

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

Directorate E – HOME Affairs Funds **The Director**

Brussels, 29 May 2024 HOME.E.3/SO

Subject: Clearance of accounts decision for financial year 2023– Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund – Estonia – Full clearance

Dear Mr Miilits.

By this letter¹ I am pleased to inform you that the Commission has decided to proceed with the full clearance of the accounts for the financial year 2023 of Estonia for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) for the amount of EUR 1 707 093.55 in accordance with Article 1(5) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2015/378.

After any open annual pre-financing is cleared, this results in a payment of EUR 1 176 979.36. Please note that in accordance with Article 39(3) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, the annual balance shall be paid no later than six months after the clearance of the accounts depending on budget availability.

Please find the detailed calculations in Annex I to this letter.

The results of the verifications carried out by the Commission services on the information submitted by the Responsible Authority of Estonia in relation to the clearance of accounts for the financial year 2023 under the AMIF and recommendations for the last set of annual accounts are included in Annex II to this letter.

This financial clearance is without prejudice to decisions which may be taken following any conformity audit regarding the accuracy of the information provided by the Member State.

Finally, please note that where payments made by the Responsible Authority are reported in subsequent accounts and not in the annual accounts of the financial year during which they were made, the Commission shall use the reporting date as the date initiating the 36-month period referred to in Article 47(5) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014.

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¹ Pursuant to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, the clearance of accounts decision for the financial year shall cover the completeness, accuracy and veracity of the accounts submitted and the Commission shall inform the Member State of its decision on the payment of the annual balance, including the reasons for any accounts or amounts in the accounts not paid.

Yours sincerely,	
Silvia MICHELINI	
Enclosures:	Annex I: Commission calculations - Clearance of accounts 2023 AMIF Estonia Annex II: Commission recommendations for the last annual accounts of Estonia under the AMIF
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Annex I

Commission calculations - Clearance of accounts 2023 - AMIF Estonia

Country Code	Fund Code	Allocation	Payment requested (A)	Amount under examination by the Commission (B1)	Amount cancelled and reallocated to the programme (not net) (B2)	Amount accepted by the Commission (C) = (A) + (B)	Total annual pre- financing to be cleared (D)	Total initial pre- financing to be cleared (E)	Amount to be paid to the Member State (F)= MAX((C- D-E);0) *	Total outstanding pre-financing amount to be carried over to the next clearance exercise (G)= MIN((C-D-E);0)	Outstanding annual pre- financing amount to be carried over to the next clearance exercise (H)	Outstanding initial pre- financing amount to be carried over to the next clearance exercise (I)	Accounting Year
EE	AMIF	Total	1 707 093.55	0.00	0.00	1 707 093.55	0.00	530 114.19	1 176 979.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	2023

Annex II

Commission recommendations for the last annual accounts of Estonia under the AMIF

1. As reported in chapter 8 of the ACR, the Audit Authority (AA) detected a significant frequency of errors in the information provided by the RA in the draft accounts. Therefore, the RA is recommended to take measures to diminish the frequency of such errors and the AA should report on its respective adequacy and implementation status in the next ACR.