Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) 2021-2027

The Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund - AMIF was created to foster the efficient management of migration flows and to encourage the implementation, strengthening, and development of a unified EU approach to migration, with a **9.882 billion euro** budget for the 2021-2027 period. The Fund aims to boost national capacities further improve migration management procedures, and enhance solidarity and responsibility sharing between Member States, particularly through emergency assistance and the relocation mechanism.

AMIF aims to attain four distinct goals:

1. **Strengthening and advancing the entire common European asylum system**, encompassing its external dimension.
2. **Facilitating legal migration to Member States** and aiding in the integration of third-country nationals.
3. **Combating irregular migration**, ensuring the effectiveness of return and readmission procedures in third countries.
4. **Fostering solidarity and responsibility sharing among Member States**, particularly towards those facing significant challenges related to migration and asylum.

Building upon the implementation of the 2014-2020 multi-annual financial framework, the Fund will enhance flexibility by allocating a portion of the funding to a **Thematic Facility**. This mechanism allows for funds to be directed toward emerging or unforeseen needs, aligning with evolving EU priorities and challenges.

During the programming period, funding under the Thematic Facility will be distributed through various channels:

Shared management, covering resettlement, humanitarian admission, and transfers of beneficiaries/applicants for international protection.
Direct management, encompassing Union Actions, Emergency Assistance, and support for local and regional authorities in integration.
Indirect management, involving Union Actions and Emergency Assistance facilitated through international organizations.
Union Actions include Calls for Proposals, procurement, direct awards, and delegation agreements.

Beneficiaries

Entities eligible for AMIF funds can be:

State and federal authorities;
NGOs and humanitarian organizations;
Local public bodies;
Private and public law companies;
Education and research organizations.
Every EU Member State is eligible for AMIF funds, including Ireland. **Denmark is not taking part in AMIF**. Non-EU countries can ask to be associated with AMIF, by submitting an agreement which shall, at a minimum:

Facilitate collaboration with the EU country and EU institutions, ensuring solidarity and equitable responsibility sharing in asylum, migration, and return matters.
Uphold, throughout the Fund's duration, principles such as non-refoulement, democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights.
Maintain a fair balance regarding contributions and benefits for the participating third country.
Define conditions for Fund participation, including financial contributions and administrative cost calculations.
Not grant decision-making authority to the third country concerning the Fund.
Safeguard EU rights for sound financial management and protection of financial interests.
Specify that the third country grants necessary rights and access to the authorizing officer responsible, OLAF, and the Court of Auditors.
Currently, there still aren't non-EU countries under the AMIF umbrella. Legal entities from third countries are eligible, if they are part of a consortium of at least two independent entities, one of which is established in an EU country, or if the countries are relevant for the call for proposals. These countries will be further specified in the calls for proposals.

Funded actions

AMIF-funded actions may encompass:

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Ensuring consistent application of the EU "acquis" and priorities related to the Common European Asylum System, legal migration, and return.
Providing support and services aligned with the status and needs of individuals, especially vulnerable groups.
Backing resettlement, humanitarian admission, and transfers of international protection applicants and beneficiaries.
Supporting the development and implementation of policies that **encourage legal migration**, including mobility schemes to the EU and awareness campaigns on appropriate legal immigration channels.
Assisting integration measures tailored to the needs of third-country nationals, including early integration programs focusing on education, language, and training for active participation and acceptance in the receiving society.
Supporting infrastructures for the reception of third-country nationals, potentially facilitating joint facility use by multiple Member States.
Promoting an **integrated and coordinated approach to return management** at the EU and Member States' levels, developing capacities for effective and sustainable returns, and reducing incentives for irregular migration.
Backing assisted voluntary return and reintegration.
Collaborating with third countries on asylum, legal migration, countering irregular migration, and effective return and readmission to manage migration.

Budget

The total budget allocated to the implementation of the Fund for the period **from January 1st, 2021, to December 31st, 2027**, is **9 882 000 000 euros**, split as follows:

6 270 000 000 euros for the Member States' programs;
3 612 000 000 euros allotted to the Thematic Facility.

Links

REGULATION (EU) 2021/1147 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 7 July 2021 establishing the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R1147)

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION of 15.9.2023 amending Commission Implementing Decision C (2022) 8340 final on the financing of components of the Thematic Facility under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and adoption of the Work Programme for 2023, 2024 and 2025 (https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-10/Second%20revised%202023-25%20Work%20Programme%20%28substantial%29.pdf)

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