 – 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 Ministry of Interior.

Grant agreements will be concluded in December 2011. The possible project implementation period will be from 1st of January 2012 to 30th June 2013, within which the implementation of maximum 18 months long projects might be supported.

The above-mentioned time schedule takes into account the planned time schedule for the European Refugee Fund call for proposals as there might be overlaps among the possible applicants.

1.2. Selection of projects when the Responsible Authority acts as an executing body

Under the annual programme the Responsible Authority acts as an executing body concerning two actions which are considered to be de jure monopolies of certain authorities:

3.1.2. 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]

3.2.1. Improving cooperation on return with partner authorities in third countries, with special attention to cooperation with consular authorities of third-countries in order to speed up the process of documenting returnees [Action 4]

A separate call for interest/proposals limited to the said authorities has been organised. Legal justifications and detailed explanations of these de jure monopolies are presented below at the description of these actions under the relevant points of the annual programme.

Regarding all other actions of the annual programme the type of the call for proposals will be an open procedure as these activities are not based on de jure monopoly, nor are they a matter of security considerations.

The Responsible Authority arranges closed, two-round calls for interest.

According to the Solid Decree, the first round has to be conducted before the preparation of the Annual Programme. Therefore, on 29 October 2010 within the same procedure as for the 2010 allocation, the Responsible Authority placed the call for interest, the guideline for applicants and the form of the project data sheet on its website and sent the call for interest directly to the competent authorities as well, namely to the Office of Immigration and Nationality, to the Police Headquarters and to the Office of the National Judicial Council². The deadline in the first round for submitting the project data sheets was 30 November 2010.

² The National Judicial Council is responsible for the central duties of administration of the courts in Hungary.

The RA released the first round of a closed call for interest on 29 October 2010, by publishing it on the website of the Funds and by directly sending it to the competent authorities. Five organisations submitted a total of 7 project proposals to the RA containing among others the following information: references to the basic act, to the multi-annual programme, to the legal basis of the de jure monopoly, as well as the short description of the planned activities, budget, and indicators.

The data sheets were evaluated by an independent Evaluation Committee, the Chairperson of which was appointed by the Responsible Person from the Management Group, and the members of which were experts of the Professional Consultative Body and of the National Development Agency. The Act CLXXXI of 2007 on the transparency of public support clarifies an expert of the organizations submitting projects can neither be voting member, nor chair of the Evaluation Committee.

The tenders submitted within the deadline were examined by the Evaluation Committee on the basis of criteria established by the RA, from administrative, financial and technical aspects, also examining if the projects are conform with legal provisions and with the multi-annual programme. Ineligible tenders or project elements were rejected.

After the approval of the annual programme by the European Commission, the RA will publish the second round of the call for interest, and the competent authorities will work out the Detailed Project Sheet (DPS). Direct support agreement may not be signed until the DPS is not complete. The RA organises trainings and meetings in order to help the competent authorities preparing and implementing the projects.

During the implementation of the projects the rules of public procurement will be respected.

2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

The updated version of the Management and Control Systems concerning the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals, European Refugee Fund, European Return Fund (three funds) was submitted for the official approval to the European Commission on 12 November 2010. The reason of the modification was that the public administration had been reorganized due to the parliamentary elections held in the spring of 2010 in Hungary.

The main changes are the following: the Responsible Authority itself, the Audit Authority itself, the Responsible Person and the Head of Certifying Authority. The former Responsible Authority, the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement (MoJLE) was dissolved. The legal successors of the MoJLE are the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice. The tasks related to the Solidarity Funds were placed under the Ministry of Interior. The staff handling the Funds, the structure of the Responsible Authority remained the same. On the basis of Government Decree No 210/2010 (VI. 30.) Directorate General for Audit of European Funds was established as the Audit Authority.

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 programmes of the RF.

