

Introduction on EU's response to the Ukraine crisis

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Cohesion CAREs – new flexibilities of the EU funds

Cohesion’s Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE)

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COHESION POLICY FOR RECOVERY

CRII+

(Coronavirus Response
Investment Initiative)

€ **22.8 BILLION**
(Redirected)



Jobs & social
services

Healthcare



Support
for SME's

Green & Digital
transition



REACT-EU

(Recovery and Assistance
for Cohesion and the
Territories of Europe)



€ **50.6 BILLION**
(New)

Out of which
€ **42,2 BILLION**
already committed



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10 point plan: For stronger European coordination on welcoming people fleeing the war from Ukraine



1. An EU platform for registration
2. An EU level coordinated approach in relation to the transport and information hubs
3. Enhance reception systems and ensure continuity of care and suitable accommodation
4. National contingency plans to address medium to long-term needs
5. Common solutions to protect children on the move at every point from war zone to safe home
6. A common anti-trafficking plan: preventing human trafficking and helping victims
7. Reinforced solidarity with Moldova coordinated at EU level
8. A reinforced framework for international cooperation on safe destinations
9. Address internal security implications of the war in Ukraine
10. Adequate resources and funding

Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF): rather targeted to immediate support during first reception phase



- Provision of material aid to address basic needs of persons (e.g. clothes, food, health care, reception needs etc.);
- Asylum Processing activities;
- Identification and processing of persons with special procedural or reception needs;
- Family tracing, legal and translation assistance, psycho-social and other specialised services;
- Reception accommodation, including addressing the needs of families with minors;
- Early integration, where appropriate and after management of emergency.

An integrated multi-fund approach

2014-2020 Funds

Be aware of differences between the Home Affairs Funds and Cohesion policy Funds.

Home Affairs funds can only cover costs of very first integration – Commission reimburses once a year.

2021-2027 Funds

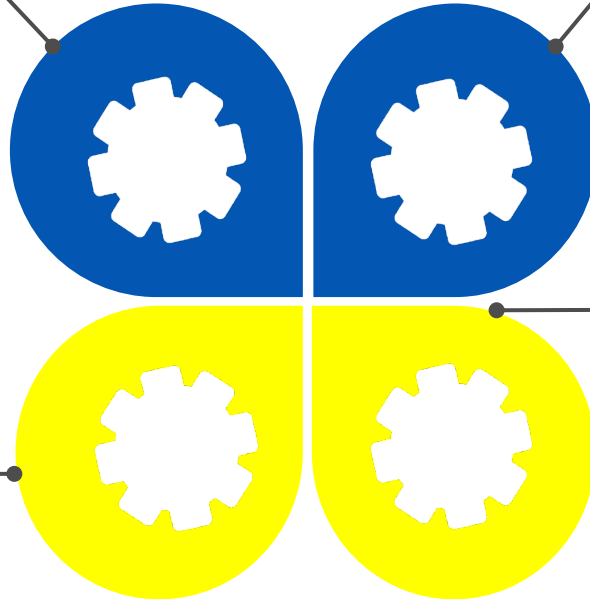
More funding is available!! MS to give priority to finalising the programmes.

Approved Home Affairs programmes => Release of 7% pre-financing!

Optimize the use of Member States' programmes!

Emergency Assistance is possible

400 million in 2 tranches



EU funds 2014-2020

Scope: AMIF, ESF, FEAD, ERDF 2014-2020.

1. **First reception and immediate relief**
2. Welcome and integration
3. Mainstream support for long-term integration into host society

Key: The primary purpose of the ESF and the ERDF (under TO9) is the integration of these persons in the Member State

Legal changes related to CARE

1. Regulation (EU) 2022/562 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 April 2022 amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 223/2014 as regards Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) [EUR-Lex - 32022R0562 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)
2. Regulation (EU) 2022/613 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 April 2022 amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 223/2014 as regards increased pre-financing from REACT-EU resources and the establishment of a unit cost [EUR-Lex - 32022R0613 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

Mobilisation of cohesion policy

1. Redirecting available resources under **cohesion policy 2014-20** primarily for quick and short-term measures:
 - **MFF ERDF, ESF**
 - **NextGenerationEU REACT EU** (2021 tranche programmed and 2022 tranche still in programming)
2. Under **cohesion policy 2021-2027** long-term measures can be implemented to ensure successful integration of refugees in the Member States. Note: all programmes must be approved in 2022.

CARE flexibilities

1. **ERDF-ESF full cross-financing via Article 98(4)** – one fund can fully finance other fund's activities
2. A temporary **100% co-financing rate** for the accounting year 2021-2022 (ERDF, ESF and CF)
3. A new **simplified cost option** to cover basic needs of refugees
4. **An increased initial pre-financing** from the REACT-EU 2021 tranche by +4% / 34% - **3,5 bn €** paid to MS in April

Points 1, 2 and 3 are optional, point 4 is automatically applied

5 pathways of reprogramming to address the migratory challenges of the war in Ukraine

- “The five pathways of reprogramming of 2014-2020 resources to address the migratory challenges resulting from the military aggression by Russia against Ukraine” – the note is available on the [EU budget support for addressing the Ukrainian refugee crisis](#) SharePoint website.

1

2014-2020 MFF
ERDF and/or
ESF using the
flexibility under
the first
subparagraph
of Article 98(4)
CPR
introduced by
CARE

2

Reallocating
2014-2020 MFF
ESF
funding to a
dedicated priority
for addressing
migratory challenge
as a result of the
military aggression
by Russia without
using the flexibility
under the first
subparagraph
Article 98(4) CPR

3

2014-2020
MFF ERDF
and/or ESF
within the
existing
priorities of the
programme

4

REACT-EU
2021 tranche
reprogramming,
including for
using the
flexibility under
the first
subparagraph of
Article 98(4) CPR
introduced by
CARE

5

REACT-EU
2022
tranche
programming
and
reprogramming

Article 68c CPR unit cost

- An off-the-shelf unit cost for reimbursing expenditure of MS with operations addressing migratory challenges of Russian aggression to the UA
- 40 euros per person and week in the Member State
- For persons who have been granted temporary protection under the temporary protection Directive.
- To cover costs of basic needs
- It can be used for a maximum of 13 weeks
- MS should be able to prove a number of supported persons by using appropriate registers in the MS or region

Thank you



[EU budget support for addressing the Ukrainian refugee crisis - EU budget support for addressing the Ukrainian refugee crisis - EC Extranet Wiki \(europa.eu\)](#)

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