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Managing migration and financing a safer and more secure Europe: €2.4 billion to support Member States

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The European Commission has this month approved 23 multiannual national programmes under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Internal Security Fund (ISF). The total funding for the agreed programmes is approximately €2.4 billion, for the period 2014-2020. Money will now be able to flow to frontline Member States such as Greece and Italy, and to other EU Member States also dealing with high migratory flows. The Commission has worked intensively with Member States to ensure that EU funds are released urgently. 22 national programmes were already approved in March, and an additional 13 programmes will be approved later this year.

Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos said: *"Member States nowadays face unprecedented challenges in the fields of migration and security and the Commission is taking action in a spirit of solidarity. Through the European Agendas on Migration and Security, the Commission is taking bold steps to improve migration management, foster cooperation and make Europe safer from organised crime and terrorism for our citizens. The national programmes approved by the Commission provide significant financial assistance to the Member States to address these challenges. We are determined to continue to put solidarity into practice."*

The AMIF funding supports national efforts to improve reception capacities, ensure that asylum procedures are in line with Union standards, integrate migrants at local and regional levels and increase the effectiveness of return programmes. Funding from ISF complements national efforts to improve Member States' border management and surveillance (in particular through the use of modern technologies). ISF funding is also used for cross-border law enforcement cooperation and strengthens Member States' capacity to effectively manage security-related risks such as terrorism and violent radicalisation, drug trafficking, cybercrime, trafficking in human beings, and other forms of organised crime.

In addition to the basic allocation (see Annex), most national programmes are complemented by additional amounts made available for the implementation of specific transnational actions. These can include joint return and reintegration projects under the AMIF or the setting up of consular cooperation under the ISF. Additional funding under the ISF will also be invested in the purchase of large-scale equipment that will be put at the disposal of Frontex. This resource will be available for joint operations whenever needed. Additionally, almost €37 million will be channelled through the AMIF programmes to support the Union Resettlement Programme in the period 2014-2015.

The Commission is working towards the swift approval of the remaining national programmes. With a total budget of almost €7 billion for AMIF and ISF for the period 2014-20, these Funds are the principal EU financial instruments for investing in an open and secure Europe.

Background

EU efforts in the field of Migration and Home Affairs are supported by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund.

The **Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund** contributes to the efficient management of migration flows and the development of a common approach to asylum and migration.

The Internal Security Fund (consisting of the **Borders and Visa** and the **Police Cooperation and Crisis Management Instrument**) helps ensure a high level of security and crime prevention in the Union, while at the same time enabling legitimate travel and ensuring solid management of the Union's external borders.

85% of the Funds are channelled through the multiannual strategic national programmes: covering the 2014-2020 period. After Commission approval, these programmes are prepared, implemented, monitored and evaluated by the responsible authorities in the Member States, in partnership with the relevant stakeholders, including civil society. The resettlement and relocation schemes recently proposed by the Commission and endorsed by the Council will be implemented through the AMIF national programmes.

The remaining funds, accounting for around 15% of the total resources, are managed by the Commission, based on individual work programmes. It is through these Commission work programmes that Union Actions and emergency assistance to Member States are funded.

23 national programmes were approved by the Commission over the past weeks: 7 AMIF programmes (Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden) and 16 ISF programmes (Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Spain). Earlier this year, 22 national programmes were approved by the Commission: 17 AMIF programmes (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Lithuania,

Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and the United Kingdom) and 5 ISF programmes (Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, France). The remaining 13 national programmes will be approved later in 2015.

Annex: Financial allocations per Member State

Member State	Basic allocations			Specific Actions	Resettlement and relocation	TOTAL
	AMIF	ISF Borders	ISF Police			
Austria (ISF)		14,162,727 €	12,162,906 €	220,500 €		26,546,133 €
Bulgaria (ISF)		40,366,130 €	32,002,293 €	391,500 €		72,759,923 €
Cyprus (AMIF)	32,308,677 €					32,308,677 €
Cyprus (ISF)		34,507,030 €	8,117,257 €			42,624,287 €
Estonia (ISF)		21,781,752 €	13,480,269 €			35,262,021 €
Finland (ISF)		36,934,528 €	15,682,348 €	360,000 €		52,976,876 €
Greece (AMIF)	259,348,877 €					259,348,877 €
Greece (ISF)		166,814,388 €	20,489,650 €	27,540,000 €		214,844,038 €
Hungary (ISF)		40,829,197 €	20,663,922 €			61,493,119 €
Ireland (ISF)			9,243,080 €			9,243,080 €
Italy (AMIF)	310,355,777 €				3,000,000 €	313,355,777 €
Italy (ISF)		156,306,897 €	56,631,761 €	31,950,000 €		244,888,658 €
Lithuania (ISF)		*178.704.873 €	16,120,656 €	1,125,000 €		17,245,656 €
Luxembourg (ISF)		5,400,129 €	2,102,689 €			7,502,818 €
Malta (ISF)		53,098,597 €	8,979,107 €	12,600,000 €		74,677,704 €
Poland (AMIF)	63,410,477 €			5,983,144 €		69,393,621 €
Portugal (ISF)		18,900,023 €	18,693,124 €	1,093,523 €		38,686,670 €
Romania (ISF)		61,151,568 €	37,150,105 €	180,000 €		98,481,673 €
Slovakia (AMIF)	10,980,477 €			2,096,000 €		13,076,477 €
Slovenia (ISF)		30,669,103 €	9,882,037 €	635,040 €		41,186,180 €
Spain (AMIF)	257,101,877 €				2,600,000 €	259,701,877 €
Spain (ISF)		195,366,875 €	54,227,207 €	12,528,000 €		262,122,082 €
Sweden (AMIF)	118,536,877 €			4,410,000 €	31,200,000 €	154,146,877 €

* Includes Special Transit Scheme for Lithuania (154.000.000 €)

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