

# Asylum and Migration Fund (2014-2020)

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#### A new structure

Asylum and Migration Fund (AMF)

### **Internal Security Fund (ISF)**

Police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management

**Borders and visa** 

#### **Common regulatory framework**

(principles of assistance, programming & reporting, financial management & controls, monitoring & evaluation)



# Asylum and Migration Fund COM(2011)751

- purpose and scope, definitions, objectives, target groups
- -eligible actions
- financial and implementation framework
- final and transitional provisions
- annexes

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# Internal Security Fund Police COM(2011)753

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#### Internal Security Fund -Borders COM(2011)750

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#### Member States: 24 + 1

DK through international law UK and IE do not participate

Schengen associated countries

#### Horizontal Regulation - COM(2011)752

- purpose and scope, definitions
- principles of assistance
- financial framework for union actions, emergency and technical assistance
- national programmes: programming and implementation framework, management and control, financial management, clearance of accounts and financial corrections, decommitment
- information, communication, monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- final and transitional provisions

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### **Simplification?**

#### **Programming and eligibility of actions**

- From 6 specific instruments to 2 broad Funds: more flexible scope of intervention of actions (less gaps)
- Multiannual programming only (more stability in terms of financial allocations, no revision annual programmes)

#### **Management and control**

- 2 instead of 3 designated authorities (no certifying authority)
- Maximum 2 MCS for both Funds instead of up to 4 MCS

#### Financial management

 Faster cash flow; system based on reimbursement of national payments instead of certified eligible expenditure at the level of the financial beneficiary

#### **Project management (benefits beneficiaries and responsible authorities)**

- Simplification of eligibility rules for costs, basic rules fixed at EU level (no possibility of amending so legal certainty) and complemented by national rules
- From an implementation period of 2 ½ years to 9 years (subject to N+2)

#### **Coherence with other EU Funds in shared management**

Same delivery mechanisms and procedures: mutual learning (common training etc)

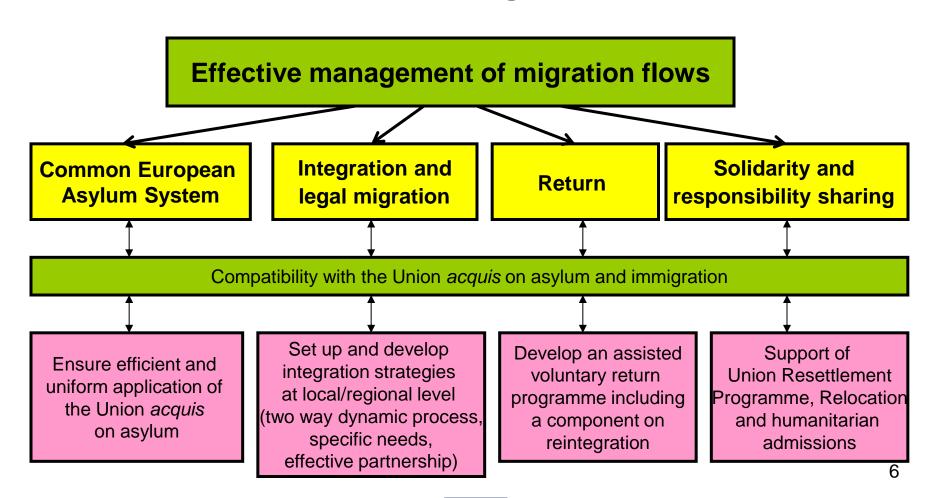


# **Asylum and Migration Fund Main innovations**

- Single and flexible instrument for integrated management of migration flows (merge ERF, EIF and RF) – simplification
- Extended and flexible target groups
- Continuity of some kind of actions with more focused and targeted scope of intervention / discontinuity in specific areas
- New eligible actions filling the gaps of current instruments
- Extended definition of emergency situation (mixed flows and migratory pressure in third countries)
- Union Resettlement Programme based on dynamic common EU priorities established through political process every two years
- Inclusion of the European Migration Network in the Fund
- Specific actions with particular EU added value variable amount
- Support to actions in third countries to further EU interests



# **AMF - Objectives**





*AMF: total amount : 3.897 M€ (3.137)* 

Shared management: 3.232 M€ (2.749)

#### **Basic amount**

2.389 M€ (2.389)

# Annex I – amounts based on 2011 allocations ERF, IF + RF

- number of first asylum applications
- number of positive decisions granting refugee or subsidiary protection
- number of resettled refugees,
- stock and flows of legally residing third-country nationals
- number of return decisions issued by the national authorities and
- number of effected returns.

#### Variable amount

(1): 705 M€ (360)

# Resettlement / Relocation

No pre defined allocation: Regular pledging exercises (every 2 years)

#### **Lump sums**

- 6.000€ per resettled refugee
- -10.000€ per refugee resettled according to EU priorities (Annex III)

#### **Specific actions**

No predefined allocation Competitive pledging

#### **Annex II**

- transit and processing centres
- joint return operations
- joint reintegration projects
- joint migration centres

(2): 161 M€ (0)

#### **Mid-term review**

Specific needs Reception / asylum Migratory pressure

#### Specific actions

(to be determined)

Centralised management: 642 M€ (388)

Union actions, emergency assistance, external actions, EMN, and TA CION

All figures in current prices



# **AMF - Eligible Actions (I)**

#### Reception and Asylum systems

- Assistance and services provided to target groups
- Possibility of 'mixed actions' combining reception and integration of asylum seekers and refugees (no need to be part of local/regional strategies)
- Capacity building measures (infrastructure and training) restricted to newly acceded MS (e.g. Croatia) and MS with specific structural deficiencies

#### Monitoring and evaluation of MS asylum policies

 Continuity with ERF III, except for COI which falls within the scope of EASO activities

#### Resettlement and relocation

- Continuity with ERF III for carrying out the operations (prescreening and assessment of cases, pre-departure measures, information)
- New provisions: possibility to support setting up and development of infrastructure and services for resettlement and relocation in MS and third-countries (i.e. Regional Protection Programmes)



# **AMF - Eligible Action (II)**

#### Immigration and pre-departure measures

- Similar to pre-integration measures under the current EIF: take place in the country of origin
- New provision: assessment of skills and qualifications in the country of origin

#### Integration measures at local and regional level

- Actions must take place in the framework of consistent, specific, local/regional strategies associating all stakeholders
- Flexible package of measures adapted to each strategy
- Wider target group (asylum seekers and refugees), and where appropriate, also 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of migrants

#### Capacity building measures

- Wide range of measures in support of legal migration strategies, intercultural & diversity management, sustainable integration contributing to the two-way process, etc.
- Possibility to support actions of cooperation between recruitment agencies and employment services from Member States and third countries



# **AMF - Eligible Actions (III)**

#### Measures accompanying return procedures

- Wider scope than under current RF: reception + detention (infrastructures), material aid, health care, social and legal assistance (services)
- Aim is to support all preparatory measures necessary for return, ensuring continued support to the needs of the target groups throughout administrative procedures

#### Return measures

- Wider target group for (assisted) voluntary return: asylum seekers, refugees, illegally present persons and legal migrants
- Aim is to support entire chain of return management (identification, counselling, actual return operations, pre + post assistance, individual reintegration measures, facilities and services in third countries for temporary accommodation)

#### Practical cooperation and capacity building measures

- Aim is to support joint operations between MS for the entire chain of return management (economies of scale)
- Possibility to support cooperation between return services of MS and third-countries (esp. on readmission and reintegration)