

**ANNEX**

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

**1.1 POLICY CONTEXT**

The European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals<sup>1</sup> is focused on enhancing migrants' economic, social, cultural and political participation in their receiving society, in order to realise the potential of migration. Member States have confirmed their commitment to the implementation of the European Agenda for Integration and underlined the importance of ensuring proper financing of integration measures at the European level.<sup>2</sup> The European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals should contribute, by supporting migrants' participation and the development of bottom-up integration policies.

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

Within this context, and building on previous work programmes and projects supported to date, the 2013 work programme identifies a number of priorities and objectives to be pursued through Community actions for the year 2013. It takes into account discussions within the network of National Contact Points on Integration and suggestions put forward at the meetings of the European Integration Forum. The 2013 Work Programme is focused on local action to enhance migrants' participation and the cooperation with source countries in fostering integration, as well as governance and effectiveness of integration measures. Actions under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union<sup>4</sup>.

On the basis of the objectives given in the Council Decision of 25 June 2007 establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007 to 2013 as

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

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

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

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

part of the General programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows (2007/435/EC), the total budget available is of **EUR 12 400 000**.

## **LEGAL BASIS**

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

## **BUDGET LINE**

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## **1.2 GRANTS**

### **I. CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Indicative amount for the call for proposals: **EUR 5 937 000**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **2. Cooperation with source countries in fostering integration**

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

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

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

#### **3. Governance and effectiveness of integration measures**

3.1 Promote effective governance of integration strategies and programmes.

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

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

### **B.) FORESEEN RESULTS**

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

### **C.) IMPLEMENTATION**

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

### **D.) TIMETABLE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

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

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

### **E.) MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RATE OF CO-FINANCING**

90% of the eligible costs

### **F.) ESSENTIAL EXCLUSION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

#### **a. Exclusion criteria**

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

#### **b. Eligibility criteria**

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant and its partners must be national, regional and local authorities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public or private bodies, university departments, research centres or international organisations.
- The applicant and its partners must be organisations working on a non-profit basis.
- The applicant and its partners must be registered in any of the 26 EU Member States participating in the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals (all EU Member States except Denmark).<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Not applicable for international organisations

- Actions must be implemented with the participation of at least four distinct organisations from at least four different<sup>6</sup> Member States.
- The requested grant amount is in line with the financial provisions of this work programme.

## **G.) ESSENTIAL SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

### **a. Selection criteria**

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

### **b. Award criteria**

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

## **H.) FORM OF THE GRANT, VALUE AND DURATION**

Grants shall be covered by a written grant agreement.

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

The indicative duration of projects is 18 months.

## **II. GRANTS WITHOUT A CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Grants can be awarded to national public administrations in the context of the Presidencies of the European Union for the organisation of conferences and other events on account of their de facto monopoly. A grant for the organisation of one integration-related EU Presidency conference will be awarded in 2014 pursuant to Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>7</sup> and to Article 190(1) (c) of its Rules of Application<sup>8</sup>.

The expected results are the continuation of political debate in the field of integration. The maximum EU contribution should not exceed **150.000 €**. The amount of the grant cannot exceed **90%** of the total eligible costs. The duration of the action should not exceed **6 months**. The Commission will evaluate the proposal according to the essential award criteria

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<sup>6</sup> Not applicable for international organisations

<sup>7</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 298,26.10.2012, p.1

<sup>8</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulations (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union OJ L 326,31.12.2012, p.1

being the relevance, quality, the overall effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the proposed action.

### **1.3 PROCUREMENT AND CROSS SUBDELEGATION**

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

#### **A.) INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED**

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

#### **B.) SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED**

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

#### **C.) IMPLEMENTATION**

The actions will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

#### **D.) INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME (USING EXISTING FRAMEWORK CONTRATS)**

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

#### **E.) SPECIFIC CONTRACTS**

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

## **F.) CROSS SUBDELEGATION**

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

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

### **1.4. JOINT MANAGEMENT**

According to Article 53d of the Financial Regulation 2002 and 43 of the Implementing Rules, the appropriations used in joint management with international organisations shall finance projects or programmes jointly elaborated between the Commission and the international organisation. The Commission signed on 4 April 2006 the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (hereinafter referred to as the OECD), which represents a long term framework agreement with the Commission.

