

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION**

With regard to this Agreement:

- the term “lump sum” shall be read as “financing not linked to costs”.
- the term “action” and “work package” shall be read as “achievement of the results” outlined in the Agreement.

The Beneficiary shall achieve the results A.1 and A.2 outlined below in accordance with the Agreement.

### **Result A.1**

#### **Reinforcement of the first reception capacity to address immediate and urgent needs of displaced persons from Ukraine (first reception and immediate relief services)**

The Beneficiary shall achieve the result of ensuring first reception and immediate relief to the displaced persons that have been granted temporary protection in the context of the Council Implementing Decision establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine<sup>1</sup>, activating the Temporary Protection Directive<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC, and having the effect of introducing temporary protection. OJ L 71, 4.3.2022, p. 1–6.

<sup>2</sup> Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001 on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof. OJ L 212, 7.8.2001, p. 12–23.

In order for the overall result to be considered achieved, the target values of the performance indicators identified in table 1 and 2 must be achieved. The Member States shall use at least the means of verifications included in table 1 and 2 to demonstrate the achievement of the target for the related performance indicator.

**Description of the activities leading to the achievement of the Result A.2 and the correspondence to the performance indicators and means of verification.**

The Act on Granting International Protection to Aliens (AGIPA) defines state obligations to accommodate asylum seekers and those subject to temporary protection. To fulfil this obligation, the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs has contracted in 2018 through public procurement a service provider to perform the functions of the accommodation centre for applicants for international protection. The service provider is Hoolekandeteenused AS (contract from 26 April 2018, reference number 1.8-2/618-1) 9 and the baseline value for the accommodation for asylum seekers is 150 people at all times (~70 per one centre), including during one week in January 2022. The social housing units located in local governments in Estonia are treated as possible subsequent accommodation. The Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs collects data from the local governments about the social housing units available in Estonia once a year through S-web reporting. The latest data for 962 total places and 164 vacancies has been reported by local governments as of 31 December 2021 starting from the first week in January 2022. The data remained unchanged during January 2022. The provided data will be renewed as of 31 December 2022. After the mass influx of refugees from Ukraine starting from 24th February 2022, the government authority Social Insurance Board (SIB), subordinated by the Ministry of Social Affairs was tasked to provide needs based short term accommodation and catering to Ukrainian refugees. In order to safeguard both immediate and subsequent accommodation and catering needs for 2100 Ukrainian refugees at all times the SIB procured accommodation services from private sector (cruise ship) with a possibility of extension of the contract<sup>10</sup>. The total amount of the contract is 13 618 500 euros (excluding VAT).

The command centre of the Police and Border Guard Board decided at its meeting on 27th of February 2022 (Protocol No 10) to print and distribute flyers to Ukrainian refugees arriving at the Estonian border, registration points and in accommodation facilities (initial number of flyers printed was 2000). The flyer contains necessary information to refugees arriving to Estonia which was updated on an ongoing basis.

**Table 1**

Need covered 1 – <b>Immediate needs upon first reception</b>			
Performance indicator - <b>“Total capacity in first reception facilities”</b>			
Target value - <b>200%<sup>3</sup> of the baseline value</b>			
Reference period for the target value - <b>From 24 February 2022 until 23 February 2023 included</b>			
<b>Means of verification</b>			
	Description of the data	Source of the data	Baseline
1	The Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs has contracted through public procurement a service provider to perform the functions of the accommodation centre (150 accommodation places). The baseline is stable through January 2022. Verification no 1: SIB procurement contract for accommodation and catering for Ukrainian refugees (in total 2100 places)	Ministry of Social Affairs: Contract number 1.8-2/618-1, 26.04.2018 Public procurement no 196668 SIB Contract no 5.2-9/2478-1 Public procurement no 24866	150 accommodation places in January 2022
2	The Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs has contracted through public procurement a service provider to perform the functions of the accommodation centre (information provision up to 150 refugees staying at the accommodation centre). Verification no 2: The command centre of the Police and Border Guard Board decision to provide information service to Ukrainians arriving at the border, registration points and in accommodation facilities (initially was printed 2000 pieces)	Ministry of Social Affairs: Contract number 1.8-2/618-1, 26.04.2018 Public procurement no 196668 Command centre protocol no 10 from 27 February 2022 with the decision to circulate the initial 2000 flyers.	Information provision to 150 refugees in January 2022

<sup>3</sup> The target is achieved if the average total capacity equals or exceeds the target value for the duration of a week within the reference period.

**Table 2**

Need covered 2 – <b>Subsequent accommodation needs</b>			
Performance indicator - “ <b>Total accommodation capacity</b> ”			
Target value - <b>150%<sup>4</sup> of the baseline value</b>			
Reference period for the target value - <b>From 24 February 2022 until 23 February 2023 included</b>			
<b>Means of verification</b>			
Description of the data		Source of the data	Baseline
1	The Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs collects data from the local governments about the social housing units available in Estonia once a year through S-web reporting (last data as of 31 December 2021 which reflects the total places and vacancies starting from the first week in January 2022 and the data remained unchanged during January 2022. Verification: SIB procurement contract for accommodation and catering for Ukrainian refugees (in total 2100 places)	Forms submitted by the local governments via the database of Ministry of Social Affairs (S-Web) once a year: <a href="https://sveeb.sm.ee">https://sveeb.sm.ee</a> . The forms are established by the regulation no 7 “Sotsiaaltoetuskandade statistiliste aruannete koostamise nõuded, andmete koosseis ja esitamise kord” (adopted on 17 March 2021) of Minister of Social Protection - SOM_m57_lisa2.pdf ( <a href="http://riigiteataja.ee">riigiteataja.ee</a> ) SIB Contract no 5.2-9/2478-1 Public procurement no 24866	962 total social housing places (incl 164 vacant places)

<sup>4</sup> The target is achieved if the average total capacity equals or exceeds the target value for the duration of a week within the reference period.

