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Border and Visa and the adoption of the work programme for 2019**

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Work programme for 2019 for Union Actions in the framework of the Internal Security Fund - Borders and Visa

1. INTRODUCTION

On the basis of the objectives given in Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143) (ISF Border and Visa Regulation)¹, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for 2019 as follows:

- a) for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 2),
- b) for actions implemented under indirect management (point 3),
- c) for other actions or expenditure (point 4).

1.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143) (ISF Borders and Visa Regulation).

All Member States, with the exception of United Kingdom and Ireland, as well as the Schengen Associated Countries are participating in the 'ISF – Borders and Visa': hence entities established in these participating countries can take part as beneficiaries in the actions that are supported under this financial instrument. Entities established in the United Kingdom or Ireland can only participate on a no-cost basis. Third countries may take also part as co-beneficiaries in the actions that are supported under this financial instrument.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Consistency, complementarity and synergies with other Union instruments shall be ensured. As foreseen in Article 3(4) and Article 3(5) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014², actions in and in relation with third countries under this work programme will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through Union funds, in particular external assistance instruments. The identification and implementation of such actions is fully coordinated with European External Action Service and relevant Commission external relations services. Activities falling within the scope of humanitarian aid and civil protection shall not be funded under this programme.

¹ OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143.

² Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112).

1.2. Budget line

Budget line 18 02 01 01 – Support of border management and a common visa policy to legitimate travel	
Implementation arrangements	Total (EUR)
Procurement (direct management)	1 755 000
Indirect Management	550 000
Other actions or expenditures	2 075 000
TOTAL	4 380 000

1.3. Objectives pursued

The objective of this work programme is to contribute to ensuring a high level of security in the Union while facilitating legitimate travel, through a uniform and high level of control of the external borders and the effective processing of Schengen visas, in compliance with the Union's commitment to fundamental freedoms and human rights. It is covered by the budget line 18 02 01 01 - Support of border management and a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel.

1.4. Expected results

The work programme for Union actions in the framework of ISF-Borders will support the efforts listed above and further increase support for better managing the borders and strengthen the common visa policy by enhancing the discussions on key policies and implement the Schengen evaluation mechanism.

2. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement under this work programme is EUR 1 755 000.

LEGAL BASIS

Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 515/2014

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 01

General description of the contracts envisaged:

Support to the policy in the field of facilitation and automations of border control

Workshops, expert meetings, feasibility study and communication aiming at identifying which solutions for facilitation and automations of border control can be implemented at land borders. These are either land borders between Schengen Member States and Member States not fully implementing the Schengen acquis or between Schengen Member States and non-European Union Member States.

Support to the policy in the field of the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and the Entry-exit System (EES)

Workshops, expert meeting, feasibility study and communication on implementation modalities of ETIAS and EES in a combined and coordinated way.

Support to the policy in the field of Single Window concept

Workshops, expert meetings, feasibility study and communication aiming at the implementation of the Single Window concept for the transmission of passenger data by the different types of carriers with a particular focus on land and sea carriers.

Support to the policy in the field of Schengen Information System (SIS) legal basis

Workshops, expert meetings, new procurement procedure for expert services and studies in relation to the implementation of the new SIS legal basis including the new provisions on return alerts, preventive alerts, inquiry check alerts and innominate alerts.

Support to activities in the field of border management and common visa policy

Meetings, technical workshops, seminars, surveys, evaluations, events, web maintenance, web editor content support, graphic designer support; studies, information and communication activities, printed publications; press seminars; audio-visual products; and products in the field of border management and common visa policy.

These actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs.

3. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN INDIRECT MANAGEMENT

3.1. Mobility Partnership Facility III

The global budgetary envelope reserved for actions under indirect management for this work programme is EUR 550 000.

Implementing Entity

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is a specialised international organisation with a sound experience in migration dialogues with third countries and in managing funding and programmes. ICMPD successfully passed the Commission's ex-ante "pillar assessment" on its level of capacity of financial management and protection of financial interests and has been selected as the entity entrusted to implement this action in indirect management based on its competence.

Furthermore, ICMPD established a strong network with EU Member States and partner countries covered by the policy dialogues on migration and has project-based offices in some countries that have Mobility Partnerships or Common Agendas on Migration and Mobility.

Description

Mobility Partnerships were launched in 2007³ as one of the bilateral cooperation frameworks to implement the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM). The main objective of Mobility Partnerships is to offer a tailor-made policy dialogue and operational cooperation with third countries covering four GAMM thematic priorities⁴. Migration dialogues can also take different shapes, such as Common Agendas on Migration and Mobility (CAMM). The Mobility Partnership Facility is complementary to other instruments of the Commission and was already supported under the work programmes for 2014 and for 2017 of Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Internal Security Fund (ISF).

