

ANNUAL PROGRAMME

MEMBER STATE	:	The Netherlands
FUND	:	European Return Fund
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY	:	The Migration Policy Department at the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations
YEAR COVERED	:	2010 revised version (June 2012)

1. GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

This annual programme has been revised for the second time. On the whole the narrative part of the annual programme has not been revised. One project has been added; action one executing body and the amounts of three actions have been revised. The explanation for this revision is as follows:

In the approved annual programme RF 2010 the community contribution for action 4 was € 1.421.269,71. This amount was allocated to one project, Stichting Duurzame Terugkeer. The cofunder for this project was the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After 8 months of the project, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that the achieved results of this project did not meet the expectations and withdrew the remaining funds. As the project was not able to find another cofunder, the RF funds also had to be withdrawn which meant that the project was stopped. In total the amount of € 387.640,19 had been spent on this project. This meant that of the allocated amount to this project the amount of € 1.033.629,52 was unspent.

Additionally, the monopoly organisation of the RF in the Netherlands, Repatriation and Departure Services (R&DS), informed the Delegated Authority that they were afraid that there is going to be an under spending of two of their projects due to lower expenditures than was anticipated. These projects fall under action 6. The initial RF allocation of these projects was € 732.584,01 but the actual expenditure is expected to be € 264.038,33 leaving € 468.545,68 unspent.

In total action 6 and action 4 would leave € 1.033.629,52 + € 468.545,68 = € **1.502.175,20** unspent.

Therefore a new action numbered 'Action 5A' was added.

Two implementation methods are being applied for the European Return Fund. Explanations of the implementation method selected for each action are given in Chapter 3.

A. Selection of projects through an open call for proposals for subsidy (awarding body method)

1. The open call for proposals for the RF 2010 has taken place. Calls for proposals are published in the Dutch Government Gazette. Calls for proposals are also communicated by e-mail to various organisations which have expressed an interest or are known to be potential interested parties. In the notices for calls for proposals, reference is made to the European Return Fund (RF) web page on the website of the central government (www.rijksoverheid.nl/migratiefondsen)

All information relevant to the 2010 call (including the Annual Programme, the RF Implementation Framework and the project-selection points system) was published by the delegated authority, the European Funds Programme Secretariat (PEF), at the appropriate time on this website and it is also possible to download forms.

2. The projects were selected based on a points system. The points form was published with the call for proposals.

Each project was assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- content (whether the project is in line with government and EU policy, the 2008-2013 RF Multi-annual Programme, the 2010 Annual Programme);

- the potential for success of the concept (the extent to which the objectives are clear and the planning schedule realistic, the quality of the project organisation and cooperative initiatives and the existence of a detailed risk-prevention strategy);
- innovative nature;
- sustainability;
- the extent to which the project results are circulated (dissemination);
- involvement of the target group in the organisation of the project (failed asylum seekers, illegal immigrants);
- cost effectiveness;
- experience of the organisation with successful implementation of subsidised projects.

These criteria are in compliance with the minimum selection criteria indicated in Article 15(5) of Decision No 575/2007/EC.

3. The RF steering group, as described in the multiannual programme, provides advice to the Responsible Authority on the selection of project proposals. The Steering group consisted of representatives of the Migration Policy Department (DMB), the Department of European and International Affairs (DEIA) of the Ministry of Justice, together with representatives of the Department for the Movement of Persons (DPV) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The final decision on the selection of proposals is taken by the Responsible Authority.
4. For projects meeting the specific priorities as defined in the strategic guidelines the ceiling on the contribution from the Fund is 75%. Whether or not such projects are eligible for a higher percentage contribution from the Fund is determined by the Responsible Authority on a case-by-case basis. The following factors are taken into account by the Responsible Authority in reaching this decision:
 - a. innovative content and the added value contributed by the project to current domestic policy;
 - b. feasibility of the project, the likely outcome, as a best practice model for other countries, namely those within the EU.

A general determining factor on whether or not the Responsible Authority awards cofinancing of more than 50% from the Fund, and that is, to some extent, viewed in isolation from the quality of individual applications, is the ratio between the number and the quality of the applications for a grant in the year concerned. After all, any increase in the EU contribution results in a corresponding decrease in the total resources still available for distribution in that year.

