**monitoring table to follow on revised programmes**

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| **Commission’s observations** | | **Member State reply to Commission’s observation** | **Comments /**  **Follow up[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **EE comments** |
|  |  | We assure that all Commission’s previous recommendations made during the informal consultation have been taken into account and the text has been amended accordingly. We are in the position that the AMIF programme version 1.1 covers all the necessary features foreseen in the CPR and the AMIF regulation as well as most observations made by the Commission in the Observation Letter sent on 1 August 2022. |  |  |
| 1 | The Commission services invite the Estonian authorities to review the programming strategy in the light of the consequences of the recent refugee inflow from Ukraine. While the Commission has brought forward proposals to extend the implementation period of the Home Affairs Funds 2014-2020 to release free unspent financial resources as a first measure, additional efforts will be necessary. We believe that all funding opportunities should be explored and the 2021 -2027 programme could provide an important contribution. To be able to tap quickly into the 2021-2027 allocations, you are invited to introduce a reference to the situation in section 1 of the programme and indicate that the programme can also cover measures benefiting the target population affected. Coordination with the Managing Authorities in charge of other relevant EU Funds is also recommended. | In the EE AMIF programme version 1.1. (submitted on 20.05.2022) the reference to the war in Ukraine and as a consequence inflow of refugees has been made. Also cooperation with other relevant Managing Authorities is referred to in section 1 Programme strategy: main challenges and policy responses.  As the Commission compliments EE in the following paragraph regarding section 1, we consider the horizontal comment is fulfilled. |  |  |
| 2 | The Commission services invite the Estonian authorities to move the indicative list of possible actions under their respective implementing measures to improve the presentation of what would be funded under the programme. | We have made corrections according to the Commission’s proposal. |  |  |
| 3 | Concerning Result indicators, we invite the Estonian authorities to list year 2021 as reference year and set the baseline at “Zero” for all indicators. | All result indicator baselines have been set at “Zero”.  The SFC2021 does not allow to list only year 2021 as a reference year. |  |  |
| 4 | The Commission services note that the programme envisages support to campaigns (target of 3 under the output indicators O.2.4 on the number of information packages and campaigns to raise awareness of legal migration channels to the Union) and that there is a reference to EUR 900.000 on legal residence (amount under intervention code 010.Acquisition of legal residence). As we understand the text in Section 2 SO2 these indicators reflect the actions for registration of third country nationals in Estonia and not for legal migration from outside the Union. The Estonian authorities are asked to confirm that there are no projects on legal migration planned and, if so, revise the text/ intervention code accordingly. | EE plans to implement under Annex II 2 (b) supporting measures to facilitate regular entry into and residence in the Union the following action:   * migration counselling services   The output indicator O.2.4 and referred sum EUR 900 000 are not connected. The sum EUR 900 000 will be directed to the migration counselling service for which we have not set either output nor result indicator.  According to the Note on the performance framework for the 2021-2027 AMIF/ISF/BMVI (Ares(2021)7915358) it is not mandatory to set indicators for all activities.  Under indicator O.2.4 only the information platforms and information campaigns will be measured and the intervention code 003 “Integration measures – information and orientation, one stop shops” will be used (not the intervention code 010 “Acquisition of legal residence”). |  |  |
| 5 | The programme refers to actions in third countries, where it states that external actions will continue to be implemented in complementarity to the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument and Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance that are and will remain the primary tools to support the external dimension of the Union’s migration and security policy. Please clarify whether the AMIF programme actually supports such actions or whether you mean that such actions are supported by NDICI in complementarity with AMIF. | EE AMIF programme does not support actions in third countries. We have amended the text accordingly (in *Italic*): “AMIF is the main instrument to provide support for the reception of TCNs. *In complement to AMIF, the external actions will continue to be implemented by the* Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument and Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance that are and will remain the primary tools to support the external dimension of the Union’s migration and security policy.” |  |  |
| 6 | Section 4 – Enabling conditions | The Estonian Ministry of the Interior works very closely with the Estonian Ministry of Finance who is responsible for Cohesion funds. We have aligned the horizontal enabling conditions and continue the collaboration. The renewed document of the long version of HEC (ver. 06.07.2022) has been added as a supplementary document of the AMIF programme.  The text is coherent but not the same as in Cohesion funds, since Cohesion funds has its own monitoring committee and HOME funds a different one. The members of the committee are not all the same. |  |  |

1. Please specify whether the programme’s adjustment is considered fully satisfactory with respect to the respective observation and or whether follow-up actions are considered/needed in the future (e.g. in the context of programme’s amendments). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)