

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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## Directorate E - Migration and Security Funds

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'Asylum, Migration and Integration and Internal Security Funds Committee'

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## <u>Subject:</u> Mid-Term Review of the AMIF and ISF national programmes – needs assessment

Dear Members of the AMIF-ISF Committee,

As already announced, in detail, in the note AMIF-ISF/2017/05 of 24 February 2017, the Mid-Term Review (MTR) process has started and we have reached the point of assessing the needs in light of developments in EU policies and in Member States.

This needs assessment takes the form of a questionnaire addressed to the Member States to reflect on the needs for the remaining period 2018-2020. The questionnaire (one for AMIF and one for ISF) will offer you the opportunity to reflect if and to what extent the national programmes need revision.

Member States are encouraged to actively implement the partnership principle established by Article 12 of the HR<sup>1</sup> and to establish a dialogue with the relevant stakeholders in carrying out this needs assessment.

Enclosed you will find the questionnaires (Annex 1) as well as a note outlining the main developments in Union policies (Annex 2) in the last years, which should be taken into account when reflecting on the future needs.

The deadline to return the questionnaires to the Commission is **15 September 2017**. Afterwards there will be bilateral dialogues with the Member States in the course of the autumn 2017. These dialogues are based on the 2016 annual implementation report, this needs

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014

assessment and the preliminary findings of the interim evaluation at MS level. These dialogues will be tailor made to the needs of each Member State.

The outcome of the Mid-Term Review exercise will provide input to the discussions of the EU budget in 2019 and 2020.

Should you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact the desk officer responsible for your country in units HOME.E2 and HOME.E3.

## Encl.:

Annex 1 – Questionnaire on AMIF/Questionnaire on ISF

Annex 2 – Paper on developments in Union policies