Should those submitting projects meeting the specific priorities referred to above wish to apply for a higher percentage contribution from the RF, this must be expressly indicated in the application and the project's compliance with one or more of the aforementioned factors substantiated. The project organisation must also indicate the likely consequences for implementation of the project and its outcome if the Responsible Authority were to award a subsidy from the RF amounting to no more than 50%.

5. The RF 2010 call for proposals opened on 28 April 2010. An information meeting took place on the same date for all organisations interested in the possibilities for RF funding. The call closed at 16 June 2010. The annual meeting of the Steering Group took place on 26 August 2010 and the Responsible Authority decided on the selection of proposals on 14 September 2010. The grant agreements were sent out to the selected project organisations on 22 September 2010.

The call for proposals was organised for actions 3, 4, 5 and 6. Action 1 and 2 are dedicated to continuations of multi-annual projects which were selected in previous

years. As the annual programme RF 2010 is currently being implemented and the project proposal format and the progress reports are based on the annual programme including the numbering that has been used, the numbering in this revised version should be upheld. Therefore the new project was added under action 5A (in executing mode). Actions 7 and 8 of the initial annual programme were not implemented and the annual programme has been revised accordingly in the framework of the first revision of this programme.

B. Selection of the projects for which the Responsible Authority will act as the Executing Body

As described in the 2008-2013 Multiannual Programme, a de jure monopoly position in the areas covered by the Fund exists only as regards the tasks of the Repatriation and Departure Service (Dienst Terugkeer & Vertrek, hereafter DT&V) and the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (KMar) in respect of forced return. On behalf of the Responsible Authority, the delegated authority (PEF) therefore asked these organisations to submit project ideas for the 2010 Annual Programme.

In response to this 'call for interest', the DT&V submitted several project proposals on forced return. Three project proposals were incorporated in the initial Annual Programme and are still included in the revised annual programme though the project budget is less than initially anticipated. The RF steering group approved their incorporation into the annual programme. However, following the revision, they will not be implemented and are replaced by another project directed at post arrival assistance for forced returnees as mentioned above. The RF steering group approved this change.

C. Target groups of the RF

The European Return Fund is focusing its attention on the following target groups:

- a) all third-country nationals who have not yet received a final negative decision in relation to their request for international protection in a Member State and who may choose to make use of voluntary return, provided they have not acquired a new nationality and have not left the territory of that Member State;
- b) all third-country nationals enjoying a form of international protection within the meaning of Directive 2004/83/EC, or temporary protection within the meaning of Directive 2001/55/EC in a Member State, and who choose to make use of voluntary return, provided they have not acquired a new nationality and have not left the territory of that Member State;
- c) all third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay in a Member State and who, in accordance with the obligation to leave the territory of the Member State, make use of voluntary return;
- d) all other third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry and/or stay in a Member State.

Third-country national means any person who is not a citizen of the Union within the meaning of Article 17(1) of the Treaty.

2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS (if appropriate)

The new Dutch government was installed on 14th October 2010. With this new government came a shift in responsibilities of among others the Ministry of Security and Justice and the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. The Responsible Authority and the Delegated Authority were both originally placed under the responsibility of the Ministry of Security and Justice. Under the new government the Responsible Authority and the delegated authority

fall under the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations and under the minister for Immigration and Asylum. The description of the Management and Control System (MSC) will have to be revised in order to address the new situation adequately. It is expected that the changes in the MSC will have been revised in the second half of 2011. In 2011 the delegated authority was having some issues regarding capacity of its team and there followed a period of discussion on the exact location of the secretariat within the Ministry of the Interior. These issues have been tackled and the MSC has been revised and will be signed by the Responsible Authorities in the course of the coming few weeks.

3. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN

3.1 Actions implementing priority 1: 'support for the development of a strategic approach to return management by the Member States'

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There were 5 actions envisaged under priority 1. *Only for action 3 (durable reintegration) and for action 4 (involvement of civil society in the return process) an amount had been reserved for projects to be selected through the RF 2010 call for proposals.* Action 5 under the executing body has been included in this second revised annual programme.

Action 1: capacity building on counselling in the Netherlands

Purpose and scope of the action

Measures aimed at the further development of the 'native counsellors'-working method (as it is currently practised in the western part of The Netherlands) as part of the approach towards counselling and information exchange on return. Special attention should be paid to the geographical coverage of the network (now only the 4 major cities of the Netherlands can make use of the native counsellors), the active involvement of facilitating organisations (among which the migrant organisations), as well as the reinforcement of the relationship between the implementing organisations and (local) authorities. The aim of eliminating the taboo on return in the Dutch society at large should be taken into account in projects proposed under this measure (priority 1, objective h MAP).

