Ad-Hoc Inter-Agency Coordination Forum Meeting (RCF) - Hungary
Ukraine Emergency Situation
21 April 2023

Agenda
▪ Overview of EU funding opportunities and challenges in Hungary
▪ Eligibility criteria
▪ Application process
▪ Evaluation criteria
▪ Deadlines

Participants
42 online.

Summary
Presentations from the DG Home of the European Commission (Ms. Csilla Volgy, focal point for the TP in Hungary and Ms. Iulia Barbu, focal point for AMIF coordination) and from the Hungarian MoI (Mr. Robert Ronto, AMIF focal point in the Hungarian Government) provided an overview of the funding opportunities available to organizations working on the refugee response in Hungary, and the eligibility criteria and application process for each funding opportunity.

The focus was on AMIF, a call by the EU Commission for member states for the early integration of refugees, which supports protection (access to asylum procedures, identification of persons with special needs, case management, family tracing) and basic needs. The call is managed locally by the MoI (more information is available at https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/).

Currently, there is one call in progress with a budget of 40 M €; the call is open for 4 months to enable extensive participation – deadline 16th May 2023; the award is foreseen for Q3 2023 – projects to start in Q1 2024. The current AMIF call focuses on 5 topics for integration (promoting community sponsorship schemes and integration of persons in need of protection, integration, and inclusion at the regional and local levels, support to integration in the education of migrant children and young adults, multi-stakeholder initiatives for migrant integration into the labour market, promoting complementary pathways linked to education and/or work) and transnational actions for the protection of children in migration.

The proposals are submitted electronically through the funding and tender page. Organizations need to register on the Participant Register and have an EU login. The call is very competitive and requires good preparation. More information is available at - How to participate (europa.eu); also info sessions recordings on the call are available here. There will be a second AMIF call estimated in Q3-Q4 2024 with the following priorities: support measures for migrant women's integration; improving digital skills among migrants; access to healthcare.

The other funding opportunity mentioned during the meeting was the Swiss Rapid Response Fund. The Fund supports projects dealing with migration issues and challenges linked to international migration movements in the areas of asylum, infrastructure, voluntary return and reintegration and prevention of secondary migration. It runs until 2029 and can be used in one or more EU Member States in the event of a crisis due to unexpected pressure in the area of migration. Projects can be submitted by different stakeholders with relevant experience in the field of migration, such as international organizations and NGO’s in the EU member states. The deadline for submission is May 15, 2023. More information is available here.