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DE EUROPESE COMMISSIE,

Gezien het Verdrag betreffende de werking van de Europese Unie,

Gezien Beschikking 2007/435/EG van de Raad van 25 juni 2007 tot oprichting van het Europees Fonds voor de integratie van onderdanen van derde landen voor de periode 2007-2013 als onderdeel van het algemeen programma "Solidariteit en beheer van de migratiestromen"<sup>1</sup>, en met name artikel 19, lid 4,

Overwegende hetgeen volgt:

- (1) Op 15 december 2008 heeft de Commissie het meerjarenprogramma voor Nederland voor de periode 2007-2013<sup>2</sup> goedgekeurd;
- (2) Op 18 november 2010 heeft Nederland bij de Commissie een ontwerp-jaarprogramma voor 2011 ingediend. Het ontwerp-jaarprogramma werd vervolgens herzien, waarna op 1 juni 2011 een definitieve versie is ontvangen. Het programma bevat de in artikel 19, lid 3, van Beschikking 2007/435/EG voorgeschreven elementen en is opgesteld in overeenstemming met het meerjarenprogramma;
- (3) De bedragen die aan de lidstaten worden toegekend in de vorm van medefinanciering moeten worden vermeld;
- (4) Er moet een einddatum worden vastgesteld voor de subsidiabiliteit van de uitgaven, overeenkomstig de punten I.4 en IV.3 van bijlage XI bij Beschikking 2008/457/EG van de Commissie van 5 maart 2008 tot vaststelling van regels voor de uitvoering van Beschikking 2007/435/EG<sup>3</sup> van de Raad,

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<sup>1</sup> PB L 168 van 28.6.2007, blz. 18.

<sup>2</sup> Besluit C(2008) 8139 van de Commissie van 15 december 2008.

<sup>3</sup> PB L 167 van 27.6.2008, blz. 69.

HEEFT HET VOLGENDE BESLUIT VASTGESTELD:

*Artikel 1*

Het jaarprogramma dat Nederland voor 2011 heeft ingediend en dat als bijlage aan deze beschikking is gehecht, wordt goedgekeurd.

*Artikel 2*

Voor het boekjaar 2011 wordt in totaal 2 792 429,01 euro uit het Europees Fonds voor de integratie van onderdanen van derde landen toegekend in de vorm van medefinanciering.

*Artikel 3*

Voor het jaarprogramma 2011 is de einddatum voor de subsidiabiliteit van de uitgaven 30 juni 2013 voor acties en 31 maart 2014 voor technische bijstand.

*Artikel 4*

Voor het jaarprogramma 2011 voor Nederland vormt dit besluit een financieringsbesluit in de zin van artikel 75, lid 2, van Verordening (EG, Euratom) nr. 1605/2002 van de Raad van 25 juni 2002 houdende het Financieel Reglement van toepassing op de algemene begroting van de Europese Gemeenschappen<sup>4</sup>, en van artikel 90 van Verordening (EG, Euratom) nr. 2342/2002 van de Commissie tot vaststelling van uitvoeringsvoorschriften van Verordening (EG, Euratom) nr. 1605/2002 van de Raad houdende het Financieel Reglement van toepassing op de algemene begroting van de Europese Gemeenschappen<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> PB L 248 van 16.9.2002, blz. 1.

<sup>5</sup> PB L 357 van 31.12.2002, blz. 1.

*Artikel 5*

Dit besluit is gericht tot het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden.

Gedaan te Brussel, op 11.8.2011

*Voor de Commissie*  
*John DALLI*  
*Lid van de Commissie*



**BIJLAGE**

Jaarprogramma 2011 van Nederland





## ANNUAL PROGRAMME

MEMBER STATE: The Netherlands

FUND: European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: Directorate Citizenship and Integration, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations

YEAR COVERED: 2011

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

The general rules for the selection of projects that will be financed under this annual programme are in accordance with the modalities set out in the multi-annual programme for 2007-2013 and in the latest version of the management and control systems description.