Overview of actions to be supported by the annual programme

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

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

3.1.2. 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]

3.1.2.1. Quality improvement during the deportation by air with administrative escort IV. (2011)

3.1.2.2. Establishing the conditions of coordinated return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the territory of Hungary

3.1.2.3. Improving conditions of detention of third-country nationals

3.1.2.3.2. Improving conditions of detentions of third-country nationals at the guarded accommodation of Nyírbátor

3.1.3 Ensuring measures to satisfy the special needs of persons requiring special treatment before return, providing social and psychological assistance and counselling at community shelters and reception camps [Action 3]

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

3.2.1. Improving cooperation on return with partner authorities in third countries, with special attention to cooperation with consular authorities of third-countries in order to speed up the process of documenting returnees [Action 4]

3.2.1.1. Development of bilateral relations with consular officials of third countries having no consular representation in Hungary

3.2.2. 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]

3.2.3. Providing preliminary information and counselling on voluntary return or/and re-integration possibilities to potential returnees, including asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection [Action 6]

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

3.3.1. Providing trainings, seminars for experts working in the field of return and/or for contacts on COI [Action 7]

3.3.2. 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 8]

3.3.3. Exchange of experience among Member States on best practices regarding voluntary or enforced return [Action 9]

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

Actions 3.1.1. and 3.1.2. 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 3.1.3. aims at implementing specific priority 2 and therefore addresses the specific situation of vulnerable returnees.

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

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

The RA has decreased some of the related indicators in the Annual Programme version 2 because the implementation period of the 2011 phase of a multi-annual assisted voluntary programme has been shortened³. The financial ratio of the allocation of this action has been decreased as the targeted indicator level became lower.

a) Purpose and scope of the action

The implementation of this action constitutes the main priority of the Annual Programme for 2011 as well as of the Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013. This action is implemented within a three-year multi annual cycle, including the implementation year of 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Assisted voluntary return is an essential component of migration management. This method should be preferred 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. Under this action the further improvement of voluntary return programmes is envisaged with special attention to effective and sustainable return. The target group of the action consists of third-country nationals who make use of voluntary return, namely: third-country nationals who have not yet received a final negative decision in relation to their request for international protection, third-country nationals who enjoy a form of international protection and third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and stay in a Member State. Assisted voluntary return programmes are complex programmes in terms of provision of services, including the provision of travel assistance and essential expenses after return, measures facilitating the returnees to integrate or re-integrate into the country of return and other services.

Under this action special attention will be paid to the special needs of vulnerable persons. Their special situation has to be taken into account in the course of the return procedure by providing preferential treatment for them, including for example the provision of supplementary or personalized aid, medical escort and medical assistance.

Supported activities under Action 3.1.1. may include:

³ The Beneficiary modified the implementation period of the first phase of the multi-annual AVR project which ended in 30 April 2012.

1. Providing travel (transit and departure) assistance: for example by concluding flight and transportation arrangements, providing assistance for the returnees when arranging the necessary formalities to be carried out with the border authorities, providing the local transportation in the country of departure, receiving returnees at the airport of destination
2. Assisting returnees in preparing their return, as well as providing essential expenses before or after 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 special additional medical or/and non-medical assistance and/or escort for vulnerable persons, such as minors, unaccompanied minors, disabled people, elderly people, pregnant women, single parents with minors or the health or psychological situation of the migrant necessitates such an escort etc.
5. Ensuring training 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), start-up support for economic activities, post-return assistance and counselling are welcomed.

b) Expected grant recipients: International Organization for Migration, Office of Immigration and Nationality, NGOs, Police Headquarters

c) This action will be implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an **awarding** body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Approximately 300 persons who return to the country of origin/transit/previous residence,
- Assistance of 100% of those voluntary returnees in need of medical or/and psychological or non-medical escort,
- At least 15 returnees who participate in a tailor-made vocational training programme and/or who are provided with a start-up support for economic activities.

e) 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.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation years 2012-2013.

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

EU contribution	a	243 791,75	75%
Public Allocation	b	81 263,93	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	325 055,68	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: May 2012

End day of action: December 2012

3.1.2. 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]

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

The RA has decreased some of the related indicators in the Annual Program version 2. As two applicants could not guarantee the sustainability of the long-term satisfactory operation of the detention centres, the RA rejected their project proposals for modernization during the evaluation phase of the call for interest. The financial ratio of the allocation of this action has been decreased as the targeted indicator level became lower.

General description:

This action contributes to the effective implementation of national legislation concerning the removal by deportation, thereby enhancing the credibility and integrity of immigration policies as well as reducing the period of detention of persons waiting for forced removal. 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.

According to Act II of 2007 on the Admission and Right of Residence of Third-Country Nationals in case of deportation by air the Office of Immigration and Nationality, in case of deportation by land it is the Police Headquarters has competence and obligation to arrange the conditions of removal by deportation. The relevant rules are detailed in the Decree 26/2007. (V. 31.) of the Minister of Justice and Law Enforcement on the implementation of removal by deportation.

