



Funding opportunities AMIF Union Actions 2022

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The NEW AMIF

- The **Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)** is set up for the period 2021-2027, with a total of **EUR 9.9 billion**.
- **Implementation of the Fund**
 - Shared management
 - direct management**
 - indirect management.
- For the years 2021-2027, 63.5 % of the Fund which is allocated to Programmes of the Member States and **36.5 %** will be managed by the EU (the so-called Thematic Facility).

AMIF Specific Objectives 2021-2027

The new AMIF seeks to contribute to the same four specific objectives as the previous Fund:

- to strengthen and develop all aspects of the **common European asylum system**, including its external dimension
- to support **legal migration** to the Member States, including by contributing to the integration of third-country nationals
- to contribute to **countering irregular migration** and ensuring effectiveness of return and readmission in third countries
- to **enhance solidarity** and responsibility sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum challenges

Thematic Facility

Funding under the **Thematic Facility** will be allocated during the programming period through:

- Shared management: including **resettlement and humanitarian admission, transfers of beneficiaries of/applicants for international protection.**
- Direct management: including **Union Actions, Emergency Assistance**, support for local and regional authorities in **integration.**
- Indirect management: including **Union Actions and Emergency Assistance** through international organizations.

Thematic Facility - Union actions

- **Union actions:** transnational projects or projects of particular interest to the EU implemented in accordance with the objectives of the Fund. These projects often underpin or develop new strategies and methodologies, or they build networks and partnerships between actors in different Member States (for instance in the area of integration);
 - They are established by the annual work programme
 - They are implemented directly by the Commission, or indirectly with pillar assessed partners (mostly international organisations)
 - They are implemented through open Calls for proposals, direct awards, contribution agreements or tenders

Calls foreseen in 2022 - Integration

- Transnational actions for protection of children in migration;
- Integration
 1. Integration and inclusion at regional and local level
 2. Access to healthcare
 3. Improving digital skills among migrants
 4. Promoting community sponsorship schemes and complementary pathways
- Assistance, support and integration of third country national victims of trafficking in human beings - **already published since the 10th February**

Calls foreseen in 2022 – Irregular migration

- **Two calls for proposals to support return and reintegration activities**
 1. Development of (innovative) alternatives to detention for different migratory situations
 2. Support to the implementation of return sponsorships
- **Prevention of irregular migration through awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in selected third countries and within Europe**
- **There are no other calls foreseen for 2022 under AMIF and we no longer have an annual call!**

The AMIF-2022 Integration call

- Publication foreseen in **end March 2022**
- Significant budget foreseen – similar to 2020 call
- **Integration and inclusion at regional and local level** - In line with the Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021- 2027, the support provided under this priority will include capacity building for local and regional authorities in involving local and migrant communities in the design and implementation of integration policies at the local level and fostering interaction at the local level between migrants and host communities through volunteering projects and mentoring and buddy systems.
- **Access to healthcare** - The COVID-19 crisis has shown the importance of accessible health services, adapted communication to ensure effective access by and treatment of migrants. This topic would therefore aim to reduce obstacles for migrants to access health services, including mental health services and psychological support.

The AMIF-2022 Integration call

- **Improving digital skills among migrants** - The COVID-19 crisis has shown the potential of digitalising services such as education, language and integration courses. However, this shift also made clear that migrants may face particular challenges in accessing digital courses and services because of lack of equipment, language barriers or lack of the digital skills to use these services. This topic will therefore support action aimed at improving digital skills for third country nationals;
- **Promoting community sponsorship schemes and complementary pathways** - The overall aim is to provide more places of safe and legal admission to the EU in the light of high protection needs globally, and to ensure successful integration into welcoming societies. A number of promising initiatives already exist in this respect in several Member States. The topic would help implement the objectives of the Commission Recommendation on legal pathways to protection, building on previous projects and initiatives in this area with a view to further expansion and scaling up.

Applying to DG HOME Calls for proposals

WHO can apply? Beneficiaries of the projects implemented under AMIF can be:

- Public bodies (State or federal authorities, local public bodies)
- Non-profit making private entities (Humanitarian organisations, education and research organisations)
- Profit making private entities (including non-public implementing agencies, industrial or service/consultant companies)
- International organisations

The list may be further restricted in each call! In particular, some categories may be not eligible or only eligible as co-applicant;

! A minimum of 5 % of the initial allocation to the thematic facility shall target the implementation of integration measures by local and regional authorities;

ALWAYS check in the call type of applicants allowed for each topic! One ineligible partner rejects the entire proposal;

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WHEN to apply?

- Main INTE call to be published in **end March**
- Information campaigns will be published Mid-March
- Follow the Funding and tenders portal regularly
- **A minimum of 3 months** between publication and submission

HOW to apply?

- Proposals are submitted electronically through the Funding and tender page
- You need to register on the Participant Register and have an EU login

Available information at - [How to participate \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)

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Further considerations

Limited funding + high number of request = **Strong competition**

- Participate in the **Info sessions**
- **Check the FAQ for additional clarifications**
- Pay particular attention to all aspects of the application - including eligibility
- Make your proposal as targeted as possible to the topic – **relevance** is fundamental!
- Take into account all **award criteria** – they are mentioned in the Call text with their weighting

Reference documents

- [Action plan on integration and inclusion 2021-2027](#)
- [Partnership of the Urban Agenda for the EU on the inclusion of migrants and refugees](#)
- [2016 Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals](#)
- [Local and regional networks for the integration of third-country nationals](#)
- [Factsheet](#) on AMIF projects includes relevant projects for this topics

Study the list of policy documents, research papers and the repository of past projects – we look for projects that take into account and build upon what has been previously achieved, without replicating it!

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- Involving applicants from more Member States than the minimum number identified;
- With broad geographical scope from diverse regions across the EU;
- Involving key actors, such as public authorities (local, regional and/or national), economic and social partners, employers, service providers in the relevant areas;
- With specific attention to migrant women and children, and to members of religious or ethnic minority who could face discrimination; This year special focus on youth;

Thank you



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