A call for proposals will be held that is published in the Dutch Official Gazette and will also be widely made known in other ways. The assessment of the applications and the selection of projects will take place on the basis of the points system of the European Integration Fund published on the website of the EIF. The result of this exercise will be submitted to the Interdepartmental Steering Group for the EIF, of which the chairman is the responsible authority (RA). The steering group will advise which projects are eligible for co-financing from the EIF. The chairman as RA takes the decision. The 2011 call for proposals is set to open after the Commission approved this Annual Programme. An information meeting will be organised for all organisations interested in the possibilities for EIF funding. The call will be open for 6 to 8 weeks. In principle only one call is organised for the AP 2011 in which grant applications for all actions can be entered. Only activities starting and ending during the eligibility period of 2011: 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2013 qualify for financial support.

As part of the (co)financing of a project the EU contribution may be increased to a maximum of 75%. Only projects that fall under specific content priorities are eligible for such an increase in the EC contribution. What specific priorities these are is also indicated for each case in Chapter 3.

The RA is authorised to decide for each case whether a project is eligible for such a higher percentage contribution of the European Union from the Fund. Increasing the contribution means that the percentage of co-financing that must be obtained from other public or private funds for a project is proportionately smaller.

When considering whether a project is eligible for such an increase the RA also takes into account, apart from the fact that it falls within one of the specific priorities, the following factors:

- a) innovative content and added value of the project with respect to existing national policy;
- b) applicability of the project, or its outcome, as a model of *best practice* in other countries, particularly within the EU.

If the submitter of an application that falls under one of the specific priorities mentioned would like to be considered for a higher percentage contribution from the EU, this must be indicated explicitly in the application, and further justification must be given of whether the project meets one or more of these factors.

In particular the submitter who thinks he can meet the criteria for maximum 75% co-financing must submit 2 project proposals:

- a basic proposal, with a maximum of 50% co-financing from the EIF
- a project proposal that consists of the basic proposal + additional activities, with a maximum of 75% financing from the EIF.

In both proposals the co-financing from a national source must be the same in an absolute sense. Two budgets must be submitted that both meet all the financial requirements.

*Example*

An organisation submits 2 project proposals that fall within a specific priority.

Project proposal 1	
Activity	Costs
Development method	150,000
Total	150,000
Financing	
EIF	75,000 (50%)
National	75,000 (50%)
Total	150,000

Project proposal 2	
Activity	Costs
Development method	150,000
Congress series	25,000
Dev teaching material	+ 125,000
Total	300,000
Financing	
EIF	225,000 (75%)
National	75,000 (25%)
Total	300,000

The additional activities mentioned must relate to one or both of the above consideration criteria a) and b).

A general determining factor in the RA's assessment for granting co-financing from the Fund of more than 50%, apart from the individual qualities of a grant application, is the ratio between the number and quality of the total annual grant applications. After all, any increase in the EU contribution means a smaller spread of the available resources for that year.

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

Following an audit of the European Commission on the Management- and Controlsystem in March 2010, the Minister for Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment formally designated the Authorities involved in the Management of the Fund by letter of 15 September 2010.

Furthermore, from 14 October 2010 on the Netherlands has a new government. As a result of that the Directorate Citizenship and Integration shifted from the Ministry for Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment to the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations. This will be communicated to the Commission in the next version of the description of the Dutch Management- and Controlsystem.

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

The following priorities refer to the priorities included in the strategic guidelines and the multi-annual programme for 2007-2013. The allocation of resources between these priorities (see Chapter 6) is in accordance with the current requirements at national level.

Contrary to what was envisaged in the multiannual programme, there will be no actions implementing priority 2 and 4 in 2011. The reason is the focus of the new government on integration of migrants and the crucial role of especially the local government in this field. As a result of the economic crisis the state budgets for integration will be severely reduced (eventually to zero in 2016). Nevertheless the role of the local government will stay crucial in the integration process. Therefore the budgets for priority 2 (€ 150.000) and for priority 4 (€ 75.000) are added to the budget for priority 3.