The arrangements of the conditions of removal by deportation include the following: providing for the acquisition of travel documents and the necessary visas for the entry to the destination country or for the inland transfer, taking the necessary measures for the application of readmission agreements obtaining the necessary travel tickets and, if it proves to be necessary, informing the authority of the destination and/or transfer country and provision for the transfer of the returnee in the transfer country. It is always the Police Headquarters which provides for the effective execution of the removal by deportation.

Supported activities under Action 3.1.2. may include:

1. 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. Under this action the following activities can be supported: improving the acquisition of travel documents, visas necessary for the entry to the destination country or for the inland transfer and improving transfer assistance.
2. 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. Under this action the following activities can be supported: improving the acquisition of travel documents, visas necessary for the entry to the destination country or for the inland transfer. .
3. Taking measures which make the execution of deportation by land more effective.
4. Ensuring the administrative escort from the designated place of residence/detention to the airport/state border of enforced returnees by the Police Headquarters and/or by the civil servant of the Office of Immigration and Nationality.
5. Improving the conditions of detention of third-country nationals facing removal, by reinforcing the security system of the guarded accommodations which would contribute to the free movement of the target group within the premises of the facilities. The development of the detention conditions include the improvement of the physical and mental state of the target group through the provision of e. g. community activities or psychological assistance. These measures would result in the establishment of a regime which enables detainees to enjoy the right to family life⁴ and the right to free circulation within the premises of the guarded accommodation.

⁴ According to the modified ministerial decree 27/2007 on the implementation of the detention conditions ordered during an alien policing procedure families and spouses shall be provided with separate area in order to be able to enjoy their right to family life.

As this action is implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an **executing** body in the framework of a closed procedure, the following projects are supported:

3.1.2.1. Quality improvement during the deportation by air with administrative escort IV. (2011)

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The project is the continuance of the „Quality improvement of during the deportation by air with administrative escort 1-2-3” in the 2012-2013 period, which was already implemented in 2009 and 2010 and planned to be carried out in 2011 and 2012 with the co-financing of the Office of Immigration and Nationality (BÁH) under the RF. The project aims at achieving a more balanced, efficient and sustainable national return management. The project promotes the effective and fair implementation of EU standards and international obligations in line with the humanitarian principles and human dignity. Building on the experience already gained in previous projects of similar content, the National Police Headquarter (ORFK) is involved as a partner in the implementation, as the primarily responsible body for implementing the deportation by air.

The main target of the project is to ensure the safe return – by means of professional transit assistance – of the third-country nationals under removal to their countries of return as well as to improve the humanitarian and professional quality of the return with administrative escort, thereby achieving a general quality improvement in the deportation by air. The project covers the entire period of return of third country nationals to their countries of return, thus the complete transaction of the air transportation, including the organization of the return (acquiring travel documents, provision of flight tickets) as well as the provision of transit assistance. As providing administrative escort belongs to the discretionary competence of the Office of Immigration and Nationality, the added value of the project is that expelled persons do not have to return by themselves, they will be provided with professional escort during their return.

The targeted activities of the project are the following:

- providing administrative escort for 40 persons to the country of return;
- providing medical escort for returnees with health or mental problems;
- concluding the retained amounts of flight tickets, the fees of the medical escort team;
- providing travel insurance, vaccination for the escort, and accommodation, if necessary for the escort team

This project is based on the following EU legal source: Article 1, 2 and 7 of Council Directive 2003/110/EC.

This project is based on the following Hungarian legislation: Article 65 (6) of Act II of 2007, Articles 141 and 142 of the implementing Government Decree 114/2007 (V. 24.), Articles 3, 5 and 143 (3) of Decree 26/2007. (V. 31.) of the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement

b) Grant recipient: Office of Immigration and Nationality

c) This action is implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an **executing** body in association with the Office of Immigration and Nationality

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- At least 40 cases when administrative escort is ensured by the civil servants of the Office of Immigration and Nationality,
- Approximately 3 cases when special medical escort is provided,

e) Visibility of EU funding:

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation years 2012-2013. The project is the continuation of the project financed from the 2008, 2009 and 2010 allocations of the European Return Fund.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	36 503,69	75%
Public Allocation	b	12 167,89	25%
Private Allocation	c	-	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	48 671,58	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: June 2012

End day of action: June 2013

3.1.2.2. Establishing the conditions of coordinated return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the territory of Hungary

According to Act II of 2007 on the Admission and Right of Residence of Third-Country Nationals in case of deportation by air the Office of Immigration and Nationality, in case of deportation by land it is the Police Headquarters who has competence and obligation to arrange the conditions of removal by deportation. However, it is always the Police Headquarters that provides for the effective execution of the removal by deportation; therefore close cooperation is required between the two authorities.