For Action 1 there is one multiannual project that has already been selected in the call for proposals for 2009 which is expected to be funded by the RF 2010 and which corresponds to the measure mentioned above. This is the project called "Steunpunten Toekomst in Perspectief" (STIP) (coordination centres for a future with perspective) executed by Stichting Nieuwkomers en Vluchtelingen Brabant Centraal (Foundation for Newcomers and Refugees Central Brabant). An amount of € 107.549,04 has been reserved for the second phase of the project which should start on 16-12-2010 and would end on 31-12-2011. Whether this project will actually receive the reserved amount depends on the evaluation of the first phase of the project which will take place by the end of 2010. If the objectives are realised, the project is carried out according to plan, the co-funding is guaranteed and an agreement has been reached about the objectives and project plan for the second phase, the reserved amount will be granted.

Expected grant recipient

Stichting Nieuwkomers en Vluchtelingen Brabant Centraal .

Expected quantified results and indicators to be used for the second phase of the project:

- 1 national best practice meeting organised;

- coordination centres set up in cities in the Netherlands;
- 240 case analyses done;
- 240 intakes for counselling realised;
- 6 staff members trained in the native counselling methodology;
- 64 clients referred to the 'Platform for Durable Return';
- intervision meetings organised;
- 20 meetings organised at operational level to update and evaluate the cooperation on the ground;
- organisations approached to join the native counsellor network;
- 8 meetings organised of the advisory committee.

During the first phase of the project, which started in October 2009, among other things it is planned that a native counsellors methodology has been developed and adopted, 5 native counsellors have been trained to start work in 5 coordination centres in cities in the Netherlands and at least 25 organisations have been approached to join the native counsellor network. 240 intakes for counselling should be realised and 40 clients should be referred to the 'Platform for Durable Return'.

Visibility of EC funding

All announcements and communications on or about the programme, both from the Responsible Authority and the project organisation, carry the EU logo and make textual reference to joint financing by the Fund. Furthermore, the slogan ('Return, not necessarily a step backward') will be cited. The project organisation will inform those taking part that the project is cofinanced by the Fund.

The obligations to be complied with by the project organisation with respect to communications relating to the Fund will be set out in the grant decision; this is done either directly or through a reference to the conditions in the Implementing Rules. The PEF will also proactively communicate about this requirement with the project applicant when progress reports and final reports are received. The PEF will pay attention to the implementation during visits to those implementing the project.

Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

In general it can be stated that due to the commitment of the relevant ministries in the steering group and through consulting of the partners in accordance with the partnership principle established, where necessary, including in the preliminary phase, it is ensured that the projects to be subsidised closely complement the national actions. Ensuring coherence with other European financial instruments in the JHA area takes place internally within the Ministry.

The responsible authority is also responsible for the development and implementation of repatriation policy in the Netherlands and reviews this action in this regard. Furthermore, formal dialogue and consultation with strategic partners at a municipal level and in the field ensures alignment with domestic policy and legislation at a local level.

Financial information

The funding of the above-stated multiannual project is continued through co-financing under the RF 2010 annual programme, a total EU contribution of € 107.549,04 has been committed at national level for this action.

Action 2: assisted voluntary programmes

Purpose and scope of the action

Measures directed towards the implementation of assisted voluntary programmes in accordance with specific priority 1 of the strategic guidelines (priority 1, objective d MAP).

For Action 2 there is one multiannual project that has already been selected in the call for proposals for 2008 which is funded by the RF 2010 and which corresponds to the measure mentioned above. This is the project called "Assisted Voluntary Return from Detention" (AVR-D) and is executed by the IOM. An amount of € 943.868,- has been reserved for the second phase of the project which started on 01-01-2010 and will end on 31-12-2011. For the second phase the EU contribution was set at € 943.819,76 instead of the planned € 943.868,-.

Expected grant recipient

IOM.

Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- Assist 1200 irregular migrants with voluntary return from detention;
- Inform 4800 irregular migrants in detention about the option to return voluntarily and the available assistance for that purpose;
- Have initial contact with 3600 irregular migrants in detention in which the individual requests for information and assistance are considered;
- 600 cases in which IOM will mediate between migrant and diplomatic representations in order to get travel documents available;
- exchange visits to closed centres in other EU countries including 5 presentations on the visits;
- 600 staff members of partner organisations informed about AVR;
- 16 meetings held at the detention centres in the Netherlands to update and evaluate the cooperation at implementation level;
- meetings organised at policy/management level to update and evaluate the cooperation on AVR at national management level;
- meetings for the advisory committee held;
- Publication of research results on the motivation of irregular migrants to return voluntarily, related to the effectiveness of forced and voluntary return from detention;
- 1 national seminar has taken place with approximately 50 participants of both policy and implementation level.

Visibility of EC funding

Refer to under action 1.

Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

Refer to under action 1.

Financial information

Since it has been decided that the funding of the above-mentioned multiannual project is continued through co-financing under the RF 2010 annual programme, a total EU contribution of € 943.819,76 instead of the planned € 943.868,- has been committed at national level for this action.

Action 3: durable reintegration of minors

Purpose and scope of the action

Measures aimed at the implementation, within the context of an integrated return plan, of special programmes for the voluntary return of vulnerable groups (minors, unaccompanied minors, victims of human trafficking, persons with medical and/or psychological complaints, etc). (priority 1, objective e MAP).

Expected grant recipients

NGOs, international organisations, private companies, local authorities and (parts of) the Dutch central government.

Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- 30 unaccompanied minors (UAMs) from the Netherlands have received return counselling and have been assisted with their return and reintegration in the country of origin;
- 90 aged-out UAMs from the Netherlands have received return counselling and have been assisted with their return and reintegration in the country of origin;
- A survey has taken place in 2 selected countries of origin on available networks, options for family assessment¹, education and labour opportunities.

Visibility of EC funding

Refer to action 1.

Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

Refer to action 1.

Financial information

Two projects have been selected through the RF 2010 call for proposals and a total EU contribution of € 361.371,46 has been committed at national level for this action instead of the planned € 224.959,-

Action 4: involvement of civil society in the return process

Purpose and scope of the action

In the Netherlands a great variety of organisations (e.g the Dutch Refugee Council, IOM, Central Organisation for Reception, development aid organisations, migrant organisations, etc) is involved in actions in the process of return. Between these organisations there is hardly any cooperation. Nor is information about projects shared or do these organisations make use of each others' skills and competences. In order to be more efficient and effective in the return process, more cooperation between these organisations is needed.

Therefore the purpose and scope of the action is to support measures for the improvement of the involvement of civil society in the return process by supporting the cooperation of several NGO's and others in a "Platform for durable return" to strengthen the likelihood of the implementation of for instance examples of actions mentioned under priority 1 in the MAP (priority 1, objective 7 of the operational objectives of the Netherlands designed to meet its requirements MAP).

¹ Before returning a minor there will be an assessment of known family in order to be sure that the minor can be put under the care of his family. For the safety of the child a formal agreement is drawn up and has to be signed by the family.

Expected grant recipients

NGOs, international organisations, private companies, local authorities and (parts of) the Dutch central government.

Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- One national “Platform of durable return” rendered operational and consisting of several national NGO’s which will stimulate cooperation in “the field” with the implementing of projects which improve the possibilities for voluntary return;
- 450 persons sustainable returned to the countries of origin;
- In 12 countries existing partnerships have been strengthened or new partnerships have been set up.

Visibility of EC funding

Refer to action 1.

Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

Refer to action 1.

Financial information

One project has been selected through the RF 2010 call for proposals for this action and a total EU contribution of € 1.421.269,71 has been committed at national level for this action instead of the planned € 1.423.235,68.

The project that was selected after the open call for proposals was terminated earlier than expected. As explained on page two paragraph two, the amount that was allocated to this project, Stichting Duurzame Terugkeer was € 1.421.269,71. The cofunder for this project was the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After 8 months of the project, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that the achieved results of this project did not meet the expectations and withdrew the remaining funds. As the project was not able to find another cofunder, the RF funds also had to be withdrawn which meant that the project was stopped. In total the amount of € 387.640,19 had been spent on this project.

Action 5A (executing body): Provision of (individual) information concerning return to asylum seekers during or after the asylum procedure or to illegal aliens in a language that they understand

Purpose and scope of the action

Measures aimed at the further development of individual case return management by the authorities and to develop tailor-made schemes for the returnees. This action is connected to objective 1 and 3 of the Multi Annual Programme.

