

**ECRE/UNHCR Strategic Partnership – Alternative Visions of Protection in Europe**  
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**ToRs – “Follow the Money”: Monitoring Report on the Use of AMIF Funding at National Level**

## **I. Background**

In order to respond to the unprecedented migratory developments in Europe in 2015/16, ECRE and UNHCR have joined forces through a strategic partnership to develop and promote discussions on the possible options for the future of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS). The partnership has included research on the EU’s Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

AMIF aims to contribute, through financial assistance, to the efficient management of migration flows and to the implementation and development of a common EU approach to asylum and migration. AMIF reflects efforts to simplify and streamline the implementation of the EU budget in the area of home affairs, since it replaces three separate funding programmes that operated during the 2007-13 period.

The AMIF has **four common specific objectives**: 1) strengthening and developing the establishment of the **Common European Asylum System (CEAS)**; 2) supporting **legal migration** to the Member States in accordance with their economic and social needs and promoting the **effective integration** of third-country nationals; 3) enhancing **fair and effective return strategies** with a view to countering **illegal immigration**; and 4) increasing **solidarity and responsibility-sharing** between the Member States, with particular focus on those most affected by migration and asylum flows.

In 2017, ECRE and UNHCR produced a joint research report entitled “Follow the Money – Assessing the use of AMIF funding at national level”. The report provided a critical analysis of the AMIF national programmes, with the following specific objectives:

- support the assessment of AMIF national programming due to be undertaken in the 2018 mid-term review;
- make recommendations for better management and use of AMIF funds during the remainder of the AMIF multiannual funding period; and
- provide input to assist the EC, MS and partners to develop European asylum, migration and integration funding instruments post-2020.

## **II. Objectives of the AMIF report – phase two**

In 2018, ECRE and UNHCR will produce a follow up to their research. The objective of the report “Follow the Money – Phase II” will be to map and assess the implementation of AMIF funds distributed through the National Programmes. The scope of the research will also include implementation of the emergency measures and provide some detailed information on the situation in a selection of EU countries.

It will use the evidence from the mid-term review of the AMIF, which is due to take place in 2018 and will take into account the interim evaluation reports prepared by the EU countries on the implementation of their national programmes. The mid-term review report is to be submitted to the EP, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions by 30 June 2018.

Further, the new report will include an analysis of the relevant funding instrument proposals that will replace or complement the current AMIF in the context of the new Multi Annual Financial Framework (MFF) of the EU for the period 2021-2027; the report will include recommendations for use during the negotiation process.

## **III. ToRs**

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<p><b>Task description</b></p> <p><b>Main Objective</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft a comparative overview of the implementation of national AMIF funds in the 27 EU MS, covering initial allocations and the emergency top-up</li> <li>2. Provide specific recommendations for the remaining period of AMIF spending (2019-2020) ;</li> <li>3. Prepare detailed case studies on the implementation of the AMIF funds in 4 EU countries;</li> <li>4. Draft an in-depth analysis of the new funding proposals in the MFF 2021-2027 that are relevant for the same group of beneficiaries. The report will include key recommendations for use during the negotiations of the new funds.</li> <li>5. Draft an executive summary of the study</li> <li>6. Make a presentation at the UNHCR BE Regional NGO Consultations (ECRE AGC November 7<sup>th</sup> 2018)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Scope of the consultancy and activities to be undertaken</b></p>	<p>In particular, the study will look at the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The detailed breakdown of the implementation (i.e. spending) by country, by objective and by recipient;</li> <li>2. Analysis of key gaps and inconsistencies between allocations and spendings in the implementation of AMIF funds at national level</li> <li>3. Methodology used by the mid-term review at national level to assess the implementation and monitoring of national funding programmes;</li> <li>4. Effectiveness the programs implemented at national and - where relevant- at transnational level (what are the results achieve and the added value (including an EU added value)? How is EU added value being interpreted? What are the indicators used to assess the implementation of the national programmes?)</li> <li>5. Comparative analysis of the AMIF practices across the 27 EU MS including highlight of good and bad practices; detailed case studies of the implementation of the programmes in 4 countries.</li> <li>6. Detailed analysis of the new asylum and migration funds and key evidence based recommendations;</li> <li>7. Presentation of the outcome of the research at the UNHCR RBE Regional NGO Consultations (ECRE AGC 7/11/2018)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Methodology</b></p>	<p>The consultant will be assisted by 2 research assistants (1 from ECRE and 1 from UNHCR ) ; the consultant will coordinate and manage the work of the assistants in close cooperation with UNHCR and ECRE;</p>

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	<p>The consultant will undertake a desk research and develop a synthesis on the basis of the national reports and the mid-term review published by the European Commission. In addition to the comparative overview, the consultant will develop a more detailed analysis of the situation in 4 countries to be selected on the basis of preliminary evidence</p> <p>The consultant will conduct interviews with EU stakeholders (such as DG HOME, EP), where appropriate with relevant national stakeholders, UNHCR country offices and ECRE members in relevant countries.</p> <p>The study will include the following detailed breakdown :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How much spending by country;</li> <li>- How much spending by objective;</li> <li>- How much spending by recipient type – when available</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the quantitative aspect, where possible the study should include qualitative analysis of the effectiveness of programmes and the results that have been achieved.</p> <p>For each AMIF objective, the report will map key problems and good practices, as well as commonalities and divergences between the countries of focus.</p> <p>The report will also include recommendations and possible actions to be taken by national authorities during the implementation of the last phase of the AMIF programme (2019-2020).</p> <p>It will include a detailed analysis of the legislative proposals for the next MFF together with evidence-based recommendations.</p> <p>The report should not exceed 50 pages, including the case studies and Annexes. It should include an executive summary of maximum 2 pages.</p>
<p><b>Deadlines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Starting date (indicative): 1/06/2018</li> <li>- First draft to be submitted on 30/09/2018</li> <li>- Presentation at the UNHCR RBE NGO regional Consultations, Belgrade, Serbia (ECRE AGC 7/11/2018)</li> <li>- Final report to be submitted by 7/12/2018</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fees - Instalments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lump sum (including the presentation at the AGC): 8500 Euros in three instalments (the lump sum includes all travel and accommodation fees, including participation at the AGC in Belgrade, Serbia)</li> </ul>

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