

SK EMN NCP Ad-Hoc Query on integration programme for beneficiaries of international protection

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Responses received from: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom plus Norway (24 in Total).

1. Does your Member State have an Integration Programme* focused on the integration of beneficiaries of international protection?
2. Is it based on a nation-wide integration policy / strategy or is it a separate document?

Out of 24 responding (Member) States, 4 countries (AT, CZ, HU, LT) have a separate integration programme for beneficiaries of international protection and 1 country for immigrants in general (FI). In five countries, the integration programme for beneficiaries of international protection is currently under preparation (BG, IT, LV, MT, SK).

However, most countries have their integration programmes / integration measures included under wider migration policies / strategies, integration policies or under AMIF (BE, CY, HR, EE, FR, NL, PT, ES, SI). Some of them are targeting beneficiaries of international protection / asylum seekers or they are aimed at foreigners in general.

In Sweden, there is no integration programme but integration measures are being implemented as a part of a range of policy areas e.g. introduction of new arrivals, labour market measures or antidiscrimination. Similarly in Norway, integration policies are mainstreamed in all public policies e.g. employment, education, culture and health. Neither Germany nor Luxembourg has a specific integration programme. In Germany beneficiaries of international protection are entitled to regular integration measures (e.g. integration course, migration counselling etc.). In Luxembourg, once the person is granted international protection, s/he has access to services under the same conditions as Luxembourgish nationals and /or any other third-country national legally residing in Luxembourg. UK currently runs a refugee resettlement programme whose scheme includes measures designed to facilitate integration of beneficiaries of international protection.

3. Is its geographical scope the whole country or does it cover only e.g. a region, city?

Majority of countries reported about the nation-wide character of their either existing or under preparation integration programmes/ measures.

On the contrary, in Belgium, integration policies are in the competence of regions. In Spain, although the system of integration of asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection is managed by the national Government, its beneficiaries are eligible to access basic social services under the terms and conditions laid down by territorial authorities. In Finland, there are both government and municipal integration

* Under the term an Integration Programme we have in mind a document which includes a set of measures, concrete actions and finances aimed at integration of beneficiaries of international protection in different fields (e.g. housing, health, education, etc.).

programmes. Similarly, France implements integration schemes at both national and local level.

4. Which authority is mainly responsible for its implementation?

In several countries, the Ministry of Interior has been the designated authority. However, different ministries take up this role in other countries and in some cases the responsibility is shared by a number of actors including ministries, municipalities, NGOs, etc.

5. Does the plan have a budget?

Most countries have an allocated budget financed mainly from state resources while EU funds are complementary.

6. Could you provide a link to this document, preferably in English? (contains also other useful websites)

AT (in German): <https://www.bka.gv.at/DocView.axd?CobId=60471>

HR:

http://www.mup.hr/UserDocsImages/ministarstvo/2013/Migration%20policy%20RoC_en_2013%2002%2005.pdf (Migration Policy)

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/4e8044fd2.html> (Act on international and temporary protection)

CY: http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/sf/sf.nsf/index_en/index_en?OpenDocument (Solidarity Funds)

EE:

http://www.kul.ee/sites/default/files/loimuv_eesti_2020.pdf (Integrating Estonia 2020 in Estonian)

<https://www.siseministeerium.ee/en/welcoming-programme> (Welcoming Programme in English)

<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/122082014005> (Regulation of the Welcoming Programme in Estonian)

FI:

https://www.tem.fi/files/33350/Valtion_kotouttamisohjelma_vuosille_2012-2015_1.6.2012_2.pdf (government integration programme)

http://www.kotouttaminen.fi/kotouttaminen/kotouttaminen/viranomaisten_tehtavat/paikallinen_kotouttamistyo/kunnan_kotouttamisohjelma (municipal integration programmes in Finnish and Swedish)

HU:

<http://belugyialapok.hu/alapok/sites/default/files/Migration%20Strategy%20Hungary.pdf> (Migration Strategy)

http://www.bmbah.hu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=490&Itemid=1257&lang=en# (Integration contract for refugees and beneficiaries of international protection)

SI:

http://www.mnz.gov.si/fileadmin/mnz.gov.si/pageuploads/UFZJN/SES/SKLADI_NOT.VAR_NOSTI_IN_MIGRACIJE/20150722_Akcijski_nacrt_AMIF-ISF_Razlicica_1.0_-_URADNI_DOKUMENT.pdf (financing through AMIF in Slovene)

ES:

http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/Subvenciones/AreaIntegracion/proteccion_internacional/cetis_ceuta_melilla_2015/documentacion_gestion/Manual_Gestion_Asilo_Ceti_1516.pdf (government programme in Spanish)

SE:

<http://www.government.se/government-policy/> (primarily under "Introduction of new arrivals" and "Labour market")

<https://www.informationsverige.se/Engelska/Pages/Start.aspx> (additional information)

NO:

<http://www.imdi.no/en/Sprak/English/The-introduction-scheme/> (the Introduction scheme)

<https://www.regjeringen.no/en/topics/equality-and-social-inclusion/integrering/introduksjonslov-og-arbeid/introduksjonsloven/id2343470/> (the Norwegian Introduction Act)