



Home Affairs Funds

Legal bases, structure and AMIF specificities

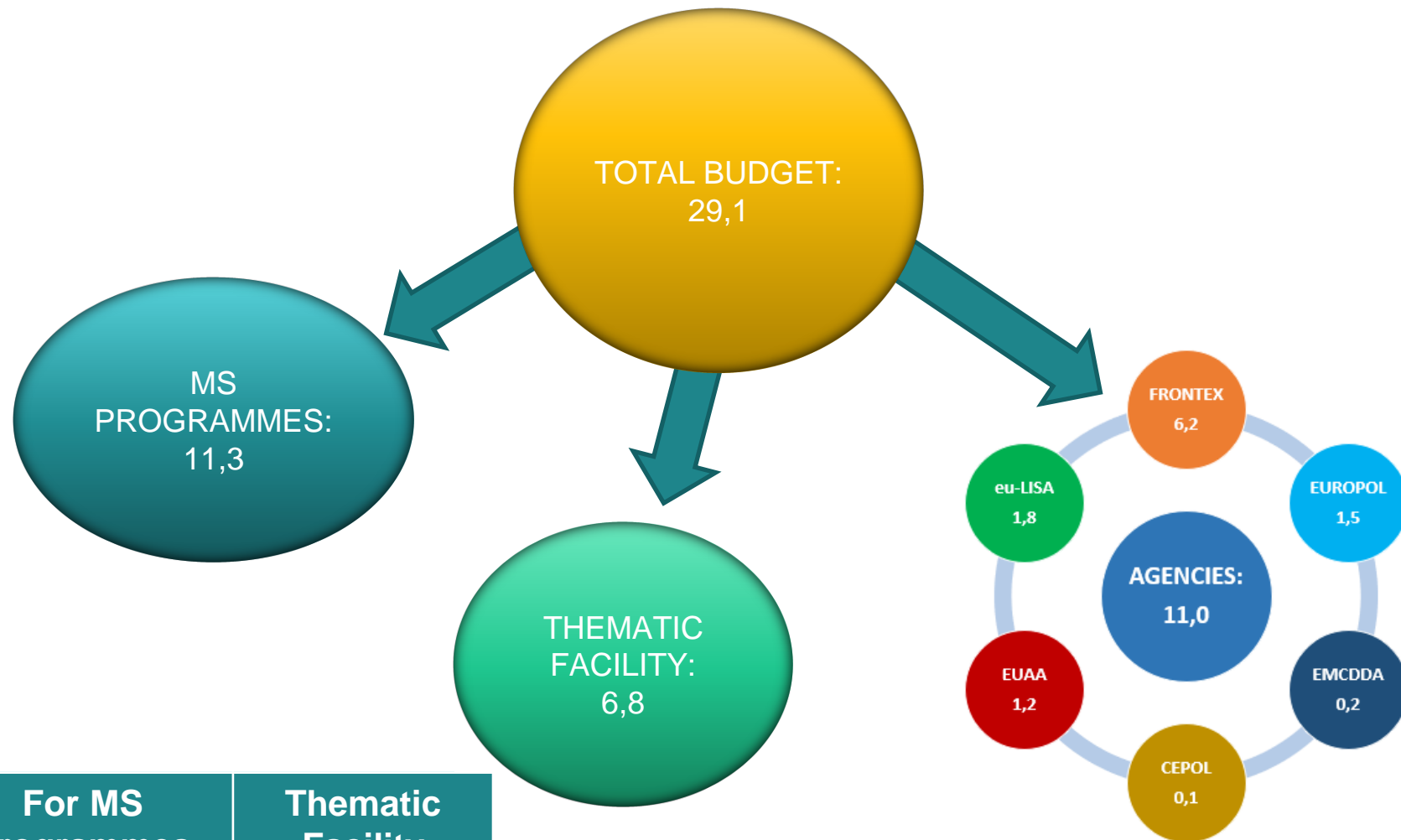
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Home Funds legal bases 2021–2027

Internal policy
instruments

Fund	Specific Objectives
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	Common European Asylum System – Legal migration and Integration – Return and Readmission – Solidarity
Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI)	Border management at the external borders – Common visa policy
Internal Security Fund (ISF)	Exchange of information – Cross-border cooperation – Member States’ capabilities to prevent/combat crime

