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And UNHCR Europe NGO Consultation

Organised by ECRE and UNHCR

Brussels, 23 and 24 October 2019

Venue: Renaissance Brussels Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

Plenary Room (“Brussels” Room)

WORKSHOP

PROMOTING SOLIDARITY: MAKING EU FUNDING WORK FOR RESETTLEMENT AND RELOCATION

Title Promoting Solidarity: Making EU Funding Work for Resettlement and Relocation

Objectives The workshop, organised in collaboration with UNHCR, will aim to:

1. Present the preliminary findings of the joint ECRE/UNHCR Follow the Money III, with a focus on case studies;
2. Discuss how future EU funding instruments will help to further strengthen resettlement and complementary pathways and to build sustainable intra-EU solidarity mechanisms;

Speakers

Co-Chairs

Daphné Bouteillet-Paquet, ECRE

Nathalie Springuel, UNHCR

Speakers

Rachel Westerby, Consultant

Faustine Masson, Project coordinator, Migration Unit, Inter-ministerial Delegation on Access to Housing (DIHAL), France

Matthjis Korzilius, European, Commission, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, Unit E.1 – Funds Programming and Procedures (tbc)

Description and structure

The workshop will allow an in-depth discussion on the use of current AMIF funds to support resettlement and relocation schemes. The discussion will be informed by the presentation of the findings of the Follow The Money III report. The objectives of the report are to map and assess how mechanism of the lump sum per person regulated by the AMIF Regulation have been used to favour resettlement (RST) and relocation (REL) to and within the EU for those seeking protection. The presentation will also look at their wider impact on the resettlement and relocation landscape, with a specific focus on the following countries: Slovenia, Portugal, Sweden, France, and Italy. A representative of the French authorities will comment on the findings of the study and share relevant experience about recent developments in France.

The workshop will then discuss how the future EU funds will help to further strengthen resettlement and complementary pathways and to build sustainable intra-EU solidarity mechanisms. A representative of the European Commission will provide their views on the possible improvements under the new MFF concerning legal pathways and responsibility-sharing mechanisms.

Agenda

11:30 – 11:35 Introduction

ECRE

11:35 – 12:15 Presentation of the “Follow the Money” (Phase III) Thematic Report: The Use of AMIF funds to incentivize the creation of safe and legal routes

Rachel Westerby, consultant

Expanding Resettlement and Complementary pathways - The Perspective of the French authorities

Faustine Masson, project coordinator, migration unit, DIAHL

12:00 – 12:30 Q&A and discussion

12:30 – 12:45 Protection, resettlement and solidarity sharing mechanisms in the future MFF – the perspectives of the European institutions

Matthijs Korzilius, DG HOME (tbc)

12:45 – 13:00 Q&A and discussion