Relevant targets:

- Increase in the number of failed asylum-seekers and illegal aliens leaving the Netherlands (on time),
- Reduction in the percentage of aliens who, after their application for residence has been rejected, leave for an unknown destination.
- Reduction in the duration of the return process

Relevant indicators

- Number of aliens leaving the Netherlands (on time) once they no longer have any right of residence,
- Percentage of aliens who, once the asylum procedure has expired, leave for an unknown destination.

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Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

In general it can be stated that due to the commitment of the relevant ministries in the steering group and through consulting of the partners in accordance with the partnership principle established, where necessary, including in the preliminary phase, it is ensured that the projects to be subsidised closely complement the national actions. Ensuring coherence with other European financial instruments in the JHA area takes place internally within the Ministry.

The responsible authority is also responsible for the development and implementation of repatriation policy in the Netherlands and reviews this action in this regard. Furthermore, formal dialogue and consultation with strategic partners at a municipal level and in the field ensures alignment with domestic policy and legislation at a local level.

Title	Pre-departure Facilitation (PDF 2010)
Organisation	Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations – Repatriation and Departure Service (R&DS)
Background	<p>The Repatriation and Departure Service directs the actual departure of the aliens who have no right to reside in the Netherlands. As a professional implementer of the repatriation policy of the government, the R&DS takes the lead in making sure that the departure takes place swiftly, carefully and with dignity. R&DS is the monopoly organisation in the Netherlands that deals with return issues. This organisation does not, in any way, deal with asylum procedures.</p> <p>During the pre-departure phase the R&DS performs frequent interviews with the aliens, in order to assess their return possibilities. The interviews are aimed at establishing nationality and/or identity, the acquisition of a travel document and informing the individual of the different post-arrival assistance schemes.</p> <p>The language barrier is an obstacle in informing accurately and swiftly. In order to overcome the language barrier and interpreter is requested to translate for the interviewee and case-manager from the R&DS. This will contribute to an efficient and rapid return process.</p> <p>Actions will be registering and reporting on interviews held with the aid of an interpreter, the frequency, duration of the interview and costs for the usage of an interpreter.</p>
Objective	The aim is to contribute to a more rapid and efficient return process by using interpreters during the interviews with the (ex) asylum seekers and irregular third country nationals staying in detention or other locations such as

	reception centres.
Sub objective	- This action will contribute to an increase number of persons returning to their country of origin. - This action will contribute to an increase in usage of post arrival assistance
Target group	The target groups of this project are all persons within the caseload of the R&DS, individuals who no longer have the right to stay in the Netherlands.
Activities	To achieve the above stated goals the following activities will be undertaken: -registering and reporting on interviews held with the aid of an interpreter, the frequency, duration of the interview and the costs for the usage of an interpreter. 1) The interviews that are held with the use of interpreter will be registered - The type of interview held will be registered. The initial or intake interview held with the alien is aimed at establishing nationality and/or identity. The aim of the interview additionally, will be to look into return possibilities and the acquisition of a travel document. - Interviews following the intake interview are focused on stimulating return. These interviews will also be registered. - The location of the interview will be noted. There will be a clear distinction made between interviews held with the aid of an interpreter for aliens in detention and for those remaining in another location. After completion of the interview process and the alien returns, the type of return shall be specified. 2) Design of a Business-objects overview In order to acquire an accurate overview of the registered interviews, the frequency of interview, location and duration of the interview and costs for the usage of an interpreter a blue-print (template) will be made in a registering system in order to keep track of the data. 3) Accumulation of invoices Based on the registered information the invoices for the interpreting services are accumulated and included in the project administration.
Results	12.560 interviews or documents that have been translated
Project Periode	1 January 2010 – 30 June 2012
Budget	€ 3.004.300,40 (total)
RF contribution	50% € 1.502.175,20

3.2 Actions implementing Priority 2: 'support for the cooperation between Member States in return management'

Cancelled: Action 5: developing and/or implementing integrated return plans

For this action no project applications were submitted, the action was cancelled and the planned EU contribution was therefore redistributed to other actions.

3.2 Actions implementing Priority 3: 'support for specific innovative (inter)national tools for return management'

Action 6: dignified return

Purpose and scope of the action

Measures aimed at the setting up of innovative development oriented post-return/reintegration assistance programmes (e.g. training, career advice, financial material component for sustainable returns) (priority 3, objective a MAP).