Third-country nationals brought before the aliens policing authorities of the county police headquarters, the Airport Police Directorate (RRI) and the regional directorates of the Office of Immigration and Nationality – as long as their immediate deportation is not feasible – are placed in guarded accommodations; after having safeguarded the necessary conditions for deportation they are transported to the place of the deportation. There might also be a necessity for providing transportation during the detention of third-country nationals with the aim of preparing and safeguarding the deportation (for instance when transportation is needed to the consular authorities, to the courts in order to establish the identification of the person concerned or to extend the detention; also transportation needed to be arranged in case of

those third-country nationals who were convicted to imprisonment and are released from the law enforcement institutions).

The central coordination of transportation requires significant administrative work and effective cooperation between the competent authorities. Within the framework of the project a more reasonable and efficient return system would be established that promotes fast transportation for the target group in detention, thereby contributing to a more cost-efficient and humane implementation of deportations, resulting in a better transportation capacity utilisation and a more cost efficient task-enforcement than the existing one.

The targeted activities of the project are the following:

- System analysis of the transportation process – completion of process analysis and feasibility study: mapping, analysing the current return and transportation system tailored to third-country nationals staying illegally in the territory of Hungary, identification of the problems and drawing up appropriate solutions.
- Software development – acquisition of appliances: the configuration of a software taking into account the results of the problem analysis. This would contribute to the effectiveness of the administration and the coordination of the transportation.
- Training on the new transportation system and the use of the software: providing training for the personnel on the software usage and preparing a manual for the use of the software.

This project is based on the following EU legal source: Council Directive 2008/115/EC.

This project is based on the following Hungarian legislation: Article 65 of Act II of 2007, Articles 141-145 of the implementing Governmental Decree 114/2007 (V. 24) and Decree 26/2007. (V. 31.) of the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement

b) Grant recipient: National Police Headquarters

c) This action is implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an **executing** body in association with the National Police Headquarters

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- 1 feasibility study compiled analysing the current transportation system during deportation by land,
- 1 software for a more effective inland transport coordination
- At least 60 participants provided with training on the new transportation system and the use of the software

e) Visibility of EU funding:

The provisions on visibility of EU funding under Action 1 are applicable to this Action as well, in addition the EU logo and the ‘project co-financed by the Return Fund’ acknowledgement have to be placed in the main screen of the programme.

f) 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 2012-2013.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	43 325,69	75%
Public Allocation	b	14 441,90	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	57 767,59	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: December 2011

End day of action: June 2013

3.1.2.3. Improving conditions of detention of third-country nationals

The project under this action aim to improve the conditions of detention of third-country nationals, thereby contributing to the efficiency of the implementation of national return programmes.

Due to the recent legislative modifications the period of time spent in guarded accommodations has been prolonged⁵, thus the maximum period of time spent in detention can amount to 12 months. These legislative changes necessitated certain adjustments given that most of the guarded accommodations were not well-prepared for holding detainees for such a prolonged period of time in terms of providing adequate conditions for detention as well as providing certain additional facilities to the detainees. As a result of the extension of the detention period, it became necessary to improve the conditions of detention of third-country nationals facing removal.

In this respect, the reinforcement of the security system of the guarded accommodation contributes to the free movement of the target group within the premises of the facilities. The development of the conditions include the improvement of the physical and mental state of the target group through the provision of e. g. recreational activities or psychological assistance. These measures aims at establishing a regime which enables detainees to enjoy the right to family life⁶ and the right to free circulation within the premises of the guarded accommodation thereby also contributing to alleviating internal conflict situations among the target group and creating a much more humane atmosphere in the facility.

In addition, the rules concerning asylum applicants subject to alien-policing procedure whose detention has been previously ordered were also modified. If an application is referred to the in-merit procedure and the applicant is in alien policing detention, the alien policing authority no longer has the obligation to terminate the applicant's detention, nor has the Refugee

⁵ According to Article 54 (5) of Act II of 2007 on the entry and residence of third-country nationals the maximum duration of detention is six months, which can be extended by a maximum of six months

⁶ According to the modified ministerial decree 27/2007 on the implementation of the detention conditions ordered during an alien policing procedure families and spouses shall be provided with separate area in order to be able to enjoy their right to family life.

