



Support for refugees fleeing Ukraine

(including (re)programming 2014-2020)





Support from ESF and FEAD in the context of CARE

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CARE amendments – ESF & FEAD

ESF

- Scope remains the same: employment, training, education, social inclusion
- Introduction of a new unit cost:
 - For those who have been granted temporary protection under the temporary protection directive.
 - Can be used for a maximum of 13 weeks from the arrival of each person in the European Union
 - To help cover basic, immediate needs (e.g. food and hygiene-related)

FEAD

- Urgent need to provide food and basic material assistance to persons fleeing Ukraine.
- Introduce flexibility for MS to amend programmes by way of notification to the Commission
- Retroactive start date of eligibility of support > 24 February 2022

ESF: Examples of measures – 2014-2020

Employment

- Counselling, mentoring in relation to the labour market (information about training opportunities, help with CV writing, recognition of competences, activation measures)
- Hiring of teachers
- Hiring of staff working at the borders to welcome refugees
- Work placements, training, language courses in relation to work
- Measures to overcome segregation, prejudice and discrimination against third-country nationals, in particular in the labour market
- Support to training and employment institutions (adapt programmes and offer to needs; drafting recommendations on competences and skills)
- Prevention of undeclared work, support to social economy

Social inclusion

Inclusion

- “one-stop-shops” and integrated services and counselling (psychosocial, housing, employment...)
- Anti-discrimination programmes and measures (education, labour market) incl. prevention
- Social care and assistance
- Child care and foster care
- Community-based care for people with disabilities, children and older people notably

Education

- Guidance and mentoring
- Apprenticeships, traineeships
- Inclusive education
- Creation of additional school places; language courses for children and parents
- Assessment of children’s needs (language courses, extra support...)
- Extracurricular activities, meals, transport, school equipment
- Hiring and training of teachers and staff

FEAD: Examples of measures – 2014-2020

1) Food and/or basic material assistance

- food support (e.g. food packages or meals);
- basic material assistance (e.g. clothing, footwear, hygiene, school material, sleeping bags).
- Accompanying measures (e.g. psychological support, reorientation to social services)

2) Social inclusion

- Determined by MS in line with their definitions.
- Bringing recipients to other existing services
- Basic language courses
- Civic orientation
- health promotion activities



Common messages and possibilities under CARE

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Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE)

New flexibilities to reallocate existing funding under 2014-2020:

