ANNEX III

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OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of …

establishing the Asylum, Migration **and Integration** Fund

Scope of support

1. Within the policy objective referred to in Article 3(1), the Fund shall in particular support:

(a) the establishment and development of national, regional and local strategies in relation to asylum, legal migration, integration, return and irregular migration in accordance with the relevant Union acquis;

(b) the setting up of administrative structures, tools and systems, including ICT systems, and the training of staff, including the staff of local authorities and of other relevant stakeholders, in cooperation with relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, where appropriate;

(c) the establishment of contact points at the national, regional and local levels to provide impartial guidance, practical information and assistance regarding all aspects of the Fund to potential beneficiaries and eligible entities;

(d) the development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and procedures, including the collection, exchange and analysis of information and data; the dissemination of qualitative and quantitative data and statistics on migration and international protection; and the development and application of common statistical tools, methods and indicators for measuring progress and assessing policy developments;

(e) the exchange of information, best practices and strategies; mutual learning, studies and research; the development and implementation of joint actions and operations; and the setting-up of transnational cooperation networks;

(f) assistance and support services provided in a gender-sensitive manner that are consistent with the status and the needs of the person concerned, in particular vulnerable persons;

(g) actions aimed at the effective protection of children in migration, including the implementation of assessments of the best interests of the child, the strengthening of guardianship systems, as well as the development, monitoring and evaluation of child safeguarding policies and procedures;

(h) actions aimed at enhancing awareness among stakeholders and the general public of policies relating to asylum, integration, legal migration and return, with specific attention to vulnerable persons, including minors,.

2. Within the specific objective referred to in point (a) of Article 3(2), the Fund shall in particular support:

(a) the provision of material aid, including assistance at the border;

(b) the conducting of asylum procedures in accordance with the asylum acquis, including the provision of support services such as translation and interpretation, legal assistance, family tracing and other services which are consistent with the status of the person concerned;

(c) the identification of applicants with special procedural or reception needs, including the early identification of victims of trafficking, with a view to their referral to specialised services such as psycho-social and rehabilitation services;

(d) the provision of specialised services such as qualified psycho-social and rehabilitation services to applicants with special procedural or reception needs;

(e) the establishment or improvement of reception accommodation infrastructure, such as small scale infrastructure addressing the needs of families with minors, including those provided by local and regional authorities and including the possible joint use of such facilities by more than one Member State;

(f) the enhancement of the capacity of Member States to collect, analyse and share among their competent authorities country of origin information;

(g) actions related to Union resettlement programmes or national resettlement and humanitarian admission schemes, including the conducting of procedures for their implementation;

(h) the enhancement of the capacities of third countries to improve the protection of persons in need of protection, including through supporting the development of protection systems for children in migration;

(i) the establishment, development and improvement of effective alternatives to detention, in particular in relation to unaccompanied minors and families, and including, where appropriate, non-institutionalised care integrated into national child protection systems.

3. Within the specific objective referred to in point (b) of Article 3(2), the Fund shall in particular support:

(a) information packages and campaigns to raise awareness of legal migration channels to the Union, including on the Union legal migration *acquis*;

(b) the development of mobility schemes to the Union, such as circular or temporary migration schemes, including training to enhance employability;

(c) cooperation between third countries and the recruitment agencies, the employment services and the immigration services of Member States;

(d) the assessment and recognition of skills and qualifications, including professional experience, acquired in a third country, as well as their transparency, and their equivalence with those of a Member State;

(e) assistance in the context of applications for family reunification to ensure a harmonised implementation of Council Directive 2003/86/EC2[[1]](#footnote-2)4;

(f) assistance, including legal assistance and representation, in relation to a change of status for third-country nationals already legally residing in a Member State, in particular in relation to the acquisition of a legal residence status as defined at Union level;

(g) assistance to third-country nationals seeking to exercise their rights, in particular related to mobility, under Union legal migration instruments;

(h) integration measures, such as tailored support in accordance with the needs of third-country nationals, and integration programmes focusing on counselling, education, language and other training, such as civic orientation courses and professional guidance;

(i) actions promoting equality in access to public and private services by third-country nationals and the provision of such services to third-country nationals, including access to education, healthcare and psycho-social support and adapting such services to the needs of the target group;

(j) cooperation between governmental and non-governmental bodies in an integrated manner, including through coordinated integration-support centres, such as one-stop shops;

(k) actions enabling and supporting the introduction of third‑country nationals to, and their active participation in, the receiving society and actions promoting acceptance by the receiving society;

(l) promoting exchanges and dialogue between third-country nationals, the receiving society and public authorities, including through consultation with third-country nationals, and intercultural and inter-religious dialogue;

(m) building the capacity of integration services provided by local authorities and other relevant stakeholders.

4. Within the specific objective referred to in point (c) of Article 3(2), the Fund shall in particular support:

(a) the establishment or improvement of open reception or detention infrastructure, including the possible joint use of such facilities by more than one Member State;

(b) the introduction, development, implementation and improvement of effective alternative measures to detention, including community based case management, in particular in relation to unaccompanied minors and families;

(c) the introduction and reinforcement of independent and effective forced-return monitoring systems, as laid down in Article 8(6) of Directive 2008/115/EC;

(d) the countering of incentives for irregular migration, including the employment of irregular migrants, through effective and adequate inspections based on risk assessment, the training of staff, the setting‑up and implementation of mechanisms through which irregular migrants can claim back payments and lodge complaints against their employers, and information and awareness‑raising campaigns to inform employers and irregular migrants about their rights and obligations pursuant to Directive 2009/52/EC;

(e) the preparation of returns, including measures leading to the issuing of return decisions, the identification of third-country nationals, the issuing of travel documents and family tracing;

(f) cooperation with the consular authorities and immigration services or other relevant authorities and services of third countries with a view to obtaining travel documents, facilitating returns and ensuring readmission, including through the deployment of third‑country liaison officers;

(g) return assistance, in particular assisted voluntary return and information about assisted voluntary return programmes, including by providing specific guidance for children in return procedures;

(h) removal operations, including related measures, in accordance with the standards laid down in Union law, with the exception of support for coercive equipment;

(i) measures to support the returnee’s sustainable return and reintegration, including cash-incentives, training, placement and employment assistance and start-up support for economic activities;

(j) facilities and support services in third countries to ensure appropriate temporary accommodation and reception upon arrival and, where appropriate, a fast transition to community-based accommodation;

(k) cooperation with third countries regarding countering irregular migration and regarding effective return and readmission;

(l) measures aimed at raising awareness of the appropriate legal channels for migration and the risks of irregular immigration;

(m) assistance and actions in third countries which help to improve effective cooperation between third countries and the Union and its Member States regarding return and readmission and to support reintegration into the society of origin.

5. Within the specific objective referred to in point (d) of Article 3(2), the Fund shall in particular support:

(a) the implementation of voluntary transfers from one Member State to another of either applicants for international protection or beneficiaries of international protection;

(b) operational support in terms of seconded staff or financial assistance provided by a Member State to another Member State affected by migration challenges, including support provided to the EASO;

(c) the voluntary implementation of national resettlement or humanitarian admission schemes;

(d) support by a Member State to another Member State affected by migration challenges in terms of establishment or improvement of reception infrastructure.

1. 24 Council Directive 2003/86/EC of 22 September 2003 on the right to family reunification(OJ L 251, 3.10.2003, p. 12). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)