How do EU funds for integration work?
How does the EU budget work?

- EU Budget is managed through Multi-annual Financial Frameworks (MFF)

- MFF: long-term EU budget that establishes the spending priorities and maximum amounts that can be spent by the EU in particular areas over a fixed period of several years

- Current MFF: 2014-2020

- Next MFF: 2021-2027, under negotiation on the basis of a proposal of the European Commission
Commission proposal for MFF 2021-2027

In billion euro, current prices

I. SINGLE MARKET, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL
   1. Research and Innovation
   2. European Strategic Investments
   3. Single Market
   4. Space

II. COHESION AND VALUES
   5. Regional Development and Cohesion
   6. Economic and Monetary Union
   7. Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values

III. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT
   8. Agriculture and Maritime Policy
   9. Environment and Climate Action

IV. MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT
   10. Migration
   11. Border Management

V. SECURITY AND DEFENCE
   12. Security
   13. Defence
   14. Crisis Response

VI. NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE WORLD
   15. External Action
   16. Pre-Accession Assistance

VII. EUROPEAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
   17. European Public Administration
Types of EU funds supporting the integration of third country nationals

= Explore both types of funds in detail

EU FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Mainly available to transnational, innovative projects with partners from different EU Member States.
- These projects mostly focus on democratic participation, supporting professionals and students exchange.

Which EU integration funds to apply for?

EU FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH MEMBER STATES

- Mainly available to projects run within one EU Member State.
EU funds supporting the integration of third country nationals, 2014 - 2020

EU FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION FUND (AMIF)

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION (EASI)

ERASMUS +

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS (EACEA)

ERDF – URBAN INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

BENEFICIARIES

- NATIONAL BODIES
- REGIONAL & LOCAL BODIES
- NGOs
- SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
- INTERNATIONAL ORGs
- COMPANIES
- EDUCATION & RESEARCH ORGs

click on the funds to visit their official pages
EU funds supporting the integration of third country nationals, 2014 - 2020

EU FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH NATIONAL BODIES

- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- European Social Fund (ESF)
- ERASMUS +
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

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Click on the funds to go to their websites & see who distributes them.
Proposed changes to EU funds supporting integration, 2021 - 2027

- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- European Social Fund (ESF)
- Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)
- EU Health Programme

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- Erasmus+
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Support for early integration
Support for medium & long-term integration
For more information:

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (2014-2020) and the Asylum and Migration Fund (2021-2027)
The new Asylum and Migration Fund - Scope of support

Objectives of the Fund

- support the Common European Asylum System
- support legal migration and integration of third country nationals
- reduce irregular migration through e.g. returns

Target group

- primarily third-country nationals

Implementation

- Shared (national programmes)
- Direct/indirect management (Commission work programmes)
Asylum and Migration Fund
Integration

Focus on early integration measures linked to reception

Types of measures:

- support tailored to the specific needs of the TCN: language training, civic orientation courses, administrative and legal guidance, one-stop shops etc.
- horizontal measures: development of national integration strategies and capacity building of Member States
- actions that promote dialogue and inclusion: cultural activities, raising awareness campaigns
Asylum and Migration Fund
Local and regional authorities

New proposals:

✓ Integration measures implemented by local and regional authorities and civil society - co-financed at 90%
✓ A specific window in the thematic facility
✓ Partnership principle and multi-level governance* involvement of local and regional authorities in programming and implementation of national programmes

*Common Provisions Regulation, Article 6
The European Social Fund and ESF+
The European Social Fund support to integration

Mission of the European Social Fund: improve employment opportunities of workers in EU

Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees (recital 6 ESF reg.) may receive support that facilitates their social inclusion and integration in the labour market

Migrants can only be supported by ESF if they are legally able to participate in the labour market

Directive 2013/33/EU

A mainstream approach

Type of support:

- Specific measures for migrants
- General measures: childcare, employment, vocational training etc.
SCOPE of the new ESF+

→ Complement AMF support (esp. labour market).
→ Can be used for migrants under any ESF+ specific objective
→ Can also be programmed under dedicated specific objective
→ Will be monitored through a specific indicator

Labour market:
- Labour market activation measures, provided they have access to the labour market,
- Vocational training, even prior to having access to the labour market, provided they have access to VET in line with national rules

Education:
- Access to quality and non-segregated education

Social inclusion:
- Access to community-based services and health services
- Social integration measures
- Food and basic material assistance
How can local authorities access ESF funding?

- Shared management
- Partnership principle
- Co-financing = Co-funded projects with Member States: Shared management > calls are published by managing authorities

ESF support in your country [https://ec.europa.eu/esf](https://ec.europa.eu/esf)

Ex: Belgium ([link](https://ec.europa.eu/esf))

The European Regional and Development Fund (ERDF)
ERDF scope of interventions

2014-2020: Member States allocated 21,4 billion EUR to measures in the field of employment, social inclusion, education

Measures for effective integration of people with a migrant background, such as:

- Investments in social, health, education, housing and childcare infrastructure
- Regeneration of deprived urban areas
- Actions to reduce spatial and educational isolation
- Business start-ups

Outlook for 2021-2027

- Same scope of interventions
- Closer link to operations financed under Asylum and Migration Fund
- Involvement of local authorities in the design of the operational programmes
- European Urban Initiative – better cooperation between URBACT, Urban Innovative Actions, Urban Development Network etc.
How can local authorities access the ERDF?