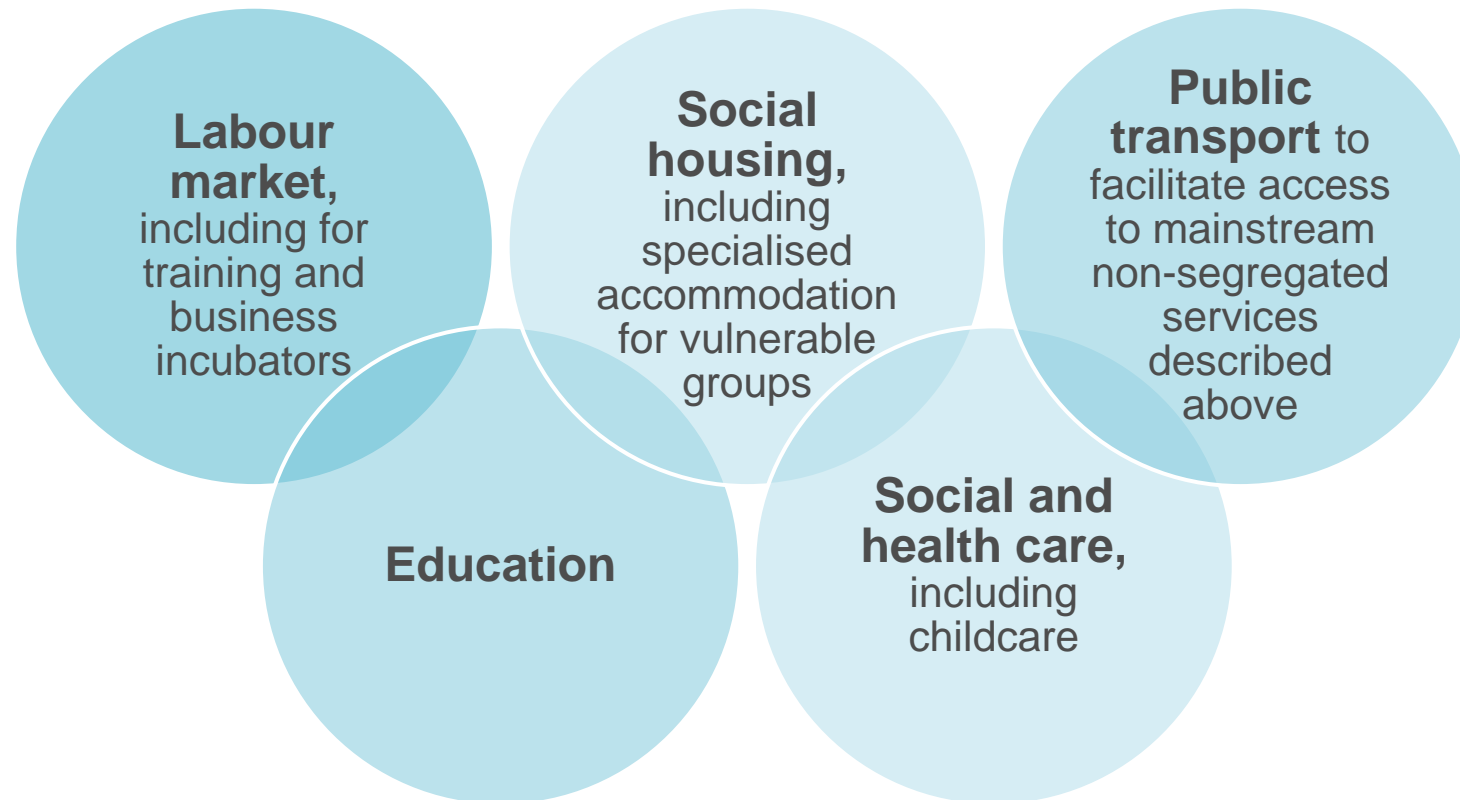
- Possibility of 100% co-financing rate for the ongoing accounting year (1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022)
- Retroactive eligibility of expenditure as of 24 February 2022.
- Cross-financing between the ERDF and ESF
- Increased pre-financing from REACT-EU of €3.5 billion in additional liquidity
- Introduction of a unit cost in the amount of €40 per week per person for up to 13 weeks
- light reporting should be required and it can be done at the closure of the programmes in 2025.

10 MS have identified a total of EUR 1 billion from cohesion policy funds to support to refugees

Possibilities under ERDF

Objective: integration of people with a migrant background

Investments in **accessible infrastructure** (building/ refurbishing/ extending) **and related equipment** through improved access to mainstream services:



Additional support to the Member States

One-stop-Shop for questions on CARE

- New Q&A Platform providing guidance, technical assistance and offering interpretation
- Over 90 questions have been received and addressed

Adjustment of the IT system (SFC)

- Open since 7 June
- Over 40 notifications have already been received from 11 MS to increase the EU co-financing rate to 100%



HOME Funds 2014-2020 & 2021-2027

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Programming period 2021-2027:

- up to EUR 400 million will be disbursed as Emergency Assistance (AMIF & BMVI)

Programming period 2014-2020:

- Member States may use unspent funds to deal with the exceptional migration needs due to the Russia's invasion of Ukraine

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Measures taken:

- Adoption and activation of the Temporary Protection Decision for persons displaced from Ukraine and supporting Member States' efforts under the Temporary Protection Directive;
- Extension of the implementation period of the 2014-2020 funds by 12 months;
- Increased flexibility to re-direct funding under the Member States programmes to address migration needs.