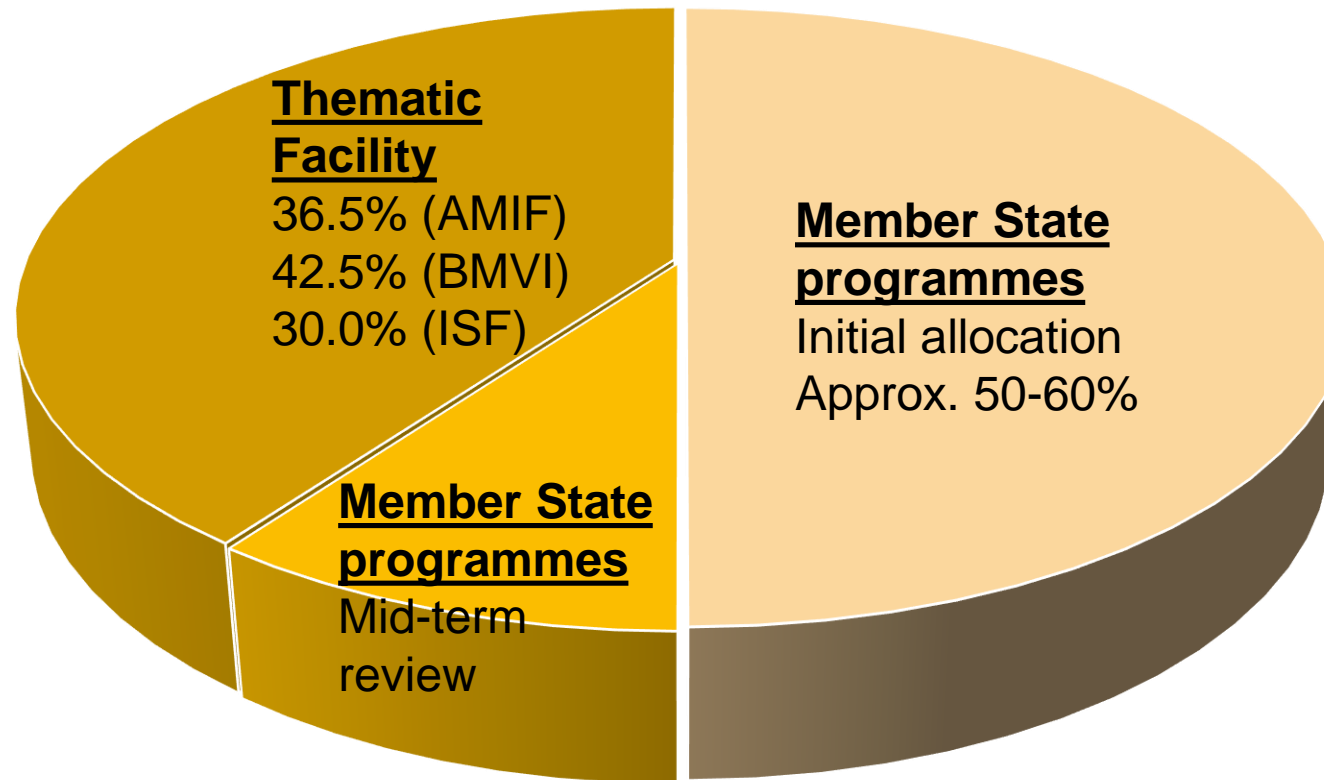
Total 2021-2027 HOME Affairs Support (EUR billion)



Fund	Total envelope	For MS Programmes	Thematic Facility
AMIF	EUR billion 9,9	EUR billion 6,3	EUR billion 3,6

Budgetary structure in each Fund

Budgetary resources



AMIF - Objectives and minimum allocations

SO1 – Strengthen & develop all aspects of the Common European Asylum System (**min.15% of MS programmes**);

SO2 - Strengthen & develop legal migration to MSs, promote integration and social inclusion of third country national (**min.15% of MS programmes**);

SO3 - Counter irregular migration & enhancing effective, safe & dignified return and readmission (incl. reintegration in TCs);

SO4 - Enhance solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility between MSs (**min. 20% of the Thematic Facility**).

NB: min 5% Thematic Facility allocations for **Local/Regional Authorities** in integration

AMIF – Scope of support (Examples)

SO1 • Capacity building for Asylum Procedures • Reception services (e.g. legal and interpretation services) • Specialised support for vulnerable persons, unaccompanied minors and victims of trafficking (e.g. family tracing, psychosocial support, rehabilitation services).

SO2 • Integration strategies • Assistance to third country nationals (language learning, orientation courses, information sessions, assistance with family reunification and legal status, one-stop integration shops etc.)

SO3 • Return measures • Alternatives to detention • Community based case management • Complaint and redress mechanisms for third country nationals against those who illegally employ them • Reintegration assistance • Support in third countries for temporary accommodation and reception

SO4 • Resettlement and humanitarian admission • Transfers (relocation) of beneficiaries/applicants of international protection • Solidarity measures with other Member States (exchange of experts, logistical support, etc.)

AMIF: Two strands of programming

26 MS Programmes	1 Thematic Facility
By Member State	For AMIF
Multiannual (2021 – 2027)	Annual or multiannual (2-3 years)
Programmed and implemented by the Member States (shared management)	Programmed by COM, implemented by COM (directly or indirectly) and by the Member States
Submitted by the Member States and adopted by the Commission	Approved by COM (Comitology)
Reflect national strategies & needs	Promote actions of high EU added value and transnational cooperation
Can be amended (on initiative by the MS)	Can be amended (on initiative by COM)
EUR 6,3 M€ allocated for MS Programmes	EUR 3,6 M€ allocated for TF

MS not participating

Denmark

Implementation modes

Member States Programmes

SHARED MANAGEMENT

- Priorities laid down for each MS in Programmes covering the whole MFF
- MS publish and manage the calls
- Reporting obligations (financial and monitoring data)

Thematic Facility

Union Actions

DIRECT / INDIRECT MANAGEMENT

- Transnational
- High EU added Value
- Grants and Procurement (calls launched by COM)

Specific Actions

SHARED MANAGEMENT

- High EU added value
- Additional allocation to MS Prgr.

