

ANNEX

European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals 2007-2013 Community actions Work Programme for 2011

1.1. POLICY CONTEXT

EU cooperation in the area of integration supports Member States' actions to promote the integration of legally residing third-country nationals, based on the new legal base of the Lisbon Treaty (art. 79.4 TFEU) and on the policy context defined primarily in the Stockholm Programme and the Europe 2020 Strategy.

The Stockholm Programme, adopted by the European Council on 10 and 11 December 2009¹, invites the Commission to support Member States' efforts through the development of a coordination mechanism using a common reference framework, which should improve structures and tools for European knowledge exchange. It further emphasises the importance of incorporating integration issues in a comprehensive way in all relevant policy areas, of identifying European modules and indicators and of consultation and involvement of civil society.

The Europe 2020 Strategy, adopted by the European Council on 25 and 26 March 2010², defines 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. Effective integration is a key challenge to maximise the benefits of migration and to ensure a competitive and socially cohesive society.

In the Council Conclusions on Integration of June 2010³, Member States confirmed their commitment to further develop the core idea of integration as a driver for development and social cohesion and invited the Commission to develop a new agenda on integration which would improve structures and tools for European knowledge exchange and facilitate mainstreaming of integration priorities in all relevant areas.

Within this context, and taking into consideration discussions within the framework of the network of National Contact Points on Integration and suggestions put forward at the meetings of the European Integration Forum, the 2011 work programme identifies a number of priorities and objectives to be pursued through Community actions for the year 2011.

On the basis of the objectives given in the Council Decision of 25 June 2007 establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows (2007/435/EC), the total budget available is of **9.205.000,00 €**

¹ Document EUCO 6/09 CO EUR 6 CONCL 4, 11 December 2009.

² Document EUCO 7/10CO EUR 4 CONCL 1, 26 March 2010.

³ Council Document 9248/10 adopted on 4 June 2010.

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

Indicative amount of the call for proposals: **4.955.000 €**

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

Priorities and objectives for 2011

The following priorities are pursued by the Commission in 2011:

1. Enhance public perception of migration and diversity

1.1 Promote a better understanding of the contributions of legal migration and migrants to the receiving societies.

1.2 Enhance the capacity of public and private bodies, to reflect and manage increasing diversity.

1.3 Promote intercultural dialogue and education measures to combat racism and xenophobia.

1.4 Improve the availability and quality of data to present a balanced picture of the situation of migrants in the receiving societies.

2. Enhance diversity management in neighbourhoods

2.1 Support the creation of inclusive neighbourhoods and bottom up initiatives for local participation.

2.2 Promote access to public and private goods and services in a non-discriminatory way.

2.3 Promote cooperation between national and local administrations to support neighbourhood integration.

3. Enhance immigrants' participation in all aspects of collective life

3.1 Promote effective language and introductory courses to support the entry into employment and other important arenas of the receiving society.

3.2 Promote involvement of immigrants in relevant consultative bodies at national and local level.

3.3 Promote the creation of networks of migrants' organisations.

3.4 Assess and encourage measures for facilitating immigrants' access to voting rights.

4. Enhance integration measures targeting disadvantaged immigrant groups

4.1 Address specific needs of young migrants, migrant women and elderly, including unaccompanied minors with a legal status⁴ and victims of trafficking.

⁴ Please note that unaccompanied minors which are asylum seekers, refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection are not eligible as they are already covered by the European Refugee Fund

4.2 Promote measures to address the challenges of particularly disadvantaged migrant groups.

5. Coordinate existing research activities in the field on migration and integration, including the role of sending countries in fostering integration of third-country nationals

Foreseen results

The call for proposals is expected to result in around 100 proposals, of which the available budget for grants should allow 5 to 9 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.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

TIMETABLE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Publication of call for proposals: Q2 – 2011

Deadline for submission of proposals: Q3 – 2011

Evaluation of projects: Q3 – 2011

Award decision: Q4 - 2011

Commitments and grant agreements: as from Q1 - 2012

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RATE OF CO-FINANCING

90% of the eligible costs

ESSENTIAL EXCLUSION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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.

Eligibility criteria

In addition to meeting all technical requirements which will be detailed in the call for proposals, for the five priorities, projects must meet the following criteria:

- Applications must be submitted within the deadline mentioned in the call for proposals
- Actions should be designed, developed and implemented in at least three participating Member States

ESSENTIAL SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

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.

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 added value, the quality, the overall effectiveness of the proposed action and its value for money. Special attention will be paid to projects involving migrants' organisations.

FORM OF THE GRANT AND VALUE

Grants shall be covered by a written agreement.

The necessary co-financing must be assured at the date of the application.

For priority 1 to 4, Union funding per project will not exceed 1.000.000 € nor be less than 400.000 € The initial duration of projects should not exceed 18 months.

For priority 5, Union funding per project will not exceed 1.500.000 € nor be less than 750.000 € The initial duration of projects should not exceed 24 months.

1.3 PROCUREMENT AND CROSS SUBDELEGATION

The global budgetary envelope reserved in 2011 for the procurement contracts amounts to **4.250.000 €**

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Organisation of meeting and conferences: 2

Studies: 5

Website maintenance: 2

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

- **European Web Site on Integration (EWSI):** maintenance of the EWSI content wise and technically and IT development.
- **European Integration Forum:** two meetings and the preparatory activities of the 'Bureau' will be organised.
- **EU Immigration Portal:** launch, maintenance, IT development and related promotion activities.
- **Monitoring of integration processes implementing the European Agenda on Integration:** implementation of European modules and indicators on integration and other actions following from the presentation of the European Agenda on Integration in 2011.
- **Studies on specific immigration and integration related issues:**

- follow-up study of Commission Staff Working Document on the contribution of migration policies to labour and skills matching;
 - study on the impact of integration measures in a wider migration context.
- **Codification of immigration legislation: impact assessment.**

IMPLEMENTATION

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

European Web Site on Integration (EWSI): Q1 2011

European Integration Forum: Q2 2012 and Q4 2012

EU Immigration Portal: Q3 2011.

Monitoring of integration processes implementing the European Agenda on Integration: Q4 2011

Studies on specific immigration and integration related issues: 2012

Codification of immigration legislation: 2012

SPECIFIC CONTRACTS

European Integration Forum: Existing framework contract to be used for the organisation of conferences under the condition of its availability. The amounts of the specific contracts will be determined at a later stage.

Other procurements related studies, conferences, seminars or other may be decided as far as they are needed in order to contribute to the general or specific objectives of this programme.

CROSS SUBDELEGATION

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