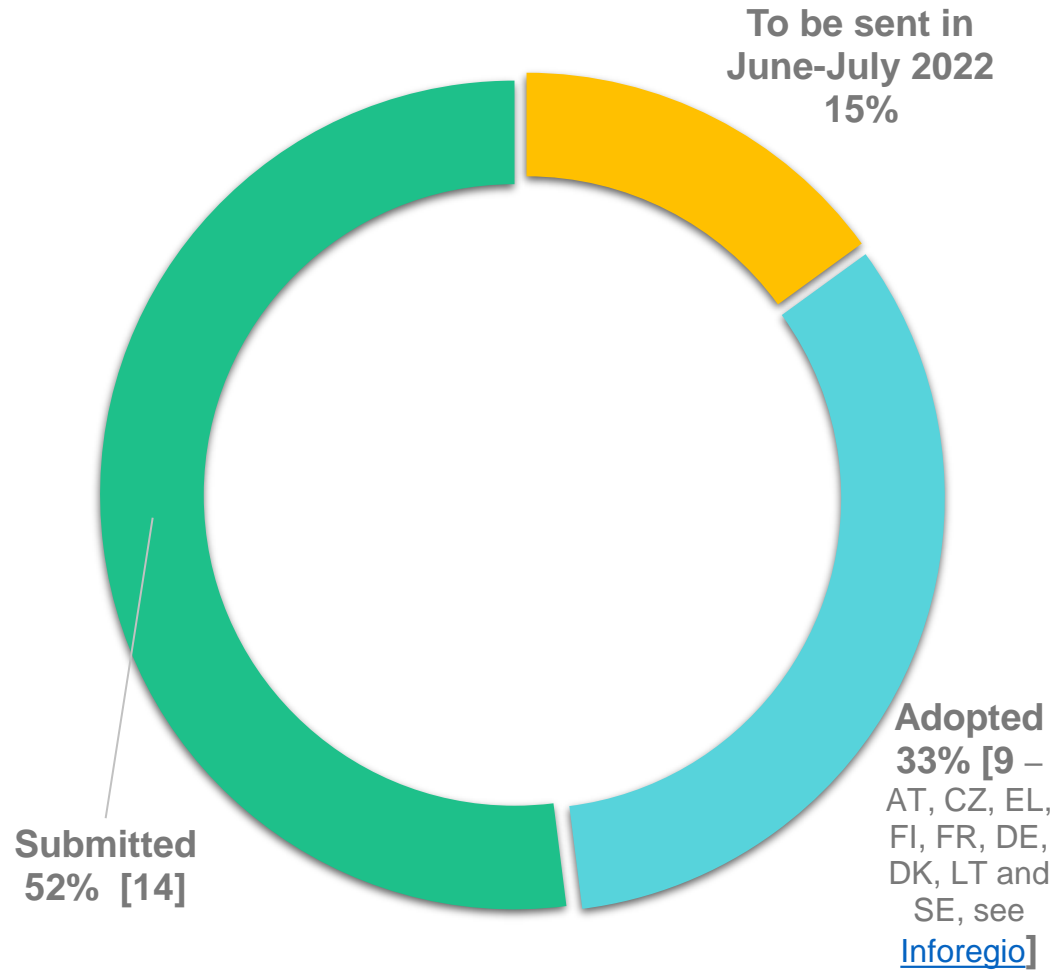
State of play

2021-2027 Programming

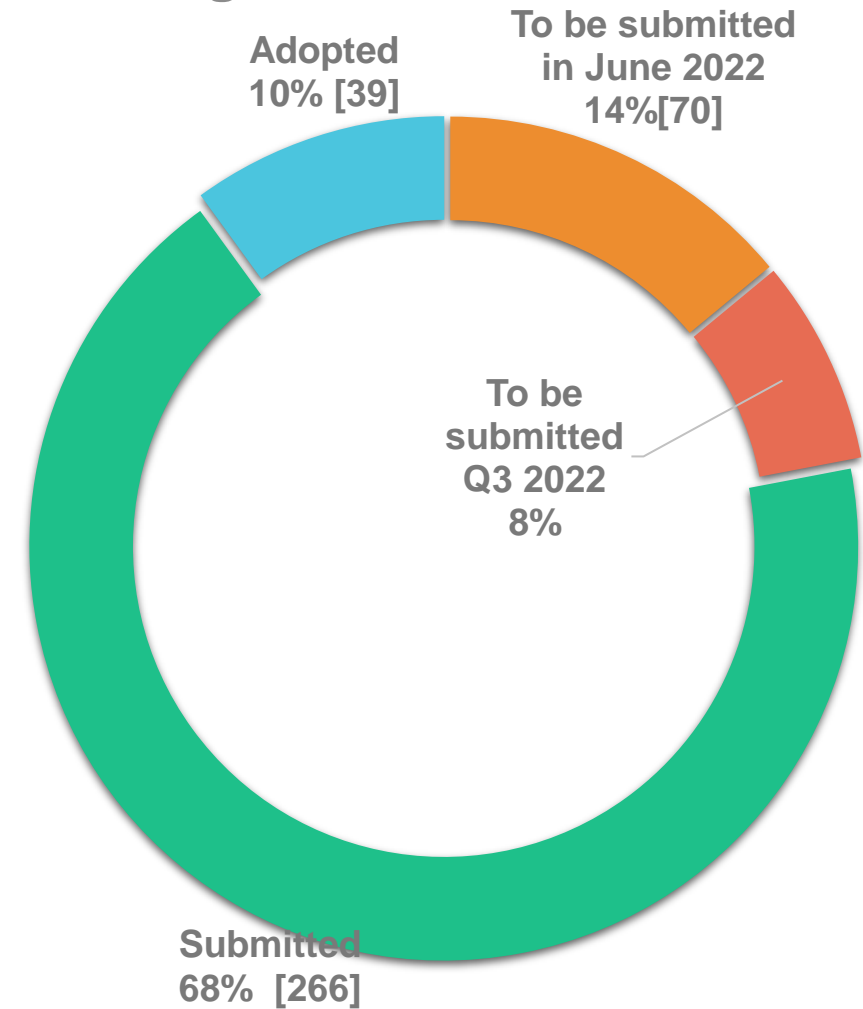
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Progress with cohesion policy programming

