MIGRATION: SUPPORTING A ROBUST, REALISTIC AND FAIR EU POLICY

During the refugee crisis of 2015 and 2016, financial support provided by the EU budget to Member States under pressure proved essential to ensure an effective EU response, for example to develop search and rescue capacities, increase reception capacity, and step up returns.

Learning the lessons of the past, and in the knowledge that migration and border management will remain a challenge in the future, the Commission proposes to significantly reinforce funding for migration under the next EU budget from 2021 to 2027.

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FUNDING

The EU budget for the management of migration and asylum will reach €11.3 billion, compared to €7.3 billion for the period 2014-2020.
A stronger and more efficient Common European Asylum System

Greater support for integration

Faster and more frequent returns

Supporting Member States: €6.3 billion in long-term funding to support Member States in managing migration, reflecting their needs. Each Member State will receive a fixed sum of €5 million with the remainder distributed based on an assessment of the pressures faced and taking into account proportions in the area of asylum (30%), legal migration and integration (30%) and return (40%).

A flexible and fast response: €4.2 billion will be reserved for projects with a real European added value such as resettlement or for responding to urgent needs and channelling emergency funding to Member States when and where they need it.
The new Asylum and Migration Fund will be more flexible:

**Built-in flexibility for better response to real-time needs**

- **€4.2 billion (40%) New thematic facility:** Under the thematic facility, funding will be provided periodically to Member States to provide targeted support, assist in EU-level action and respond to urgent needs.

- **€5.2 billion (50%) Initial allocation to national programmes:** Instead of allocating all funding at the beginning of the financial period in 2021, 10% of the total fund will be made available to Member States in 2024, taking into account of new or additional pressures.

This will allow for **quick responses to unforeseen challenges and crisis situations.**

**Additional funding for integration and external action on migration**

- **While the Asylum and Migration Fund will support the early integration of migrants and asylum applicants, integration is a long-term process. Medium to long-term integration needs of non-EU nationals and people that benefit from international protection will be supported through the European Social Fund+ and the European Regional Development Fund. This includes for instance vocational training, education and housing.**

- **Partnership and cooperation with third countries is an essential component of the European Union’s migration and asylum policy. Actions financed under the external policy instruments will play a complementary role in addressing the root causes of migration in non-EU countries.**