



Cohesion CAREs – new flexibilities of the EU funds

Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE)

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COHESION POLICY FOR RECOVERY

CRII+

(Coronavirus Response
Investment Initiative)

€ **22.8 BILLION**
(Redirected)



Jobs & social
services



Healthcare



Support
for SME's



Green & Digital
transition

REACT-EU

(Recovery and Assistance
for Cohesion and the
Territories of Europe)



€ **50.6 BILLION**
(New)

Out of which
€ **41,8 BILLION**
already committed



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EU funds 2014-2020

Scope: AMIF, ESF, FEAD, ERDF 2014-2020.

1. First reception and immediate relief
2. Welcome and integration
3. Mainstream support for long-term integration into host society

Key: The primary purpose of the ESF and the ERDF (under Thematic Objective O9) is the integration of these persons in the Member State

European Social Fund (ESF) support

- **Full range of ESF** measures available (given access of Ukrainian refugees to the labour market measures in line with the temporary protection Directive)
- ESF can provide support in the following areas:
 - **Social inclusion** (counselling and psychological support, child care, social services)
 - **Education and skills** (e.g. language courses for children and parents, recruitment of additional teachers)
 - **Employment measures** (e.g. vocational education and training, work placements, training, work related language courses)
 - **Broad set of measures** including emergency measures and transport as part of pathway to integrate Ukrainian refugees into Member State
- Implemented as part of ongoing programmes or as new targeted measures for refugees

Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD)

- **Food and basic material assistance** (e.g. clothes, hygiene goods, sleeping bags)
- **Social inclusion activities for the most deprived** (e.g. psychological support, basic language courses, legal interpretation)
- **Not for cash transfers** (except for vouchers for buying food and basic material assistance) and for access to services (such as refunding utilities bills)
- Operations have to be located in the Member State

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) support

- **Objective:** integration of people with a migrant background
- Investments in **accessible infrastructure** (building/ refurbishing/ extending/renting) **and related equipment** through improved access to services in mainstream non-segregated:
 - **Labour market** (e.g. Public Employment Services, vocational training facilitates, business incubators, equipment to support interoperability of labor markets etc.)
 - **Education** (e.g. ECEC, primary, secondary, VET, including ICT etc.)
 - **Social housing** in the mainstream community / non-segregated areas (individual apartments for families, individuals), including for persons with disabilities, older people etc.
 - **Social and health care** (preventive, primary care etc.), non-residential family- and community-based services, child- care, mobile service units etc.
 - **Public transport** to facilitate access to the mainstream non-segregated services described above.

NB! Should not lead to further segregation/isolation of marginalized groups and building parallel services

Legal changes related to CARE

1. Regulation (EU) 2022/562 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 April 2022 amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 223/2014 as regards Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) [EUR-Lex - 32022R0562 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)
2. Regulation (EU) 2022/613 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 April 2022 amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 223/2014 as regards increased pre-financing from REACT-EU resources and the establishment of a unit cost [EUR-Lex - 32022R0613 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

Mobilisation of cohesion policy

1. Redirecting available resources under **cohesion policy 2014-20** primarily for quick and short-term measures:
 - **MFF ERDF, ESF**
 - **NextGenerationEU REACT EU** (2021 tranche programmed and 2022 tranche still in programming)
2. Under **cohesion policy 2021-2027** long-term measures can be implemented to ensure successful integration of refugees in the Member States. Note: all programmes must be approved in 2022.

CARE flexibilities

1. **ERDF-ESF full cross-financing via Article 98(4)** – one fund can fully finance other fund's activities
2. A temporary **100% co-financing rate** for the accounting year 2021-2022 (ERDF, ESF and CF)
3. A new **simplified cost option** to cover basic needs of refugees
4. **An increased initial pre-financing** from the REACT-EU 2021 tranche by +4% / 34% - **3,5 bn €** paid to MS in April

Points 1, 2 and 3 are optional, point 4 is automatically applied

5 pathways of reprogramming to address the migratory challenges of the war in Ukraine

- “The five pathways of reprogramming of 2014-2020 resources to address the migratory challenges resulting from the military aggression by Russia against Ukraine” – the note is available on the [EU budget support for addressing the Ukrainian refugee crisis](#) SharePoint website.

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**2014-2020
MFF ERDF
and/or ESF**
using the flexibility
under the first
subparagraph of
Article 98(4) CPR
introduced by CARE

2

**Reallocating
2014-2020
MFF ESF**
funding to a
dedicated priority
for addressing
migratory challenge
as a result of the
military aggression
by Russia without
using the flexibility
under the first
subparagraph
Article 98(4) CPR

3

**2014-2020
MFF ERDF
and/or ESF**
within the existing
priorities of the
programme

4

**REACT-EU
2021 tranche**
reprogramming,
including for using
the flexibility under
the first
subparagraph of
Article 98(4) CPR
introduced by CARE

5

**REACT-EU
2022 tranche**
programming and
reprogramming

4 key regulatory factors

1. New expenditure for operations addressing the migratory challenges as a result of the military aggression by Russia **shall be eligible as of 24 February 2022** (i.e. the amendment of programme has no impact on the start date of eligibility)
2. **The scope of support of ERDF and ESF remains unchanged** in the Fund-specific Regulations (see [the eligibility table](#) for a list of examples per funds)
3. **Financial transfers between ERDF and ESF, categories of regions and between programmes are not possible at this late stage of the programming period**, except for the transfers of REACT-EU resources for 2022
4. **REACT-EU 2022 can be freely allocated and reallocated** to the Funds (including FEAD) and programmes until the end of 2022.

Article 68c CPR unit cost

- An off-the-shelf unit cost for reimbursing expenditure of MS with operations addressing migratory challenges of Russian aggression to the UA
- 40 euros per person and week in the Member State
- For persons who have been granted temporary protection under the temporary protection Directive.
- To cover costs of basic needs
- It can be used for a maximum of 13 weeks
- MS should be able to prove a number of supported persons by using appropriate registers in the MS or region

Audit trail for CARE unit cost: Simplification in action

Rationale



1. Different forms of support basic



2. Budget cover only a fraction of the amounts spend MS



3. We don't go at individual level – aggregate data

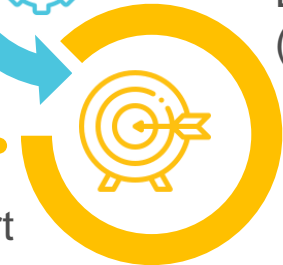
Audit trail

Number of persons supported



Duration (maximum 13 weeks)

Start of the support



Thank you