Authority the obligation to initiate the termination of detention. Therefore the detention persists until its terms and conditions according to alien-policing rules are met.

These legislative changes resulted in the fact that guarded accommodations currently host a rather mixed group of third-country nationals, also including asylum seekers.

The projects under this action thus set two main objectives: on the one hand establishing a physical environment that offers appropriate safety measures by developing the guarded accommodations, on the other hand improving the physical and mental conditions of the target group by providing, among others, different sort of activities (for instance recreational activities including establishing rooms suitable for exercising religion, community rooms, libraries, installing outdoor fields suitable for sport activities, and providing for reading, entertainment materials etc.), psychological assistance for the target group. The development of the guarded accommodation directly serves the interests of the target group in that it contributes to decreasing the number of conflicts within the guarded accommodation and the level of frustration of the detainees and as a result provides for more humane living conditions of third-country nationals.

The development of the security systems of the guarded accommodation shall be executed in view to ensure the fundamental rights, dignity and physical integrity of the third-country nationals concerned.

3.1.2.3.2. Improving conditions of detentions of third-country nationals at the guarded accommodation of Nyírbátor

- Developing the safe physical environment of the guarded accommodation by acquisition of appliances, such as indoor and outdoor camera system in order to support the security of persons and property and to reduce the number of extraordinary events.
- Developing the adequate cultural and recreational environment of the guarded accommodation: developing the existing gym room by furnishing it with further equipments, installation of an outdoor field suitable for sport activities. Establishing a room suitable for exercising religion, a library and a community room for recreational activities, providing for reading, entertainment materials, audio-visual equipments as well as recreational facilities for the target groups.
- Providing inter-cultural training for the personnel of the guarded accommodation in order to facilitate the interaction between the target group and the personnel as well as promoting a quicker and more effective handling of problems arising in the guarded accommodation. Furthermore providing training on the use of the security system developed in the guarded accommodation.

This project is based on the following EU legal source: Article 15, 16 of Council Directive 2008/115/EC.

This project is based on the following Hungarian legislation: Article 65 of Act II of 2007, Articles 141-145 of the implementing Governmental Decree 114/2007 (V. 24) and Decree 26/2007. (V. 31.) of the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement.

b) Grant recipient: National Police Headquarters and county police departments

c) This action is implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an **executing** body in association with the National Police Headquarters and county police departments

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- Developing the security system of 1 guarded accommodation by acquisition of appliances,
- Improving facilities for recreational activities (e.g. establishing rooms suitable for exercising religion, community rooms, libraries, installing outdoor fields suitable for sport activities, and providing for reading, entertainment materials) for the target group in at least 1 guarded accommodations,
- Providing training for at least 200 guards per guarded accommodation in 1 guarded accommodation, facilitating the interaction between the target group and the personnel.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation years 2012-2013. According to the guarded accommodations the Swiss Funds may support energy efficiency modernization programmes from 2013. There is no overlapping between the improvements financed under the Return Fund and that of financed by the Swiss Funds but there is a synergy between these improvements.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	70 448,03	75%
Public Allocation	b	23 482,68	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	93 930,71	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: January 2012

End day of action: December 2012

3.1.3 Ensuring measures to satisfy the special needs of persons requiring special treatment before return, providing social and psychological assistance and counselling at community shelters and reception camps [Article 4 (1) b)]

The action has special focus on the implementation of specific priority 1.2.

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

The RA has modified the mode of implementation of this action as the applicant withdrew its proposal in the second round of the call for interest. The RA has modified the indicators and the financial ratio of the allocation of the Action 3.1.3. because a lower financial request was submitted during the call for proposals.

a) 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.

The provision of complex assistance before return has been implemented within the framework of this action, and aims to offer special social and mental preparation for asylum-seekers whose applications have been rejected by the asylum authority in the frame of substantive procedures without providing any form of international protection.

In addition to the foregoing, the beneficiaries of the project are extended to include third-country nationals under alien proceedings who have been called upon to leave the territory of Hungary on a voluntary basis but are not obliged to do so, or for any other reason the organization of their return to their country of origin is pending.

