

# Department of European Funds

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## The European Refugee Fund

**Decision no. 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows constitutes the legal basis for the use of European Refugee Fund by Poland.**



The general objective of the Fund is to support and encourage the efforts made by the Member States in receiving refugees and displaced persons, and facing the consequences of this reception, taking account of Community legislation on those matters, by co-financing the actions provided for in the Decision.

### Detailed objectives

The Fund supports measures undertaken in the Member States in one or more of the following fields:

1. reception conditions and asylum procedures;
2. integration of persons referred to in Article 6 of the Decision whose stay in a given Member State is of a lasting and permanent nature;
3. enhancement of Member States' capacity to develop, monitor and evaluate their asylum policies in the light of their obligations under existing and future Community legislation relating to the Common European Asylum System, in particular with a view to establish practical cooperation between Member States;
4. resettlement of persons referred to in Article 6(e) of the Decision. For the purposes of this Decision, resettlement means the process whereby, on a request from UNHCR based on a person's need for international protection, third-country nationals or stateless persons are transferred from a third country to a Member State where they are permitted to reside with one of the following statuses:
  - a. refugee status within the meaning of Article 2(d) of Directive 2004/83/EC, or
  - b. a status which offers the same rights and benefits under national and Community law as refugee status;
5. transfer of persons falling within the categories referred to in Article 6(a) and (b) of the Decision from the Member State which granted them international protection to another Member State where they will be granted similar protection and of persons falling within the category referred to in Article 6(c) to another Member State where their applications for international protection will be examined.

The overall amount available for Poland in the framework of the Fund is EUR 14,291,095.29. Annual allocations for Poland are as follows:

2008 - EUR 1,784,686.98  
2009 - EUR 2,193,399.88  
2010 - EUR 2,279,913.29  
2011 - EUR 3,043,309.14  
2012 - EUR 2,641,391.00  
2013 - EUR 2,348,395.00

Target groups of the Fund include:

1. any third-country national or stateless person having the status defined by the Geneva Convention and who is permitted to reside as a refugee in one of the Member States;
2. any third-country national or stateless person enjoying a form of subsidiary protection within the meaning of Directive 2004/83/EC;
3. any third-country national or stateless person who has applied for one of the forms of protection described in points (a) and (b);
4. any third-country national or stateless person enjoying temporary protection within the meaning of Directive 2001/55/EC;
5. any third-country national or stateless person who is being or has been resettled in a Member State.

The objectives of the Fund are pursued in the framework of multi-annual programming period 2008-2013. Due to the binding rule of expenditure eligibility,  $n+1$ , the activities (projects) can, in practice, be implemented in the years 2008-2014.

The European Commission has adopted [Strategic Guidelines for the years 2008-2013](#) (Commission Decision of 29 November 2007 implementing Decision no. 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council).

On the basis of the Guidelines, the [2008-2013 Multiannual Programme](#) was developed, which was later approved by the European Commission. The Multiannual Programme is implemented through successive detailed [Annual Programmes](#). The allocation under each Annual Programme is divided into two parts: with and without the call for proposals. The procedure based on a call for proposals is open, i.e., it is directed at a wide spectrum of potential beneficiaries. In the procedure without a call for proposals, specific projects and implementing entities are determined for each Annual Programme. The procedure without a call for proposals is aimed at projects which, due to *de jure* monopoly or security reasons, cannot be selected in a using the call for proposals procedure.

Seven competitions have been carried out under the [Annual Programmes](#) (in the framework of the measure *Extension and improvement of integration and advisory offer for persons applying for refugee status and persons under international protection*), following which 72 projects have been co-financed from the EU resources. Due to the exhaustion of funds, no further competitions are planned.

For detailed information about the competition, [visit webside of the European Projects Implementation Centre of the Ministry of the Interior](#).

Under the [Annual Programmes](#) non-competition procedure, fourteen projects were have been implemented; the Office for Foreigners and the Border Guard played the role of partners in them. Six more projects under the 2012 European Refugee Fund allocation, in which the above institutions play the role of partners, are currently being carried out. One more - final - call for proposals is envisaged.

According to the [Management and Control System](#), approved by the European Commission, the following roles are played by the following institutions:

**Responsible Authority** is the Department for International Cooperation and European Funds of the Ministry of the Interior,

**Delegated Authority** is the European Projects Implementation Centre of the Ministry of the Interior,

**Audit Authority** is the Department for Protection of EU Financial Interests of the Ministry of Finance,

**Certifying Authority** is the General Inspector of Treasury Control.

## Załączniki



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