#### 3.1. Actions implementing priority 1

**Priority 1: Implementation of actions designed to put the "Common Basic Principles for immigrant integration policy in the European Union" into practice**

##### *Action 1: Participation as an instrument for integration*

Action 1 aims at the implementation of common basic principle 4 (basic knowledge of the language, the history and the institutions of the host society is essential to integration). This objective aims also at one certain aspect of one of the main objectives of the national integration policy which is aimed at increasing the knowledge of Dutch language and the Dutch society by both the "oldcomers" as well as "newcomers", namely participation as an instrument for integration.

##### 1. *Purpose and scope of the actions*

Projects under this objective are consistent with the choice to direct the appropriation of resources under the Fund primarily to the integration of newcomers.

Actions within this objective focus primarily on the target groups "newcomers" and "oldcomers" as outlined in the Civic Integration Act (wet Inburgering). The first group includes foreigners- meaning persons without Dutch nationality- between the age categories 18 and 65 who entered The Netherlands after 1 January 2007 on the basis of non-temporary stay or people who were obliged to follow civic introduction courses.

The second group includes immigrants in the same age category who lived in The Netherlands before 1 January 2007 but not during the 8 years of their school age and who do not hold any diploma of which it can be made clear that the person has knowledge of Dutch language and the Dutch society at a certain level. Both of these groups fall within the scope of "newcomers" set out by the EIF.

Persons having the status of a refugee (art 29(1)(a) Vw), having a residence permit on other grounds of international protection (art. 29(1)(b) Vw), or having sought asylum on which no definitive decision has been taken yet, fall outside the target group of these actions.

The purpose of projects under this action is to contribute to the development and use of participation as an instrument of integration. The combination with participation is sought to

increase the chance of success for an integration examination by integratees, and to improve the *output* of integration programmes in terms of factual knowledge of Dutch language and society. This fits in with the *Government Agreement* of the recently installed new government. This agreement states that effective integration of newcomers and communities is an extensive and demanding process of great importance for the whole society. Participation in society demands a satisfying qualification in language and education. Civic integration of migrants on an adequate level is for themselves and their children the key to a complete participation in society in work and education. This objective includes actions which can be placed under several priorities as identified in the strategic guideline.

In particular in accordance with this objective projects are considered for financing that relate to:

- The development and/or implementation of integration programmes with a dual character. These programmes combine an integration course with voluntary work, (vocational) training or educational support. This concerns an action which on the basis of specific priority 3 of the strategic guidelines can qualify for co financing of maximum 75% because of the innovative character of such programme. The innovative character of this programme is due to the fact that it contains a new method concerning civic integration courses. Applicants have to provide information on the innovative elements of the programmes with a dual character in their project application. An innovative element could, for example, consist of language learning courses developed in full cooperation with firms in firms that are geared towards the use of the Dutch language on the workfloor. An assessment of the innovative character of a project will be part of the overall evaluation of a project. The mere fact that programmes are of a dual character will not be sufficient to automatically qualify for co financing of maximum 75%. The Netherlands only has limited experience with regard to this new method. The possibility for third country nationals to work and to study at the same time, has explicitly been mentioned in the strategic guidelines as an innovative measure.
- The development and/or implementation of *language* programmes:
  - \* Implementation of language-and knowledge-of-Dutch -society programme's addressed to people who are not easily reached by regular policy (like those who don't qualify for welfare benefit/ social assistance).