The Office of Immigration and Nationality is running reception centres from 1 January 2000 and community shelters from 1 January 2002. The modification of the legislation on asylum and migration resulted in the continuous conversion of the institutional structure of the reception facilities. Within the new structure the community shelter of Balassagyarmat opened in June 2011 hosts those third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for staying in the territory of Hungary and who needs special care.

The targeted activities of the project are the following:

- Providing information, individual assistance and counselling before return: social and mental preparation of the potential returnees and rejected asylum-seekers for the reintegration after return (providing assistance of a native speaker interpreter).
- Recruiting 1 social worker, 1 psychologist and 1 school teacher in Balassagyarmat;
- Taking measures at enhancing integration or re-integration by providing free-time, handicraft or other professional trainings organized for adults whose asylum applications have been rejected, with the assistance of an interpreter (e.g. trainings on weaving of baskets).

This project is based on the following EU legal source: Article 5, 10, 12 and 14 of Council Directive 2008/115/EC.

This project is based on the following Hungarian legislation: Article 62 of Act II of 2007, Articles 131 and 143 of the implementing Governmental Decree 114/2007 (V. 24.), Article 33 of the Governmental Decree 301/2007 (XI.9.), Articles 1 and 3 of the Ministerial Decree 52/2007 (XII.11.), Article 7 of Chapter 6 of the Regulation on the operation of the Office of Immigration and Nationality.

b) Expected grant recipient: Office of Immigration and Nationality

c) This action will be implemented by the Office of Immigration and Nationality in a partnership of the Menedék Association (**awarding** mode).

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- At least 640 cases of individual assistance and counselling before return (social assistants, psychologists) provided,
- At least 110 persons provided with assistance and counselling before return,
- At least 4 free-time training promoting re-integration possibilities,
- Approximately 40 participants in the trainings,
- Approximately 15 third-country nationals are provided with psychiatric assistance.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation years 2012-2013. The project is the continuation of the project financed from the 2008, 2009 and 2010 allocations of the European Return Fund.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	A	45 773,37	75%
Public Allocation	B	15 257,79	25%
Private Allocation	C	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	61 031,16	100 %

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: July 2012

End day of action: February 2013

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

3.2.1. Improving cooperation on return with partner authorities in third countries, with special attention to cooperation with consular authorities of third-countries in order to speed up the process of documenting returnees [Article 4 (1) a]

Implementing Objective 6 of the Multi-Annual Programme under Priority 3

3.2.1.1. Development of bilateral relations with consular officials of third countries having no consular representation in Hungary

The RA has corrected the financial information and the indicative time schedule of this Action in the Annual Program version 2.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

This action aims to establish and improve effective, stable and lasting operational cooperation between the Hungarian authorities and consular authorities and immigration services of third-countries with a view to facilitate the obtaining of travel documents of third-country nationals, thereby ensuring speedy and successful removals. In the framework of the cooperation, difficulties can be mapped and appropriate solutions can be drawn up.

The Office of Immigration and Nationality has de jure monopoly in acquiring travel documents for third-country nationals under expulsion and facing removal from the territory of Hungary. Several problems have been identified by the OIN during the application of law. First of all, the acquisition of travel documents is far too lengthy a procedure. Furthermore, the issuing of foreign travel documents as well as the establishment of the nationality of the third-country nationals concerned within the framework of consular hearings is rather cumbersome at certain consular authorities having no consular representation in Hungary (especially the consular services of Afghanistan, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Cameroon and Sierra Leone). The project aims to contribute to the smooth process of obtaining travel documents, therefore increases the efficiency of the implementation of expulsion. The origin of the project was the Conference: „Return Home” on the 28 of April 2009, which aimed at handling the lengthy procedure of issuing travel documents necessary for the return procedure.

The targeted activities of the project are the following:

- understanding of and assessing the current national practices of Member States with respect to the cooperation with consular authorities in order to find alternative solutions by addressing the problems identified on the basis of the European best practices (a questionnaire would be sent to experts in the Member States);
- bilateral meetings with consular officials: a total number of 10 professional meetings would take place within the framework of the project, 2 consular officials per consular representation would be invited by the Office of Immigration and Nationality;
- follow-up and liaison: after having explored the possibilities for cooperation, the contact shall continue via diplomatic correspondence; within the framework of the project a professional material would be compiled drawing up recommendations for possibilities of further cooperation.

This project is based on the following EU legal source: Council Directive 2008/115/EC, bilateral readmission agreements.