The programmes would envisage providing assistance on the basis of the individual needs of the returnees, bearing in mind the circumstances in the country of return.

Expected grant recipients

NGOs, international organisations, private companies, local authorities and (parts of) the Dutch central government.

Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

- 3 reintegration programmes developed in 3 different countries of origin;
- 20 returnees benefited from innovative reintegration programmes;
- 20 persons provided with material support (e.g. training courses).

Through the RF 2010 call for proposals one project has been selected.

Moreover, with regard to this action, for the following project the executing body method will be used:

Title	Post Arrival Assistance 2010 – Forced Return (PAA2010-FORPAA)
Organisation	The Repatriation and Departure Service (Dienst Terugkeer & Vertrek (DT&V))
Background	<p>The R&DS started a number of post arrival assistance projects in Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia in 2010. The main aim was to increase the number of (forced) returnees, also by showing the willingness of the MS (NL) to the authorities in the third countries concerned to share the burden of re-integrating forced returnees. Given the successful results of these projects (running until 1 July 2011) the R&DS envisages to start new projects in 3 new countries which are Azerbajdzjan, Afghanistan, Armenië and Burundi.</p> <p>Under the projects envisaged the assistance to returnees in all target countries would include: medical assistance, income-generation activities (making return more sustainable, such as vocational training , career advice etc) and social re-integration (language courses for the returnees and his/ her children).</p> <p>The R&DS will carry out the development and implementation of the projects in co-operation with organizations with a local presence, such as IOM or an NGO. Furthermore, the projects will be in close agreement with the authorities in the country concerned.</p> <p>The project is innovative in the sense that it focuses mainly on facilitating forced returns. However, in all countries concerned the R&DS (or a Dutch NGO) is involved in assisting voluntary return. The R&DS has a policy to “reward” voluntary return with a significantly higher contribution than with forced returnees. Further added value is in the close co-operation with</p>

	third country authorities (ownership).
Goals	An increase in the number of (forced) returnees who return permanently An increase in the credibility and integrity of the migration and return policy in the sense that the removal process can be executed more efficiently also because of the improved cooperation of the countries of origin. And also in the sense that through executing projects like this one the image of return policy in general is positively influenced. More precisely this project aims to return 20 third country nationals that fit the target group to each of the 3 targeted countries.
Targetgroup	Irregular migrants and rejected asylum seekers, both in reception and return centers, who are no longer rightfully staying in the Netherlands and refuse to leave the Netherlands on a voluntary basis.
Activities	1. drafting an implementation plan for every third country involved; 2. investing in the relationship with the third country authorities involved, i.e. through meetings and exchange of information; 3. investing in the relationship with an IO or NGO in the third countries involved, in order to seek cooperation for the project implementation; 3. drafting information leaflets for the returnees; 4. pre –and post departure counselling; 5. assisting and referral to the returnees; 6. monitoring the projects and evaluating them, in order to identify the scope for a more integrated EU-wide approach.
Project time	1 November 2010 – 30 April 2012
Budget total	€ 315.823,18
EUcontribution	50% of all eligible costs (€ 157.911,59)

As DT&V is *de jure* responsible for forced return and therefore responsible for the target groups identified in the above project, it is a project under executing body method and it was decided to include the project as such in the annual programme.

Visibility of EC funding

Refer to action 5.

Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

Refer to action 5.

Financial information

In the initial annual programme RF 2010 an amount of € 450.000 had been allocated to this action. However, after the open call for proposals it became clear that not sufficient project proposals had been received to fully allocate the RF 2010 budget and no project had been received under this action. Hence the annual programme RF 2010 was revised for the first time and this included the addition of the project 'Post-Arrival Assistance Projects 2010' of the 'Repatriation and Departure Service' (R&DS) which is *de jure* responsible for forced return. The RF budget of this project was € 415.742,10. Additionally, in the open call for proposals the R&DS submitted a proposal on voluntary return. In the course of 2011 it became clear that there was under expenditure in both projects. Additionally, the title of the project seemed to cause some confusion so the titles of both the *de jure* project as the open call project were changed.

