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NOTE TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

Obj: 2011-2013 Programming of the "Thematic Programme of Cooperation with Third Countries in the Areas of Migration and Asylum"

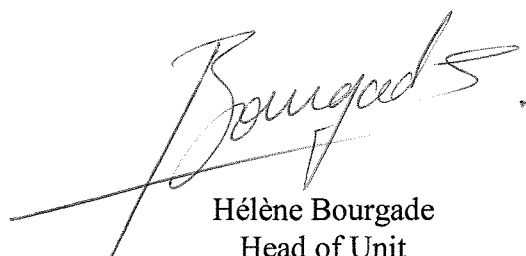
Dear Sir or Madam

With the aim of improving the co-operation and communication between DEVCO/D3 Unit, in charge of Migration and Asylum areas including the management of the Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum, and the EU Delegations involved in these areas and in the management the projects funded under this Thematic Programme, I am happy to inform you about our future programming actions.

I hope that this information could also facilitate the planning of the activities carried out by your staff in the framework of our Thematic Programme (e.g. support in the evaluation process of the calls for proposal, contracting of the de-concentrated projects..).

Finally, I take the opportunity of this note to express my appreciation for the cooperation of your services throughout the entire process of the de-concentration and contracting of the projects of the Thematic Budget Line for Migration and Asylum.

My services remain at your disposal for any further assistance and relevant document you may need about our future activities.



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Enclosures: Multiannual Strategy 2011-2013
Guidelines of call for proposal 2011-2012
Final report Impact evaluation on Labour Migration

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"Thematic Programme of Cooperation with Third Countries in the Areas of Migration and Asylum"

2011-2013 Programming

1. AAP 2011- part I: Total budget 36.5 M €

The first part of the AAP 2011, for a total amount of € 36,500,000 has been adopted on the 2nd of August 2011 with the Decision C(2011)5446.

Almost the entire budget for this Annual Action Programme 2011 Part 1 and 2012 Part 1 will be implemented through a call for proposals, which will be financed from budget line 19 02 01, as follows:

-€ 36 000 000.00 from the EU budget allocation for 2011, to which € 38 000 000.00 will be added from the EU budget allocation for 2012, subject to the approval by the budgetary authority of the ABP 2012.

AF n 1. Restricted call for proposals 2011

The Call for Proposals, in two phases (Concept Note + Full Application), **is expected to be launched indicatively on the 15/10/2011.**

Indicative calendar

Deadline for submission of CN: 01/12/2011

Deadline for evaluation of CN (EU DELs involvement): end of January 2012

Deadline for evaluation of FA (EU DELs Involvement): beginning of June 2012

Notification of award: end of August 2012

De-concentration process: beginning of September 2012

EU contribution:

2011 Budget : € 36 000 000.00

2012 Budget : € 38 000 000.00¹

Total 2011+2012 Budget : € 74 000 000.00

¹ Provided the 2012 budget is approved.

The 2011-2012 Call for proposals will be divided into four main lots. The indicative allocations for each of the lots, according to the geographic priorities, will be as follows:

REGIONS or INITIATIVES	2011 (€)	2012 (€)	2011 + 2012 (€)
CALL FOR PROPOSALS			
Southern Migratory Route	17 000 000.00	18 000 000.00	35 000 000.00
Eastern Migratory Route	9 000 000.00	9 000 000.00	18 000 000.00
Other regions (Asia/LAC)	6 000 000.00	7 000 000.00	13 000 000.00
Global actions	4 000 000.00	4 000 000.00	8 000 000.00
TOTAL	36 000 000.00	38 000 000.00	74 000 000.00

The priorities and areas of intervention for each lot will be specified in the guidelines of the call for proposals, in accordance with the Multi-Annual Strategy Paper 2011-2013.

AF n 2. Support measures: budget 500.000 €

This amount is reserved for potential support measures specific to the programme (e.g. audits, evaluations, monitoring, studies, conferences, information and publication), as foreseen under Article 26 of the DCI Regulation, in principle not exceeding EUR 200 000.00 each. Delegations can use this money for auditing projects funded under this TP; the HQ's approval is compulsory if the audits are not foreseen in the annual Audit Plan approved by the Director General (for further details, please refer to note of our Director Ares(2011)300542 - 18/03/2011).

If this amount is not entirely used, the remaining funds will be added to the overall budget for the Call for proposals and in principle, depending on the quality of the proposals, allocated proportionally to each of the call lots.

2. AAP 2011- part II: Total budget 12.5 M €

The second part of the AAP 2011, for a total amount of € 12,500,000 is under adoption.

This Annual Action Programme does not include provisions for another call for proposals, but it does include actions through direct agreement, with very precise objectives and areas of implementation, which are mainly directed at the support of Mobility Partnerships in Armenia and Moldova, the support to the Prague Process, and to provide short-term technical assistance to third countries to strengthen their migration management capacities.