Actions eligible for funding by the Facility shall be in line with the objectives of the AMIF and ISF, and each Fund will support actions falling within its remit. Priority shall be given to support:

- (i) border management
- (ii) partner countries' policy and legal frameworks for migration and mobility, including migration management, monitoring asylum and protection;

³ The Global Approach to Migration (GAM) was first defined by the European Council in December 2005 and encompassed in the Commission Communication "*Applying the Global Approach to Migration to the Eastern and South-Eastern Regions Neighbouring the European Union*" COM(2007) 247
The Commission Communication "*Strengthening the global approach to migration: increasing coordination, coherence and synergies*" COM(2008) 611
The Commission Communication: "The Global Approach to Migration and Mobility" COM/2011/743.
The Commission Communication " *Establishing a new Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration*" COM (2016)385.

⁴ Legal migration, preventing and combatting irregular migration, development and migration, international protection.

- (iii) circular and temporary migration schemes and pilot projects on legal pathways to migration;
- (iv) information to potential migrants on opportunities for legal migration and on requirements for legal stay, as well as on the risks of irregular migration;
- (v) information on and protection of migrants, including pre-departure training;
- (vi) capacity building;
- (vii) migration dialogues;
- (viii) countering people smuggling
- (ix) countering trafficking in human beings;
- (x) exchange of personnel;
- (xi) provision of specific equipment to build capacities;
- (xii) organisation of meetings and exchange of expertise.

Projects supported through the Mobility Partnership Facility will be implemented preferably via call(s) for proposals, open to public authorities or agencies of EU Member States as lead applicants. Public authorities of priority partner countries, international organisations or non-governmental organisations working on a non-profit basis established in the EU or in the priority partner countries will be able to apply as co-applicants (future co-beneficiaries). The Mobility Partnership Facility is funded through AMIF and ISF. When no EU Member State is in a position to apply under the call for proposals or no proposal presented could be selected for funding, the Steering Committee may task ICMPD to implement the activities concerned.

Governance and control structure

A Steering Committee for the Mobility Partnership Facility, led by the Commission and comprising representatives of the European External Action Service (EEAS), will ensure effective governance and control of the action by providing overall strategic guidance, and adopt, and whenever necessary revise, the work plan of the facility. ICMPD will ensure the secretariat of the Steering Committee and provide technical support/assistance when necessary. Management tasks of ICMPD include the management of the award procedures, accounting and administration of the Facility, as well as monitoring and reporting. The Steering Committee of the Facility will meet regularly and at least twice a year. For those countries with whom a Mobility Partnership or a Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility is in place, governance structures such as Mobility Partnership meetings and local cooperation platforms will be used as the main discussion fora on migration matters.

4. OTHER ACTIONS OR EXPENDITURE

4.1. Corporate communication on the priorities of the Union (Directorate-General Communication)

Indicative Amount

EUR 75 000

Description

As set out in the Communication C(2018)4063 of 4.7.2018 in work programme 2019 corporate communication will focus mainly on the EU's contribution to jobs and growth through integrated communication actions encompassing the Commission priorities set out in the Agenda for Jobs, Growth, Fairness and Democratic Change. Communication actions will develop around our three-strand narrative “EU delivers – EU empowers –EU protects”.

This action will cover the production of content, including photos, audio-visual, graphic and written material; provision of other corporate technical services which benefit the institution as a whole such as online services, including the institutional web presence and social media activity; dissemination of information through integrated communication actions including on multi-media platforms; acquisition of media space, including TV and radio air time, outdoor and indoor advertising, web adverts and other online promotion techniques and print media space; organisation of and participation in events, including exhibitions, forums, dialogues and other activities aimed at citizens; studies and evaluations, where relevant.

This action will be implemented via a co-delegation by Directorate-General Communication both by the Representations and Headquarters through direct and specific contracts implementing mainly Directorate-General Communication framework contracts.

4.2. Implementing the Schengen Evaluation Mechanism

Indicative Amount

EUR 2 000 000

Description

These actions will support the preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical activities, required to implement external borders and visa policies, including strengthening the governance of the Schengen area by implementing the evaluation mechanism as established by Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis, in particular mission expenditure for experts of the Commission and the Member States participating in on site visits, in line with article 13 (2) (a) of Regulation (EU) No 515/2014.

This includes trainings linked to the implementation of the Schengen Evaluation Mechanism (Schengen Evaluators’ training – for experts from the Commission and the Member States who go to evaluations on the spot) as well as communication and IT equipment necessary for implementing the Schengen Evaluation Mechanism.

The allocation will in particular cover mission expenditure for experts of the Commission and the Member States participating in on the site visits in line with article 13(2)(a) of Regulation

(EU) No 515/2014.

The Schengen evaluation mechanism is implemented directly through the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs' specific contract under the framework contract.