Solidarity Actions

SHARED MANAGEMENT (Financing Not Linked to Costs)

- Resettlement
- Relocation

Emergency Assistance

ALL MANAGEMENT MODES

- Flexible emergency response

Member States Programmes

- Information on the programme **publicly available** (website) within **6 months from programme's** approval.
- Information on programme's calls (incl. timetable) publicly available (website).
- **List of operations** selected for support by the Funds and **respective beneficiaries** publicly available (website). Beneficiaries to be made aware of transparency requirements.
- Communication and visibility material, including at the level of beneficiaries, to be made available upon request to Union institutions, bodies, offices or agencies.

Partnership principle in Member State Programming

- The Member States have a **legal obligation** to organise and implement a **comprehensive partnership** including, among others, relevant bodies representing civil society, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, fundamental rights, rights of persons with disabilities, gender equality and non-discrimination
- Partners to be **involved in all phases** of programming, implementation and evaluation of the programmes

Programmes' Mid-Term Review (MTR)

- **By Fund and by programme**
- **Subject to minimum implementation levels.**
- Amounts reserved for the Member States not reaching the required implementation level will be allocated to the **Thematic Facility**
- **Criteria for the allocation of funding** to eligible programmes are pre-established
- Eligible programmes will receive the MTR allocations **at the beginning of 2025** (split over 2025, 2026 and 2027)

MFF Mid-Term Revision

- Additional allocations of **EUR 810M** for AMIF for Pact Implementation purposes + support to MS hosting people fleeing the war in Ukraine
- Will be added to AMIF thematic facility and may then be **channelled to the Member States programmes**
- **Links with Common and National Implementation Plans** for preparing for the Pact implementation
- Prioritisation and concentration of funds: **adequate capacity** for carrying out the border procedure, **legal counselling, asylum and reception systems**
- Process will be **aligned with the MTR** of the Member States AMIF programmes

Thematic Facility - Union actions

- **Union actions:** transnational projects or projects of particular interest to the EU implemented in accordance with the objectives of the Fund. These projects often underpin or develop new strategies and methodologies, or they build networks and partnerships between actors in different Member States (for instance in the area of integration);
 - They are established by the annual work programme
 - They are implemented directly by the Commission, or indirectly with pillar assessed partners (mostly international organisations)
 - They are implemented through open Calls for proposals, direct awards, contribution agreements or tenders

The AMIF-2025 Integration call

- Publication foreseen in **end March 2025**

Priorities to be included:

- Support measures for migrant women's integration
- Access to healthcare
- Improving digital skills among migrants
- Promoting complementary pathways linked to education
- Transnational actions to support Member States in the field of protection of children in migration

Applying to DG HOME Calls for proposals

WHEN to apply?

- Main Integration call to be published in **end March**
- Follow the Funding and tenders portal regularly
- **A minimum of 4 months** between publication and submission

HOW to apply?

- Proposals are submitted electronically through the Funding and tender page
- You need to register on the Participant Register and have an EU login

Available information at - [How to participate \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/euipo/procurement/how-to-participate)

Applying to DG HOME Calls for proposals

Further considerations

Limited funding + high number of request = Strong competition

- Participate in the **Info sessions**
- **Check the FAQ for additional clarifications**
- Pay particular attention to all aspects of the application - including eligibility; ALWAYS check in the call type of applicants allowed for each topic! **One ineligible partner rejects the entire proposal;**
- Make your proposal as targeted as possible to the topic – **relevance** is fundamental!
- Take into account all **award criteria** – they are mentioned in the Call text with their weighting

Applying to DG HOME Calls for proposals

- Involving applicants from more Member States than the minimum number identified;
- With broad geographical scope from diverse regions across the EU;
- Involving key actors, such as public authorities (local, regional and/or national), economic and social partners, civil society organisations, employers, service providers in the relevant areas;
- With specific attention to migrant women and children, and to members of religious or ethnic minority who could face discrimination; This year special focus on youth;

Useful links

- AMIF Work Programmes 2021-2022, 2023-2025: [Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund \(2021-2027\) - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)
- Application portal: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)
- 2025 call for proposals planning: **to be published soon.**
- As an example, this is the 2024 planning for AMIF call for proposals:

AMIF	Call for proposals for awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration		Priorities to be defined in Q4 2024	Q4 2024
AMIF	Call for proposals on the assistance, support and integration of third country nationals victims of trafficking in human beings		Contribute to enhanced identification, assistance, support and integration of third-country national victims of trafficking in human beings, addressing the challenges identified in the Commission's Fourth Report on the progress made in the fight against trafficking in human beings and in trends observed through the EU-wide data collection	Q2 2024

Thank you !

Q&A session