With regard to the development and/or enforcement of civic integration projects addressed to cater needs of people who are badly qualified for the labourmarket, such as socially isolated newcomers and illiterate the Responsible Authority can consider to raise the contribution of the European community up to 75% in co financing such projects in case the project proposal contains sufficient information on how this project is specifically targeting the needs of these people. This is in line with provisions relating to specific priority 2 as set out in the strategic guidelines. The reason for identifying those people is that these are all part of the category of socially vulnerable people that need particular attention. There are no special strategies and actions foreseen in national integration policy for all these people.
  - Projects targeted at language and commitment of parents, in which parents with a deprivation in language get language lessons at the school of their children, in which the content of the lessons is closely related to the language development of the children and the way in which parents can support that development. This fits in with the government agreement which states that for schools it is important to give attention to integration. Schools will be stimulated to close contracts with parents

about for example participation in teacher-parent consultations, discouragement of absence and skipping school, decent behaviour and speaking Dutch at school. With regard to the development and/or enforcement of projects targeted at language and commitment of parents, the Responsible Authority can consider to raise the contribution of the European community up to 75% in co financing such projects in case the project proposal contains sufficient information on how this project is specifically targeting the needs of the parents. This is in line with provisions relating to specific priority 2 as set out in the strategic guidelines.

- Projects in which informal language education and support is given (languagecoaches) en which are specifically targeted to active stimulation of participation. These programmes link integratees to a language guide, which offers support on an individual basis in the learning and practical use of the Dutch language, and with this purpose, among other things, undertakes activities with the integratee, for example on a sporting or cultural level.

With regard to the development and/or enforcement of projects in which informal language and education is given the Responsible Authority can consider to raise the contribution of the European community up to 75% in co financing such projects in case the project proposal contains sufficient information on how this project is addressing effective ways of raising awareness and actively involving the host society in the integration process. This is in line with provisions relating to specific priority 5 as set out in the strategic guidelines.

With regard to the stimulation of the entrance to the labourmarket and labour participation of third country nationals it is important to keep in mind that projects can only focus on the stimulation of the entrance to the labour market. Project can not focus on labour participation (the actual placing of the target group in a job). This to prevent overlap with the European Social Fund.

## 2. *Expected grant recipients*

This will depend on the outcome of the call for proposals to be issued for the submission of grant applications. Non-profit and profit organizations may apply for a project grant. Examples are government organizations, educational establishments, social partners, non-government organizations.

Especially cooperation of different organizations, e.g. a local government and a migrant organization or a large coordinating/umbrella organization with one or more smaller executing organizations, will qualify for a project grant.

Also projects building forth on or containing a preservation of existing projects will be preferred above complete new projects.

## 3. *Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body*

N/A

## 4. *Expected quantified results and indicators to be used targets;*

- improvement of the output of integration programmes in terms of factual knowledge of the Dutch language and society

- improvement of knowledge of the Dutch language of parents with schoolgoing children

*quantitative results and indicators:*

- 5 integration programmes with a dual character
- 150 participants in integration programmes with a dual character
- 10 integration programmes specifically aimed at parents of schoolgoing children
- 200 parents with schoolgoing children in a language guide programme
- 5 language guide programmes
- 50 integratees linked with a language guide
- 40 illiterate/elderly participants

The above quantitative results and indicators may also change as a result of the *call for proposals*. The numbers mentioned may deviate both upwards and downwards.

### 5. *Visibility of EU funding*

An information meeting will be organised with regard to the call for the submission of grant applications. A website has been created. The website gives a list of grant recipients. The address of the website is [www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/europese-subsidies-voormigratie/europese-migratiefondsen](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/europese-subsidies-voormigratie/europese-migratiefondsen). All information about EIF can be found under the heading “europes integratiefonds”. In all the communication statements from or about the programme a reference is made in text and with the EU logo to the co-financing from the EIF, both by the RA and by final beneficiaries. The statement of the EIF will also be given. The final beneficiaries will inform the project participants that the project is co-financed by the EIF.

The obligations of final beneficiaries relating communication about the fund will be included in the grant decision, directly or with a reference to the conditions in the Execution Framework. The programme secretariat will also communicate actively about this obligation with final beneficiaries in response to information in progress reports and final reports. When the programme secretariat visits (a selection of) final beneficiaries compliance will be checked.

