Regions at the forefront of solidarity with Ukraine
EU emergency funding mechanisms

Brief update on CPMR Migration Task Force
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Key results for CPMR in the proposals

• Proposal 42 Irregular Migration:
  • Specific mention of climate change as a factor in tackling root causes of migration through EU external action to support development of third countries

• Proposal 43: Irregular Migration (bis):
  • Measure to increase EU financial, logistical and operational support, also for local authorities, regional governments to manage first reception and possible integration of refugees and regular migrants

• Proposal 44: Asylum, integration.
  • Objective to strengthen the EU’s role and reform the European asylum system based on the principles of solidarity and fair share of responsibility

• Proposal 45: Asylum, integration (bis):
  • EU ensures, also with the involvement of local and regional authorities and the contribution of civil society organisations, that every asylum seeker and refugee, during the process of the residence procedure, attends language, integration courses, professional training, and activities.

See all 49 proposals at https://futureu.europa.eu/pages/reporting
Work on migration-climate nexus

• Questionnaire open to 31 January:
  • 10 regions replied
  • 4 regions expressed an interest in the topic but did not currently have a position

• Exploitation:
  All regions agreed on the following:
  • Develop common policy messages on EU and national migration and asylum policies linked to climate change
  • Develop common policy messages and advocacy on the regional role in the external dimension of EU migration and climate adaptation and mitigation policies
  • Promote concrete actions of CPMR members in the external dimension of EU migration and climate adaptation and mitigation policies, mainly through exchange of experiences. 6 respondents were involved in any international climate actions with third country partners and 7 provided funding

• Next Steps
  • To be discussed as the focus of a next Migration Task Force to start shaping key messages
REGIN Project Capitalisation

Feed into “Integration Lab” Practices

REGIN Integration Lab

Database & mapping of regional migrant integration practices

Evaluation framework with a focus on transferability, inspiring elements and room for improvement

Visit integration-lab.reginproject.eu

Develop and expand MIPEX-R (Migrant Integration Policy Regional Index, currently with 25 regions)

See https://r.mipex.eu

Set up a REGIN Community Platform on https://reginproject.eu/?
**EU funded initiative supporting the external dimension of EU migration policy managed by ICMPD. The MPF aims to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility between Member States and priority partner countries outside the EU.**

**STRAND A. ‘Support to the EU’s migration priorities with partner countries’**

**Deadline:** Open deadline, projects must be completed by 31st May 2025

**Project Indicative Budget and Duration:** EUR 1-1.5M / 36 months

**Financing rate:** 95%

**Applicants:** Regional authorities are eligible beneficiaries. No need for co-applicants in 3rd countries but they must be targeted. Must be interest from a concerned Member State (direct participation or letter of support)

**Procedure:** Submit concept note. If accepted MPF will contact for full application

[https://www.migrationpartnershipfacility.eu/calls-for-proposals](https://www.migrationpartnershipfacility.eu/calls-for-proposals)
Funding Opportunities / Calls for projects

AMIF Thematic Facility (direct management)

Call originally planned in spring 2022, but AMIF funds have been reallocated due to Ukraine crisis.

• Integration - call postponed until at least 2023, TBC if the priorities remain the same
  1. Integration and inclusion at regional and local level
  2. Access to healthcare
  3. Improving digital skills among migrants
  4. Promoting community sponsorship schemes and complementary pathways

Integration and inclusion at regional and local level - In line with the Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027, the support provided under this priority will include capacity building for local and regional authorities in involving local and migrant communities in the design and implementation of integration policies at the local level and fostering interaction at the local level between migrants and host communities through volunteering projects and mentoring and buddy systems.
Upcoming Events

CPMR Events

16 June 2022: CPMR Political Bureau, Helsingborg (Skåne, SE). Session on “Regions at the forefront of solidarity with Ukraine”

26 October 2022: CPMR Migration Task Force meeting (side event of the AGM); Heraklion Crete

Other Events

18-19 May 2022: Regional Conference: Good practice exchange session for the integration of migrants in small towns and rural areas, organised by the Government of Navarra. Streaming in English & Spanish streaming in English https://youtu.be/cNO0lCQ0kbi and Spanish https://youtu.be/Wm7cbtOwn-4

1-2 June 2022: FOCUS Final Conference – Living Well Together (La Tricoterie, Brussels and online), presenting the results of the FOCUS project on 2-way dynamic integration (with the participation of Partnership Skåne). Register here.

24 June 2022: Conference: The impact of managing migration and integration on local and regional authorities, especially in border regions, and the need to enhance support to LRAs by the EU institutions, Alimos (GR), organised by the CIVEX Commission of the Committee of the Regions

CPMR will be represented by Mr Georgios Hatzimarkos, Governor of South Aegean