## Result A.2

### Strengthening of first reception capacity through local and regional authorities and civil society organisations

The beneficiary shall channel part of the public support to regional and local authorities and/or civil society organisations to reflect their important role in providing first reception services to displaced persons from Ukraine.

Partnerships with civil society organisations are encouraged at all levels - national, regional and local.

The achievement of the overall result shall be measured through the two cumulative performance indicators in the table 3 and 4 and according to the means of verification included in the table 3 and 4.

**Table 3**

Performance indicator - <b>“Amount of public support<sup>5</sup> channelled to the local/regional authorities and /or civil society organisations identified in the grant agreement for the provision of first reception services to displaced persons from Ukraine”</b>		
Target value - <b>Corresponds to at least 30% of the EMAS contribution (AMIF quota) granted to the Member State</b>		
Reference period for the target value - <b>From 24 February 2022 until 23 February 2023 included</b>		
Means of verification		
Description of the data		Source of the data
1	Decree of the Minister of Public Administration to reimburse the costs of 65 local governments between 24.02-30.04.2022.	Reference of the decree of the Minister of Public Administration: no 118, 20 May 2022.
2	Co-operation contracts with NGOs	Contract no 7-15/4473-1 Contract no 7-15/4479-1
3	Procurement contract concluded with the NGO	Contract no 6-9.1/743-1, procurement no 252226

<sup>5</sup> Support shall be intended as financial and/or in-kind contribution.

List of regional and local authorities, and/or related civil society organisations for the means of verification in the table 3

65 local governments (all Estonian local authorities)

**Table 4**

<b>Performance indicator - “Existence of partnership/s or equivalent agreement for the provision of first reception service to displaced persons from Ukraine concluded at national, regional or local level with the civil society organisations identified in the grant agreement”</b>		
<b>Target value - 100% of civil society organisations identified in the grant agreement have a partnership or equivalent agreement at national, regional or local level</b>		
<b>Reference period for the target value - by 23 February 2023</b>		
<b>Means of verification</b>		
	<b>Description of the data</b>	<b>Source of the data</b>
1	Contract with the NGO Eesti Ukrainlaste Kongress: Support for the period from 01.03.2022 to 31.12.2022. Operating support (including providing support services for Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war to adapt in Estonia)	Contract number 7-15/4473-1
2	Contract with the NGO Ukraina Organisatsioonide Assotsiatsioon Eestis: Support for the period from 01.03.2022 to 31.12.2022. Operating support (including providing support services for Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war to adapt in Estonia)	Contract number 7-15/4479-1
3	Contract with the NGO Eesti Pagulasabi (Estonian Refugee Council): Welcome programme for Ukrainian refugees (persons granted temporary protection)	Contract number 6-9.1/743-1

List of civil society organisations for the means of verification in the table 4

Eesti Ukrainlaste Kongress, Ukraina Organisatsioonide Assotsiatsioon Eestis, Eesti Pagulasabi (Estonian Refugee Council):

<b>Description of the activities leading to the achievement of the Result A.2 and the correspondence to the performance indicators and means of verification.</b>
<p>30% (2.22 mln euros) of the emergency assistance is foreseen to reimburse the costs of local governments and CSOs/NGOs.</p> <p>Support for local governments: In Estonia the local government is responsible for providing accommodation, education and social services to refugees living in their region. In April 2022 the Minister of Public Administration established support measure with the aim to cover the costs of local governments providing emergency assistance to Ukrainian war refugees according to the application of local government authority. 13 Between 24 February and 30 April 2022, 65 municipalities were compensated for the costs of providing emergency assistance to Ukrainian war refugees (20 May 2022 order of Minister of Public Administration no 118). The second round of applying for the support ended on 30 September 2022.</p> <p>Support for CSOs: As Estonia is a small country and the number of refugees has been very low over the years (between 1997-2021 Estonia has granted international protection to 603 persons), the number of NGOs supporting refugees is limited, too. In order to support the counselling of Ukrainian refugees after the 24th of February 2022, the Estonian Ministry of Culture concluded partnership agreements with two Ukrainian NGO's. Another public procurement contract to offer welcome (adaptation) programme to Ukrainian refugees for 10 000 persons, is concluded by the Estonian Ministry of Culture with NGO Estonian Refugee Council since the adaptation programme in Estonia is a requireme</p>

## **Communication, Dissemination and Visibility**

In relation to Article 17 on Communication, Dissemination and Visibility, the beneficiaries must promote the action and its results by providing at least a press release and communication through social media.