Partnership Agreement

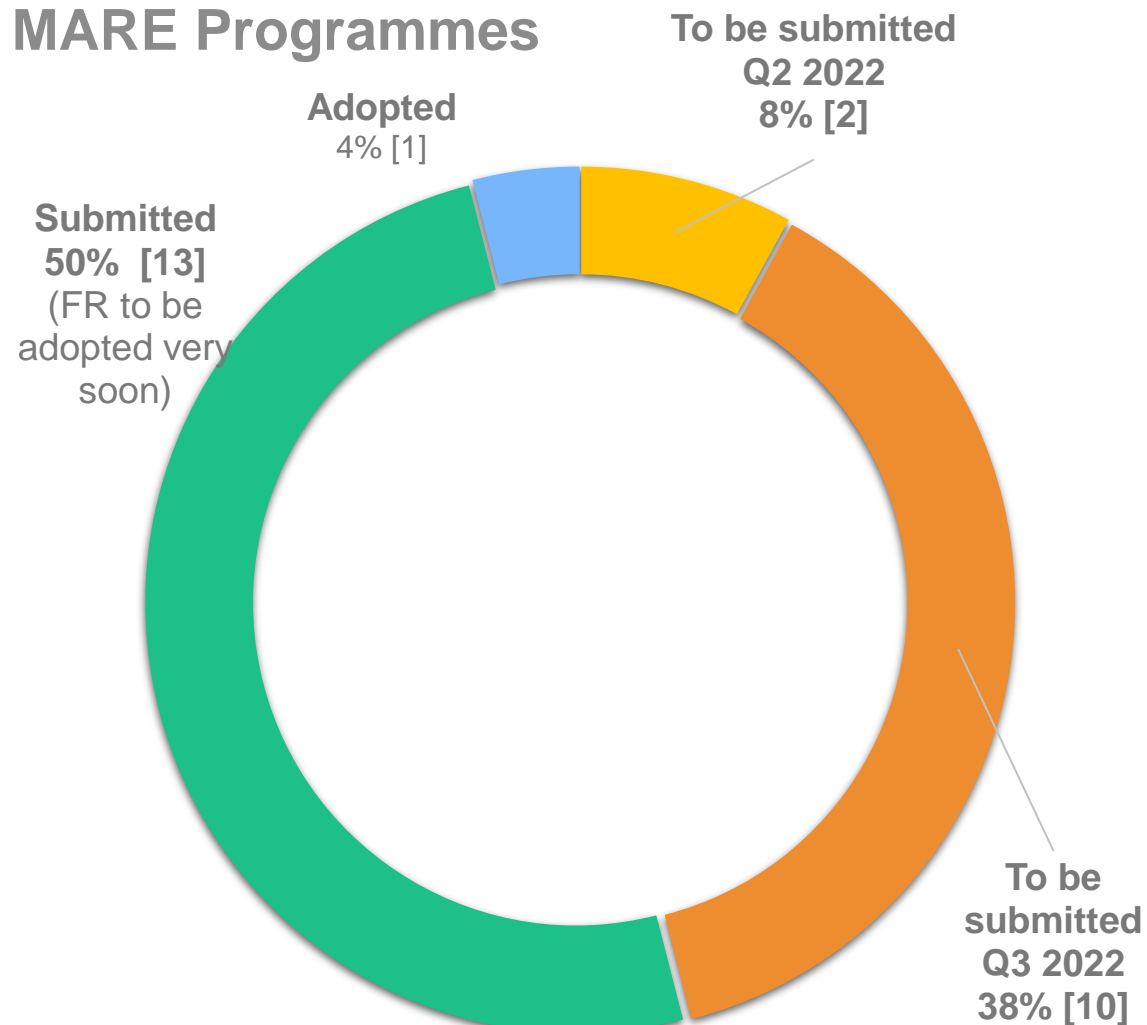


Programme

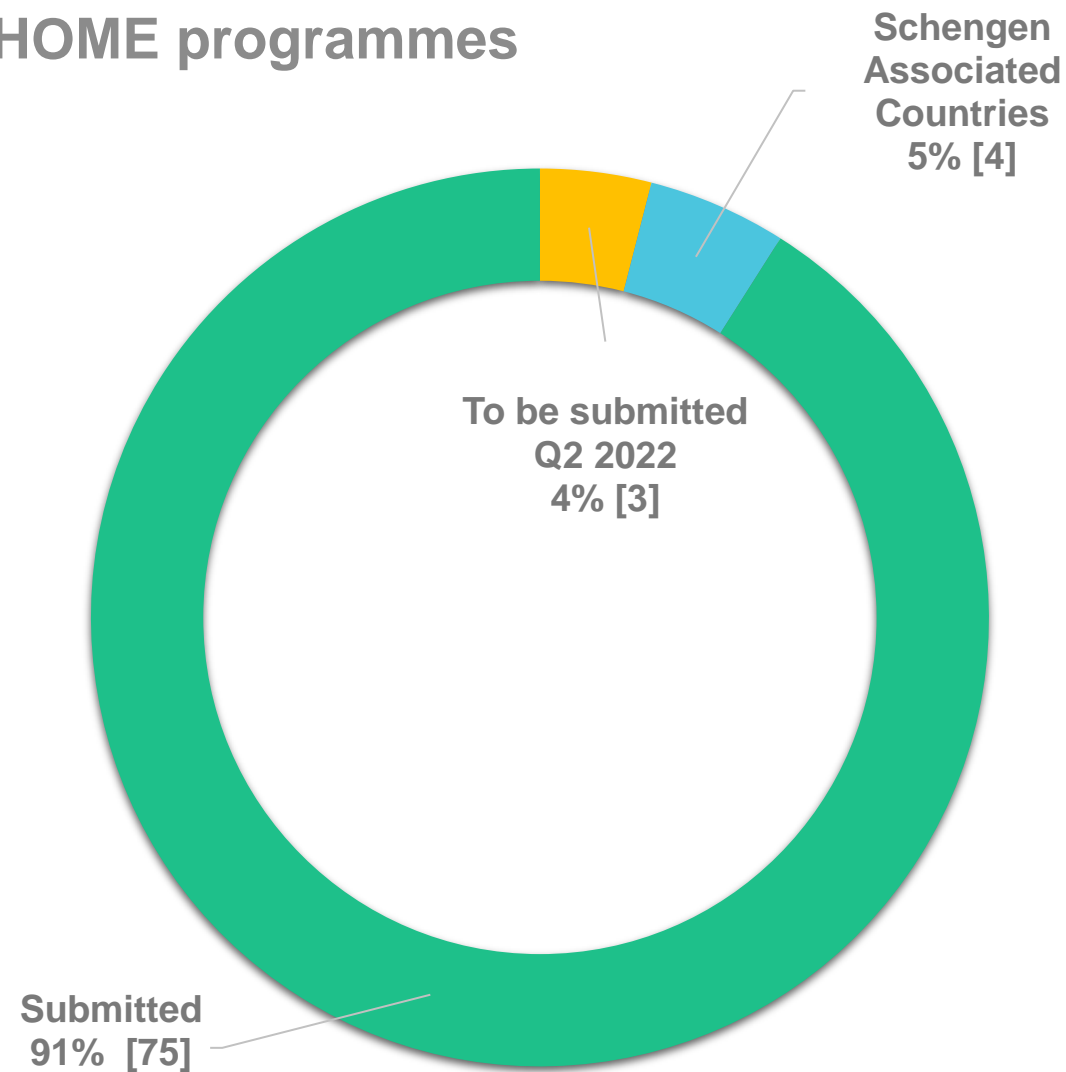


Progress with MARE and HOME programming

MARE Programmes



HOME programmes



General issues for programming

Priority

adopt by end 2022
start implementation now

Issues encountered during programming:



Thank you