### 6. *Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate*

This action corresponds with and is complementary to relevant policy, legislation and regulations relating to integration at national and Union level. The Responsible Authority and the strategic partners constantly guarantee this correspondence and complementarity, and together have the required knowledge to fulfil this function.

The target group for this Fund is accurately described and separated from that of the European Refugee Fund (ERF) (paragraph 4). The responsible bodies of the ERF and European Social Fund (ESF) and other departments with sight of other Union funds significant at national, municipal and regional level, have a seat in the Steering group that meets annually to ensure separation and complementarity between the EIF and other Union funds.

The Responsible Authority also has prime responsibility for the development and implementation of integration policy in the Netherlands and ensures this action is checked against it. Structural discussion and consultation with strategic partners at Union level and in

the field provides a further guarantee of correspondence with policy and regulations at local level.

## 7. *Financial information*

For action 1 an amount of € 2.275.731,85 is reserved for projects that will be selected through the EIF 2011 open call for proposals. These projects will have to start and end during the duration of the eligibility period of EIF 2011: 1 January 2011 – 30 June 2013. .

### **3.2. Actions implementing priority 2**

There will be no actions implementing priority 2 in 2011. The AP 2011 differs in this respect from the MAP, which states that the R.A. will implement an action and allocates 150.000 to priority 2 for this purpose.

Under priority 2 the Dutch multiannual programme envisaged particular actions focused on benchmarks and indicators with regard to the social and cultural integration of minorities. In 2010 € 125.000 has been awarded to the improvement of the methodology of the (bi-) annual monitoring on the living situation of minorities.

The available funding allocated to priority 2 in the MAP- being € 150.000 will be transferred to priority 3. The decision allocating the funding to priority 3 and not to priority 1 is made because of the relatively small budget allocated to priority 3 in comparison with the budget allocated to priority 1 and the important role especially local government has in the field of integration.

### **3.3. Actions implementing priority 3**

**Priority 3: Policy capacity building, coordination and intercultural competence building in the Member States across the different levels and departments of government**

***Action 2: Policy capacity building, coordination and intercultural competence building in the Member States across the different levels and departments of government***

#### ***1. Purpose and scope of the actions***

This priority is related to the main objective of national integration policy, the reduction of the economic, social and cultural gap between the non-indigenous population and the indigenous population.

The objectives of actions within this particular priority will be 1) the support to capacity-building of municipalities with regard to the integration of third country nationals and 2) the strengthening of coordination and information exchange between the national administration and municipalities as well as between different municipalities with regard to the integration of third country nationals.

#### ***1) Capacity-building***

Integration happens on the street, in the community, at school, on the sports field, in entertainment centres. Municipalities are primary responsible for the execution of integration policy and need sufficient capacity to carry this out. The Dutch government has set up various

facilities for this (e.g. Service Centre for Local Integration policy of the Forum institute and the Local Integration map) and considers that the Fund for the integration of third country nationals can also be a useful instrument in this regard supplementing yet existing efforts. This has become very important as the recently installed new government is going to diminish the local budgets for civic integration. Measures in this regard could include the development of appropriate policy and legal frameworks, institutional development, including community participation and organizational development, e.g. streamlining of integration issues within different departments of a municipality.

## *2) Coordination and streamlining*

The National government is responsible for streamlining integration policy and coordination and information exchange between relevant government services at the different administrative level so as to also ensure consistency within and between the different administrative levels. In this regard a common vision and a common policy agenda was established between the National government and municipalities in the field of integration. This agenda will need to be implemented and further developed over the coming years. Municipalities, as well as other relevant partners at local, and or provincial level, could submit project proposals in this regard when these fall within the remit of this priority, or the other priority. Furthermore, measures relating to improved coordination among municipalities and or provincial authorities could equally be envisaged.

In particular in accordance with this priority actions will be considered for financing that focus on:

- the establishment of local integration action plans and/or relevant institutional structures for the cooperation between the different departments of municipalities
- the improvement of cooperation and coordination among municipalities
- the development of programs/courses for schools to stimulate the participation of parents with regard to the education of their children.