The de jure project, which is described above, was renamed to become 'Post Arrival Assistance 2010 – Forced Return (PAA2010-FORPAA)'. Its budget was € 415.742,10 in the revised annual programme and has now become € 157.911,59

The other project submitted under the open call for proposal by R&DS called Post Arrival Assistance 2010 - Voluntary Return was initially budgeted on € 316.842,00 but is now expected not to have an allocation higher than € 106.126,74

The reason why both projects turned out to use less funds than anticipated is because some of the contracts that were drawn with organisations regarding reintegration assistance were much cheaper than expected. Additionally, the governments of two countries did not cooperate therefore no projects could take place in these countries.

Action 7: cooperation with authorities of selected countries of origin

This action was cancelled under the first revision of the programme.

Action 8: Enhancing the knowledge on the return process for specific vulnerable groups

This action was cancelled under the first revision of the programme.

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

4.1 Purpose of the technical assistance

In the Netherlands the four Funds are managed by the European Funds Programme Secretariat (PEF), which acts as the delegated authority. The technical assistance from the four Funds is combined. All expense in relation to the management of the Funds, such as the salaries of staff of the PEF, external assessments, external audits, publicity and distribution costs, travelling expenses in relation to project visits, participation in the SOLID committee and the RF steering group and informal consultations about fund management for the Netherlands with other Member States, and so on, is incurred from here.

Where these costs clearly relate to one specific Fund, they are allocated to the technical assistance available for that Fund. Costs which do not clearly relate to a specific Fund are allocated to the technical assistance for all Funds according to a formula. This formula is based on the resources available for the year and the Fund involved.

A multi-annual estimate is made for the spending of the technical assistance, so that the reduction in the percentage of technical assistance as from RF 2011 can be taken into account. A reserve is built in for unforeseen expenses and the possibility of a decrease in the available resources due to the distribution of resources between member states.

4.2 Expected quantified results

The main budget item for technical assistance in 2010 is salaries of staff of the PEF (4.8 FTEs). Other budget items to be quantified are travel and accommodation costs relating to project visits (approximately 10 times), information meetings (about 2 times), thus complying with the obligations under Article 33(1) (a) of the implementing rules, the SOLID committee (about 3 times), the informal consultation (about 2 times). Finally, the cost of launching calls (for example advertising costs) will also need to be taken into account.

4.3 Visibility of EC funding

It will be ensured that the co-financing from the RF is visible by various means. In all communications of or about the programme, the funding from the RF will be declared in the

text and with the EU logo. The requirement to do so shall be included in the grant agreements, directly or by reference to this and other requirements in the Implementation Framework. The PEF will communicate actively with those submitting the project. In the course of visits by the PEF to (a selection of) the organisations carrying out projects, compliance will be checked.

A website has also been created for and about the RF on which all kinds of information about the RF is to be found. (www.rijksoverheid.nl/migratiefondsen).

The same rules shall apply for the technical assistance and the PEF shall ensure the application of these rules.

5. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

Annual Programme - Draft Financial Plan								
Table 1 - Overview table								
Member State: The Netherlands								
Annual programme concerned: 2010 (revised)								
Fund: European Return Fund								
<i>(all figures in euro)</i>	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority	Community contribution (a)	Public allocation (b)	Private allocation (c)	TOTAL (d = a+b+c)	% EC (e = a/d)	(Share of total) (d/total d)
Action 1:	1		107.549,04	53.774,52	53.774,52	215.098,08	50 %	0,03
Action 2:	1		943.819,76	993.600,00	0,00	1.937.419,76	49 %	0,26
Action 3:	1		361.371,46	271.581,00	101.412,26	734.364,72	49 %	0,10
Action 4:	1		387.640,19	387.640,19	0,00	775.280,38	50 %	0,10
Action 5A (executing body mode)	1		1.502.175,20	1.502.175,20	0,00	3.004.350,40	50 %	0,40
Action 5	2		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0%	0
Action 6:	3		106.126,74	106.126,74	0,00	212.253,48	50 %	0,03
Action 6 (executing body):	3		157.911,59	157.911,59	0,00	315.823,17	50 %	0,04
Total Action 6 :			264.038,33	264.038,33	0,00	528.076,66	50 %	0,07
Action 7	3		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0%	0
Action 8	4		0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0%	0
Technical Assistance			300.711,38	0,00	0,00	300.711,38	100 %	0,04
TOTAL			3.867.305,36	3.472.809,25	155.186,78	7.495.301,39	52 %	1,00

6. SIGNATURE



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