

## Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) 2021- 2027 Questions and Answers – version 2.

An information session was held by the Managing Authority (MA) and Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta (SEM) on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in connection with open call for applications (TCNs, Education & Support – Call No. 14). Here below are the pertinent questions and answers that took place during and after the information session:

**Q. What is being meant by 'pre-integration support measures'?**

A. The term 'pre-integration support measures' encapsulates the essential integration measures provided to third country nationals (TCNs) namely but not limited to: basic skills and language courses, cultural orientation, basic safety elements sessions etc. In fact, this call is aimed towards the core elements of integration i.e. TCNs who have not been exposed yet to integration measures, and is up to the applicant to demonstrate the eligibility of actions under the AMIF OP. On the other hand, long-term integration is covered by operations under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

**Q. Are pre-integration support measures aimed at TCNs who are not yet in Malta or to those who are already living in Malta?**

A. Pre-integration support measures are to be considered towards all TCNs, but need to be implemented in the eligible territory in line with the AMIF Regulation.

**Q. Can a project under this call include integration of TCNs and other disadvantaged groups who are already living in Malta?**

A. Integration is a two-way process meaning that an action can target TCNs, while simultaneously targeting also Maltese nationals who are being informed and educated about TCNs integration into Maltese society and vice versa.

**Q. Where can historical information about past projects be accessed from?**

A. On the [fondi.eu](https://fondi.eu) website one can find the list of beneficiaries on <https://fondi.eu/important-documentation/reference-documents/list-of-beneficiaries/2014-2020-programming-period/> and learn about what projects were funded through the following link <https://fondi.eu/funded-projects/>.

**Q. On the [fondi.eu](https://fondi.eu) website is there a list of past projects financed by DG REFORM (TSI)?**

A. Such specific information is not available on the [fondi.eu](https://fondi.eu) website, but there is the EU Funding & Tenders Portal website, where a list of all EU funded projects and direct funded projects is available.

**Q. Can applicants specify what languages are intended to be accessed and is it possible to include the use of digital learning?**

A. Yes, applicants are invited to specify what languages are being designed for courses, for example courses in Maltese and English languages. As regards to digital learning, it is encouraged given that such option caters for accessibility.

**Q. Is it possible that a project targets TCNs and other groups? If so, would the applicant need to explain it in the application form?**

- A. Yes, it is possible to support different target groups in one project. Significant detail shall be provided in the application form and in case the target group will not consist solely of TCNs, then ultimately the applicable costs can be apportioned in accordance with the amount of TCNs. It must be reiterated that applicants are invited to put all the details in the application form and specify at which target group/s is an activity directed.

**Q. The 7% flat rate for indirect cost covers administrative costs of the project but there could be activities within the work packages that will be financing people that are implementing the actual action such as social workers, culture mediators etc; could these persons also be employees of the organisation that is implementing the project?**

- A. Yes, such persons can be employees of an organisation implementing the project.

**Q. Will the PowerPoint presentations be e-mailed to the attendees?**

- A. All the presentations will be shared online on the fondi.eu and SEM respective websites.

**Q. How long does the assessment period of an application?**

- A. It usually takes around three (3) months and since this call closes in November 2024 one must take into consideration the Christmas recess.

**Q. For how many years can a project be extended?**

- A. The average project duration is approximately three (3) years, but it can be of more years and extension requests can be granted by the Managing Authority. The Malta AMIF Programme covers from 2021-2027 and one has to take into account the N+2 principle, meaning that the programme ending in year 2027 will have an additional two (2) years (2029) available for closure purposes. Ideally, the project implementation end date is set for year 2027.

**Q. What is the co-financing rate of this call and which document contains the eligibility conditions of the call?**

- A. The co-financing rate of this call can be 75% or otherwise increased up to 90% if the project proposal falls within one of the actions eligible for higher co-financing rates as listed in Annex IV of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 (AMIF). On the other hand, with regards to eligibility purposes, please refer to the 'Guidance Notes on Eligibility' which can be accessed from this link <https://fondi.eu/what-funding-is-available/education-tcns-support/>.