The Annual Action Programme (AAP) for 2011 part 2 covers four targeted initiatives:

- Action 1 - Support for the Implementation of the Prague Process / Building Migration Partnerships and its Action Plan;
- Action 2 - Strengthening Armenia's migration management capacities, with special focus on reintegration activities, in the framework of the EU-Armenia Mobility Partnership;
- Action 3 - Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova;
- Action 4 - Migration EU Expertise II (MIEUX II): Providing short-term capacity building to third countries in all areas of migration management.

EU contribution:

Action 1	€ 3 million
Action 2	€ 3 million
Action 3	€ 2 million
Action 4	€ 4,5 million
Total amount	€ 12,5 million

3. Studies/Evaluations

3.1. Impact evaluation: "Evaluation of the concrete results obtained through projects financed under Aeneas and Thematic Programme for Migration and Asylum"

Some thematic and geographic studies have been and will be carried out by the Commission during the life cycle of the programme, with the aim of evaluating the impact of the projects funded under the "Thematic Programme of Cooperation with Third Countries in the Areas of Migration and Asylum".

The first thematic evaluation, launched in February 2011, focused on the Labour Migration and identified some good practises and lessons learned in this domain. The involvement of the EU Delegations has been vital for the collection by the experts of the requested findings. The final report has been recently presented in the framework of a seminar with the participation of the beneficiaries of some of the analysed projects. The

event was productive and very much appreciated by the participants as it allowed a unique, constructive and fruitful exchange of experiences on the implementation of their projects.

According to the main findings of this evaluation, the interventions supported so far through the Thematic Programme significantly contributed to:

- a substantial broadening of the range and type of stakeholders involved in the domain of legal and labour migration and significant improvements in terms of interaction and synergies among different stakeholders (national institutions, International Organisation, NGOs, social partners)
- the reinforcement of the capacities of the national authorities and of employment services of the Third countries which allowed to address, through the labour migration perspective, broader labour governance issues
- the inclusion of labour migration in the agenda of social partners, especially trade unions, that contributes to visibility and recognition of migrant workers as full participants of the receiving country's economic development and better protection of their rights
- the importance of information, orientation and training modules organised in the home country prior to departure to better protect migrants' rights and support their smooth integration in the country of destination.
- the reinforcement of civil society organisations and NGOs whose role is essential in expanding outreach at the community level where migration decisions are formed.

3.2. Study: EU remittances to developing countries - remaining barriers, challenges and recommendations

The overall objective is to analyze the state of implementation of existing EU commitments with regards to remittances and develop concrete additional proposals to reach them and address any pending issues, including facilitating the shift from informal to formal channels, and leveraging the use of EU remittances for sustainable development. The recommendations will both address the internal EU level (regulatory framework, support to Diasporas, and so on) and the EU external cooperation level (mainstreaming of recommendations in Development policy design and in cooperation programmes and –projects).

The study, which started in October 2011, will be carried out by 3 external experts. Findings will be available at the end of February 2012.

4. Training/guidance to the EU Delegations

In the framework of the Thematic Programme, the activities of training and guidance on Migration and Asylum related issues for the EU Delegations (carried out by DEVCO/D3) will continue during 2011-2012.

In particular a training session is foreseen on 14-16 November 2011 in Bangkok for Asian and Pacific Delegations on the specific topic "Trafficking of Human Beings" and one-day training will be organised on the 28 November 2011 at the HQ in Brussels on the module "Introduction to migration and asylum in the external cooperation".

In 2012 one-day training is foreseen at the HQ in Brussels on "Introduction to migration and asylum in the external cooperation" plus two regional trainings still to be defined (in principle one in the Southern Mediterranean region and one in Eastern Europe and Central Asia).

Delegations are invited to express their interest in hosting trainings and to communicate their specific needs on precise topics.

5. Other tools on migration issues

5.1. MIGRATION: EU EXPERTISE – MIEUX

"Management of Member States experts for short-term technical assistance, facilitating technical cooperation with third countries for preventing and managing illegal immigration" – €3M (12/2008-12/2011)

The **overall objective** of this action is to **enhance the capacities of third countries** to prevent and manage illegal migration in view of a comprehensive migration management.

The **specific objective** is to enhance capacities of third countries in migration management through the provision, upon request of the third country, of short-term technical assistance and support of experts working in EU MS authorities relevant for migration

The main target groups in the beneficiary countries will be the state authorities with responsibilities in the area of migration. Representatives will mainly come from the following ministries: Ministry of Interior, National agencies for migration and asylum issues, authorities responsible for border management (border guards, border police, customs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regard to visa management, Ministries in charge of links with the diaspora and migration issues in particular and presidential administrations.

As above indicated, a second phase of this action is foreseen in the framework of the AAP 2011 – part II (currently under approval). The scope of the action has been enlarged to all the areas of migration management and the budget increased up to € 4.5M.

For further information, please look at <http://www.icmpd.org/MIEUX.1672.0.html>.