## *2. Expected grant recipients*

This will depend on the outcome of the call for proposals to be issued. Non-profit and profit organisations may apply for a project grant. Examples are government organisations, expertise centres, educational establishments, social partners, and non-government organisations.

## *3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body*

N.a.

## *4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used* *targets:*

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- increase in the number of municipalities with a local policy that corresponds with the common policy agenda of integration
- increase of cooperation among municipalities with regard to integration

*indicators:*

- increase in the number of municipalities who are familiar with the common policy agenda and have attended one or more meetings about the agenda from 10% (2008) to 40% (2011)
- 2 coordination meetings/platforms established



- 4 programmes/courses of instruction relating to people who are not easily reached by regular policy
- 4 programmes /courses of instruction relating to participation of parents in the education of their children

The above quantitative results and indicators may also change as a result of the *call for proposals*. The numbers mentioned may deviate both upwards and downwards.

#### 5. *Visibility of EU funding*

An information meeting will be organised with regard to the call for the submission of grant applications. A website has been created. The website gives a list of grant recipients. The address of the website is [www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/europese-subsidies-voor-migratie/europese-migratiefondsen](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/europese-subsidies-voor-migratie/europese-migratiefondsen). All information about EIF can be found under the heading “europees integratiefonds”. In all the communication statements from or about the programme a reference is made in text and with the EU logo to the co-financing from the EIF, both by the RA and by final beneficiaries. The statement of the EIF will also be given. The final beneficiaries will inform the project participants that the project is co-financed by the EIF.

The obligations of final beneficiaries relating communication about the fund will be included in the grant decision, directly or with a reference to the conditions in the Execution Framework. The programme secretariat will also communicate actively about this obligation with final beneficiaries in response to information in progress reports and final reports. When the programme secretariat visits (a selection of) final beneficiaries compliance will be checked.

#### 6. *Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments, if appropriate*

This action corresponds with and is complementary to relevant policy, legislation and regulations relating to integration at national and Union level. The Responsible Authority and the strategic partners constantly guarantee this correspondence and complementarity, and together have the required knowledge to fulfil this function.

The target group for this Fund is accurately described and separated from that of the European Refugee Fund (ERF) (chapter 4). The responsible bodies of the ERF and European Social Fund (ESF) and other departments with sight of other Union funds significant at national, municipal and regional level, have a seat in the Steering Group that meets annually to ensure separation and complementarity between the EIF and other Union funds.

The Responsible Authority also has prime responsibility for the development and implementation of integration policy in the Netherlands and ensures this action is checked against it. Structural discussion and consultation with strategic partners at Unionlevel and in the field provides a further guarantee of correspondence with policy and regulations at local level.

#### 7. *Financial information*

An amount of € 375.000 is reserved for Action 2 for projects that will be selected through the EIF 2011 open call for proposals. These projects will have to start and end during the duration of the eligibility period of EIF 2011: 1 January 2011 – 30 June 2013.

### 3.4. Actions implementing priority 4

There will be no actions implementing priority 4 in 2011. The AP 2011 differs in this respect from the MAP, which states that the RA will implement an action and allocates € 75.000 to priority 2 for this purpose.

Under priority 4 the Dutch multiannual programme envisaged particular actions focused on the promotion of international exchange relating to integration policy with regard to third country nationals between the Dutch Central Government and other countries on both a bilateral and multilateral basis.

The available funding allocated to priority 4 in the MAP- being € 75.000 will be transferred to priority 3. The decision allocating the funding to priority 3 and not to priority 1 is made because of the relatively small budget allocated to priority 3 in comparison with the budget allocated to priority 1 and the important role especially local government has in the field of integration.

### 4. TARGET GROUP FOR PROJECTS

Subjects of third countries, not in possession of Dutch nationality or the nationality of another EU Member State, and who are in possession of or are eligible for a valid residence permit in the Netherlands, including subjects of third countries present in the territory of a third country and who meet the conditions under the Integration Abroad Act in accordance with Article 1(2) of the Council decision.