The Commission intends to carry out two joint projects with the OECD as follows:

#### **1.4.1 OECD/EC joint project on migrant integration indicators**

Integration of immigrants and their children is recognised as a priority issue of many EU and OECD countries. The OECD has developed broad knowledge regarding integration policies and integration outcomes in OECD countries over the past ten years, through national studies and cross-cutting thematic work. In December 2012, the OECD published, under the title *Settling In*, the first OECD indicators of immigrant integration, together with a web tool, covering 34 countries.

In cooperation with Eurostat, the European Commission has issued several studies and reports<sup>9</sup> on migrant integration indicators, based on the so-called Zaragoza indicators jointly identified by Member States in 2010.

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<sup>9</sup> See for instance the 2011 Eurostat Pilot Study on migrant indicators [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_OFFPUB/KS-RA-11-009/EN/KS-RA-11-009-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-11-009/EN/KS-RA-11-009-EN.PDF), the 2011 Eurostat publication 'Migrants in Europe. A statistical Portrait of the first and second generation' [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_OFFPUB/KS-RA-11-009/EN/KS-RA-11-009-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-11-009/EN/KS-RA-11-009-EN.PDF) and the 2012 report carried out for DG Home Affairs by an external contractors on 'Using EU indicators of immigrant integration' [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/documents/policies/immigration/general/docs/final\\_report\\_on\\_using\\_eu\\_indicators\\_of\\_immigrant\\_integration\\_june\\_2013\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/documents/policies/immigration/general/docs/final_report_on_using_eu_indicators_of_immigrant_integration_june_2013_en.pdf)

Cooperation with the OECD on a joint publication of migrant integration in EU and OECD countries through a set of common indicators, with specific focus on third-country nationals for EU countries, has the advantage of building on the expertise developed by the OECD and to avoid duplication of work. It would also bring the added value of allowing comparison between EU and non-EU countries. The project would be based on already harmonised data from the EU (through Eurostat) and the OECD, with supplements of national additional sources when relevant and feasible.

Indicative amount of EC Contribution: EUR **213 000** (50,57 % of the total eligible costs)

Indicative timetable: project to be launched Q4 2013 for delivery in Q1 2015.

#### **1.4.2 OECD/EC joint project on labour migration policy**

Labour migration has been recognised as an important element of the policy response to labour shortages in key economic areas and an ageing population. The EU has put in place a series of policies to attract labour migrants, aimed at boosting the EU's economic development.

The OECD has recently conducted a number of labour migration policy reviews of its Members, addressing the question of whether labour migration policy is effective in meeting labour market needs without adverse effects, and whether the policy is efficient. Such reviews did not distinguish mobile EU nationals and migrants from third countries to the EU and did not cover members of the EU not part of the OECD, and therefore do not allow an assessment of relevant EU policies.

In conducting these reviews, the OECD draws on its network of experts in the field of international migration to collect data from EU and non-EU countries. It has also built up a substantial database on international migration and possesses the tools and models to conduct the required analysis.

In order to assess the effectiveness of EU migration policies and the EU's ability to compete with its main partners in the global labour market, it would be useful to work together with the OECD to conduct an EU-specific labour migration policy review.

The project could also contribute to the Fitness check on legal migration announced in the Communication on the Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) adopted by the Commission on 2 October 2013.

The project would be done in cooperation and the data would come both from the EU (Eurostat and, where appropriate, the European Migration Network) and the OECD, with supplements of national additional sources when relevant and feasible.

Indicative amount of EC Contribution: EUR **600 000** (71,43% of the total eligible costs)

Indicative timetable: project to be launched in Q4 2013 for delivery in Q4 2014.