**Shared management** – national and regional operational programmes (call for proposals). Local authorities benefit around 100 billion EUR in 2014-2020 period

**Sustainable urban development** – integrated strategy and partnership with all relevant stakeholders

**Urban Agenda** - Inclusion of refugees and migrants is one of the priority themes

**Calls of Urban Innovative Actions (direct access)** - calls in 2015 and 2016. Main objective is to select projects testing bold and unproven ideas
  - Priority area (amongst others) - **Inclusion of migrants and refugees**
  - Projects in Vienna, Utrecht, Bologna, Antwerp etc.
Initiatives to support local integration policy making

Study on the territorial impact of migration with a special focus on the local level (OECD-EU Commission 2018)

• Statistical analysis – local data on integration of people with a migrant background

• 9 case studies (Barcelona, Amsterdam, Berlin, Athens, Paris, Althena, Glasgow, Vienna, Rome, Gothenburg)

• 12 points (checklist) for local integration policy making

Toolkit on the use of EU funds for integration of people with a migrant background

Structure

• Legal and policy framework
• Synergies between EU funds
• Scenarios – reception, housing, inclusive education, access to basic services for vulnerable groups
• Update – local level of integration policy + new provisions of the 2021-2027 regulations
ERASMUS +
What does Erasmus+ offer?

Promoting equity and inclusion

- Inclusive actions and facilitated access to participants with disadvantaged backgrounds
- Transnational cooperation among relevant stakeholders
- Specific calls on social inclusion through education, training and youth

More than 2,000 projects dealing with migrants’ inclusion

→ Support the objectives of Paris Declaration of 2015
How to access the funding?

- Calls for proposals on an annual basis

- Applications submitted either to National Agencies or the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

- Details provided in the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)
Next Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027

Enriching lives, opening minds through EU-funded learning opportunities abroad, partnerships, support to reform

2014 - 2020

14.7 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over 4 million people

2021 - 2027

30 billion EUR

Opportunities abroad for over 12 million people
The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
What can the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) do?

- The Common Agricultural Policy is about farming, but not only: rural areas’ development is also a CAP objective.

- **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development**

- EAFRD is managed under shared management: indirect management by national/regional authorities

- Rural development policy can contribute to the objective of integration of migrants, notably under Priority 6 'Promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas'.
What are the specific needs of rural areas?

- Do we have a migrants’ integration issue in European rural areas?
  See the Joint Research Centre report: *Migration in EU Rural Areas*
  Arrival place /Public authority choice

- Do we have special challenges/opportunities related to migrants’ integration in rural areas?

**Challenges:**
- **Territory related:** lower population density; remotness; higher poverty rate, housing issues, lack of public transport/job opportunities/basic services;
- **Policy related:** invisibility, lack of data, far from decision making...

**Opportunities:**
- Depopulation/lack of active population
EAFRD instruments to support migrants social and economic integration to rural areas

2014-2020/2021-2027: Same kind of instruments. National choice

- LEADER
- Access to basic services (knowledge, broadband, transport...)
- Cooperation
- Diversification

**Beneficiaries:** Municipalities, LAGs, NGOs, cooperations, rural businesses

However: EAFRD **will only complement** regional, national, other EU Funds’ interventions for the integration of migrants in rural areas
The EU Health Programme
Main funding tool for initiatives on Migration & Health

The EU Health Programme (3rd) - Current period: 2014-2020

Overall budget: 449.4 million

Annual work programmes include priority actions and criteria for funding

4 main objectives:
1. Promote health, prevent diseases & foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles
2. Protect citizens from serious cross-border health threats
3. Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems
4. Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens

Top thematic priorities

Promotion and prevention € 43m
ERNs € 26m
Medicinal products € 24m
Chronic diseases € 22m
Migrants and refugees € 17m
Rare diseases € 16m

Capacity building in health threats € 14m
HIV, Tuberculosis and hepatitis € 13m
Health technology assessment € 13m
Active and healthy ageing € 12m
Alcohol and tobacco control € 11m
How does the Health Program Work?

CHAFEA organises **calls for project proposals, joint actions and operating grants** on the basis of current priority actions and funding criteria (annual work programme). Direct grants are also signed with international health organisations (no call for proposals). Tenders also organised.

The programme is open to **organisations in all EU countries + EEA countries** Norway and Iceland + Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina and Moldova:

- National health authorities
- Public and private bodies
- NGO’s with a general interest in Health

**Funding is provided through:**

- **Grants** (covers a certain % of the total costs):
  - Grants for action co-financed by the competent authorities responsible for public health in the member states (**Joint Actions**)  
  - Grants for actions (**projects**) co-financed by other public, non-governmental or private bodies, including international health organisations

- **Grants** for the functioning of non-governmental bodies
- **Procurement contracts**
- **Tenders**
## Priorities and examples of funded actions on Migration & Health

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