Persons who have the status of refugee (Article 29(1)(a) Vw (Aliens Act)), are in possession of a residence permit for other reasons of international protection (Article 29(1)(b) Vw), or have submitted an application for asylum on which a final decision has not been taken, fall outside the target group in accordance with Article 1(3) of the Council Decision.

### 5 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

#### 5.1 Purpose of technical assistance

In the Netherlands, the four migration funds are managed by the European Funds Programme Secretariat (PEF), which operates as a delegated authority. The PEF has a staff establishment of in total 7 persons. The technical assistance for the four funds is merged. The expenditure for managing the funds – including the salaries of the staff members of the PEF, external evaluations, costs of the audit authority, costs of the certification authority, costs for organising an information meeting as prescribed in Article 33(2)(a) of the IF Implementation Decision, costs for publicity and dissemination, travelling costs in connection with monitor visits to projects, participation in the SOLID Committee and costs for evaluation of the funds, costs of trainings and courses of the staff of PEF and the International Working Groups on funds management of the Netherlands with other Member States – are incurred by the PEF. Insofar as those costs solely relate to one fund, they must be allocated to the technical assistance available to that fund. Any costs that do not solely relate to one fund are allocated to the technical assistance of all funds according to a formula. This formula is based on the available funds for the relevant year and the relevant funds.

A multi-annual budget has been drawn up for the deployment of technical assistance, so that account can also be taken of the reduction in the percentage of technical assistance as of 2011. The multi-annual budget also allows for an expansion of the PEF due to the expected increase

in work load and a reservation has been made for unforeseen expenditure and the possibility of a reduction in the available funds as a result of the distribution of funds across the Member States.

### 5.2 Expected results in figures

The most important cost item for technical assistance in 2011 is formed by the salaries of the staff members of PEF. Other quantifiable cost items are the travel and accommodation expenses in connection with project visits (approximately 60), information meetings (approximately 2), the SOLID Committee (approximately 3), the International Working Groups (approximately 8): the numbers mentioned apply to the four migration funds together. The PEF is usually represented by two staff members. Finally, account must be taken of the costs to be incurred for opening the calls (e.g. advertising costs).

### 5.3 Visibility of Community financing

The websites of the four migration funds include a statement about EU financing and the European flag is also shown. The European flag is also printed on all the forms that are used for the funds. Additionally, it is also printed on promotional material and during information meetings these materials are distributed to the final beneficiaries.

In 2011 the RA will organise a meeting in which the call for proposals will be addressed. Furthermore, a number of organisations that have received IF contribution will be approached to present their results and the challenges they faced. Moreover, the RA is planning to organise an activity or a set of activities that will target the public at large using media to publish the IF programmes and their results. The exact form of this activity has not yet crystallized at the moment of writing this proposal.

6. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

Annual Programme - Draft Financial Plan								
Table 1 - Overview table								
The Netherlands								
Annual programme 2011								
European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals								
(all figures in euro)	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority (1)	Union Contribution (a)	Public Allocation (b)	Private Allocation (c)	TOTAL (d= a+b+c)	% EU (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)
Action 1:	1	2, 3	2.275.731,85	1.250.000,00	1.025.731,85	4.551.463,70	50,00%	83,62%
Action 2:	3	4, 5	375.000,00	375.000,00		750.000,00	50,00%	13,73%
Technical assistance			141.697,16			141.697,16	100,00%	2,60%
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2.792.429,01</b>	<b>1.625.000,00</b>	<b>1.025.731,85</b>	<b>5.443.160,34</b>	<b>55,08%</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

The amounts of public and private co-financing mentioned are based on estimates. The relation between these amounts depends on grant applications and may therefore deviate both upwards and downwards.  
 The percentage Community contribution mentioned is also based on an estimate for it depends on the grant applications, and in cases of the decision of the Responsible Authority to increase this percentage (see paragraph 1).

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