This project is based on the following Hungarian legislation: Article 3 (a) of Decree 26/2007. (V. 31.) of the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement, Article 53 (1) of Government Decree 113/2007. (V. 24.), Article 142 (4), (5) of Governmental Decree 114/2007 (V. 24.).

b) Expected grant recipient: Office of Immigration and Nationality

c) This action will be implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an **executing body** in association with the Office of Immigration and Nationality

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- At least 1 preliminary study based on a survey on national practices on consular cooperation,

- At least 10 bilateral meetings with consular officials of third countries having no consular representation in Hungary,
- Compiling 1 study mapping the practical difficulties and laying down recommendations for possibilities of further cooperation.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments for the implementation years 2012-2013.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	11 332,47	75%
Public Allocation	b	3 777,49	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	15 109,96	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: March 2012

End day of action: June 2013

3.2.2. 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)]

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

The RA has corrected the financial information and the indicative time schedule of this Action in the Annual Program version 2.

a) 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. 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.

Supported activities under Action 3.2.2. may include:

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 the government, NGOs, social services, and the returnees themselves.
2. Participating in COI missions organized by other Member States in order to acquire reliable, adequate and accurate information on country of origin/transit/previous residence.

b) Expected grant recipients: International Organization for Migration, NGOs, Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters

c) This action will be implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- At least 1 country on which information is gathered and distributed,
- At least 2 implemented COI missions to a third-country,
- At least 2 COI reports summarizing the results of the missions,
- At least 20 stakeholders who are provided with reliable, adequate and accurate information on the country of origin/transit/previous residence.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	34 123,53	75%
Public Allocation	b	11 374,51	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	45 498,04	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: January 2012

End day of action: January 2013

3.2.3. Providing preliminary information and counselling on voluntary return or/and re-integration possibilities to potential returnees, including asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection [Article 4. (1) b)]⁷

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

The financial ratio of the allocation of this action has been increased as the targeted indicator level became higher.

a) 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.

Due to the recent legislative modifications the period of time spent in guarded accommodations has been prolonged, thus the maximum period of time spent in detention is 12 months.⁸ The projects submitted under this action, when taking account of these legislative changes, aim at decreasing the level of frustration of the detainees thus making the duration of the detention more tolerable for the target group, alleviating their psychological tension and reducing the frequency and severity of psychosomatic illnesses, by providing information on voluntary return or/and re-integration possibilities, providing individual and group counselling as well as offering community activities. These activities on the long run contribute to the effective reintegration of the target group in their countries of origin.

Projects submitted under this action are of complex nature, however the main element of the project being the provision of preliminary information and counselling on voluntary return and/or reintegration possibilities, therefore it can only be supported under this action.

Supported activities under Action 3.2.3. may include:

1. Providing information through producing and disseminating leaflets, videos, posters, information brochures, application forms, CDs etc. containing information on assisted voluntary return possibilities or/and re-integration 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.

⁷ Projects submitted under this action are complex ones, the main element of the project being the provision of preliminary information and counselling on voluntary return and/or reintegration possibilities

⁸ According to Article 54 (5) of Act II of 2007 on the entry and residence of third-country nationals the maximum duration of detention is six months, which can be extended by a maximum of six months

2. Providing information through visiting reception centres and/or places of guarded accommodations and/or community shelters, NGOs, border management services and holding detailed presentations, informing third-country nationals on their possibilities of return.
3. Providing information through providing a platform for question and answer sessions addressing individual needs and providing counselling on assisted voluntary return possibilities or/and re-integration possibilities
4. Providing individual and group counselling for the target group; providing community activities, for instance offering computers with internet access, organizing sport activities etc., view a view to alleviating the psychological tension of the target group, maintaining their mental health and thereby facilitating their re-integration in their countries of origin.

b) Expected grant recipients: International Organization for Migration, NGOs, Office of Immigration and Nationality

c) This action will be implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an **awarding** body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- At least 250 persons belonging to the target group informed on voluntary return programmes and/or re-integration possibilities and provided individual counselling,
- Providing 3 990 hours of individual counselling, community and recreational activities for the target group in at least 3 reception centres and/or guarded accommodations and/or community shelters.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	300 884,49	75%
Public Allocation	b	100 294,83	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	401 179,32	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: January 2012

End day of action: February 2013

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

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

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

The RA has corrected the financial information of this Action in the Annual Program version 2.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

This action aims at providing training for experts working in the field of return. In this aspect training 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 which leads 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.

