

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

"Implementation of Assisted Voluntary Return including Reintegration measures and Open Accommodation Centre for Assisted voluntary returnees in the Attica Region".

This call for proposals serves to implement the national Programme for the Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund/Return Pillar in accordance with the Commission Decision C (2018) 8108 from 06/12/2018.

Considering the growing number of migrants who aim to return voluntarily from the European Union there is an increasing need for effective return including reintegration measures. In addition, to improve the humanitarian aspect of voluntary return, beneficiaries will have the opportunity to be hosted in an open structure until the return procedures be finalized.

1. Objectives

The call concerns the submission of proposals for the implementation of the voluntary return actions including reintegration measures and the operation of an open accommodation centre. More specifically, the action includes all procedures for voluntary return of third-country nationals to their country of origin and the procedures for additional re-integration assistance in kind, for migrants to be returned to their country of origin. Additionally, this action will also offer to the voluntary return applicants, short-term accommodation in open structure, until the completion of their preparatory return procedures, for the calendar years 2019-2022.

The above mentioned action will contribute to the fulfilment of the Specific Objective "Return", and more specifically to the National Objective 1 "Accompanying Measures" and National Objective 2 "Return Measures".

The expected outcomes include:

- Voluntary return actions for 16.500 migrants
- Provision of reintegration assistance in kind for 4.350 migrants
- Provision of accommodation for at least 3.240 voluntary return applicants, in the open accommodation center in Attica region.

2. Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible, projects must be presented by applicants meeting the following criteria:

- Be public or private body, international organisation or the International Committee of the Red Cross ('ICRC'), or the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;

- Fulfil the criteria described in the “Formal Form” documents attached in the body of the Call for Proposal.

Only applications from legal entities established in EU Member States are eligible.

3. Eligible activities

The proposed activities must focus on voluntary return actions including reintegration measures and the operation of an open accommodation centre for voluntary return applicants. The project must be enshrined within the framework of European common values¹ and respect these essential principles, and more particularly tolerance, gender equality and non-discrimination.

A non-exhaustive list of the main activities eligible under this call for proposals is listed below:

- **Work Package 1:**
 - Improve the capacity building of stakeholders and organizations in the field of voluntary return and alternative detention measures
 - Publicity measures of the action
- **Work Package 2:**
 - Implementation of the assisted voluntary return.
 - Info Campaigns and promotion of the possibility for voluntary return and reintegration measures (Geographical Range of First information).
 - Reception-Information-Counselling and recording of nationals who wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin (Geographical range of personalized information).
 - Identification and finalize other return logistics before departure.
 - Issuing travel documents and issuing tickets for the return of third-country nationals to their country of origin. (Preparing the return).
 - A description of the procedure to ensure effective return and reception of third-country nationals in their countries of origin at all stages of the procedure.
 - Measures for the effectiveness of voluntary return.
- **Work Package 3:**
 - Implementation of reintegration measures in kind.
 - Preparation for reintegration before departure.
 - Measures for the effectiveness of reintegration assistance.
 - Follow-up of reintegration measures for third-country nationals after returning to their country of origin (monitoring).
- **Work Package 4:**
 - Temporary accommodation in the Open Accommodation Centre of Voluntary Returnees in Attica region, with a capacity of at least 100 people.

¹ As specified under article 2 of the Treaty on European Union ((Official Journal C 326, 26/10/2012 P. 0001 – 0390): *"The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail."*

Implementation period:

- Activities may start after the signing of Grant Agreement.
- Activities are to be completed within three years after the signing of the Grant Agreement (for the physical object) and by 31/12/2022 (for the economic object).

Proposals for projects scheduled to run for a longer period than that specified in this call for proposals will not be accepted.

4.Award criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

➤ **Completeness and clarity of the content of the proposal (criterion 1) (maximum 40 points):**

This includes the evaluation of:

- Completeness and clarity of the physical object of the proposed action / project.
- Completeness and clarity of the budget;
- Completeness and clarity of the timetable.

➤ **Obedience of the institutional framework (criterion 2):**

Compliance with national and Community rules on public works, design, procurement and service contracts, assignments to experts and subcontractors and national rules on the employment of staff.

➤ **Scope of the action (criterion 3) (maximum 25 points):**

This includes the evaluation of:

- Necessity to implement the action.
- Efficiency.
- Effectiveness
- Synergy and complementarity.

➤ **Maturity of the action (criterion 4) (maximum -4 up to 0 points):**

This includes the evaluation of:

- Stage of the action / project maturation.
- Degree of progress in administrative or other actions

➤ **Administrative and Operational Capacity of the potential beneficiary (criterion 5) (maximum 35 points):**

This includes the evaluation of:

- The administrative capacity of the potential beneficiary of the action.
- The operational capacity of the potential beneficiary of the action.

Points will be allocated to eligible applications out of a total of 100 on the basis of the above-specified weighting.

Moreover, a minimum threshold of 70 points will be applied for all award criteria taken together. Applications falling below these thresholds will be rejected.

5. Budget available

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of project is estimated at 39.100.000,00 euros.

The EU grant is limited to a maximum co-financing rate of 75% of eligible costs. More information for the estimated budget is mentioned in the main body of the call for proposals.

6. Deadline for submission of applications

Grant applications must be drawn up in the **Greek language only**, using the electronic form available on the webpage of the call for proposals. In addition, communication and other activities concerning the submission of the proposals and the implementation of the action **will be conducted only in the Greek language**.

The application form duly completed must be submitted before 28/05/2019 (14:00pm Greece time).

Applications sent by fax or e-mail or another way, will not be accepted.

7. Additional information

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