Supported activities under Action 3.3.1. may include:

1. organizing training, 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;
2. organizing training, seminars on human rights related to return for experts working in the field of return.
3. enhancing the effectiveness of the judicial review of return decisions, with the aim of ensuring full compliance with international legal standards.

b) Expected grant recipients: NGOs, International Organization for Migration, Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters

c) This action will be implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

- At least 2 trainings or seminars provided for experts working in the field of return and/or contacts on COI and/or for the staff of the judicial bodies,
- At least 25 participants involved in the trainings or seminars.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments.

g) Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	64 454,07	75%
Public Allocation	b	21 484,69	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	85 938,76	100%

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: January 2012

End day of action: June 2013

3.3.2. 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]

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

The RA has corrected the financial information of this Action in the Annual Program version 2.

a) 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 those study visits are 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 inter-governmental and non-governmental organization to be played in this context.

Supported activities under Action 3.3.2. may include:

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 and 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.

b) Expected grant recipients: International Organization for Migration, NGOs working in the field of return, Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police Headquarters

c) This action will be implemented by the Responsible Authority acting as an awarding body.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- Organization of or participation in at least 1 seminar or platform for the exchange of information on the current situation and possibilities for enhancing administrative cooperation among Member States in the field of return or/and on the role of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to be played in this context,
- Preparation of at least 1 study or report or participation on at least one conference on the current situation and possibilities for enhancing administrative cooperation among Member States in the field of return or/and on the role of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to be played in this context,
- At least 1 visit and/or mission to evaluate return programmes.

e) Visibility of EU funding

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

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate:

There is no similar action financed by other EU instruments.

g) Financial information:

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

Community contribution	a	53 061,57	75%
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Public Allocation	b	17 687,19	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	70 748,76	100 %

h) Indicative time schedule:

Start day of action: January 2012

End day of action: June 2013

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

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

The RA has deleted the Action 3.3.3. because the RA has not received any project proposal under this action.

Financial information:

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

EU contribution	a	0	75%
Public Allocation	b	0	25%
Private Allocation	c	0,00	-
TOTAL	d=a+b+c	0	100%

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

4.1. *The purposes of the technical assistance*

The amount set aside for technical assistance under the Hungarian Annual Programme 2011 for the Return Fund will be spent on the programming, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities of the authorities designated for the 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 Refugee Fund, the European Integration 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 salary 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. 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, 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. The wages of two out of the six 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 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 the Responsible Authority and the final beneficiaries 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 2012, including recourse to an external evaluation capacity;
4. supporting the operation of the Responsible and the Certifying Authority when implementing the Hungarian Annual Programme 2011 of the Return Fund;
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 Return Fund;
6. ensuring the visibility of co-financing in accordance with the communication plan that was adopted in order to ensure visibility as defined in Article 33 (2) (a) of the Implementing Rules:
 - The annual information activity of the Responsible Authority includes an annual kick-off conference related to the actual annual programme. The event is held at the beginning of the year, 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.
 - The information activity 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 this open-day in September 2011.

Financial information:

FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (all figures in Euro)				
Community contribution	Public Allocation	Total	%EU	Share of total
68 904,11	0	68 904,11	100%	5,41%

Community contribution to technical assistance would be 100% which is 68 904,11 Euros. This amount equals to 5,41% of the total allocation.

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

4.2. Expected quantified results are the following:

In order to support the operation of designated authorities throughout the implementation of the Hungarian Annual Programme for 2011 of the Return Fund the following expenses will be financed from the technical assistance:

- 1) In order to support the operation of the Responsible Authority and the Certifying Authority when implementing the Hungarian Annual Programme 2011 of the Return Fund, wages of 16 persons.
- 2) Expenses of organization of 2 or 3 workshops and 1 annual kick-off meeting for partners on preparing project proposals and project implementation.
- 3) Cost of announcements of calls for proposals.
- 4) In line with the communication plan of the Responsible Authority:
 - a) expenses of an advertisement on the achievements of the Return Fund in one weekly magazine published in at least 80 000 copies, OR
 - b) broadcasting a shortfilm/advertisement on the importance and possibilities, achievements opened for Hungary by RF at least 10 times.

4.3. 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 (www.solidalapok.hu).
- All project beneficiaries will be informed on the co-financing of the European Return Fund.
- The EU and 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 conferences.