



Joint EU Resettlement Programme

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Resettlement is a policy of a purely voluntary nature, fully depending on sovereign decisions of national administrations.

The 'Joint EU Resettlement Programme' has been put in place in order to add flexibility to the existing system and to encourage more resettlement to the EU.

Special incentives for the newly resettling states have been included in the Programme.





By establishing the Programme the EU is sending a strong political signal to the international community about the importance it attaches to resettlement and to providing durable solutions to refugees worldwide.





The EU support

The EU supports resettlement not only through providing financial support that results from the annual pledging exercise, but also through national European Refugee Fund programmes that can co-fund development of resettlement infrastructure and increase resettlement know-how through exchange of information and best practices.





Main characteristics of the Programme

Expanded list of vulnerable groups that qualify for the ERF lump sum funding:

- women and children at risk,*
- unaccompanied minors,*
- survivors of violence and torture,*
- persons having serious medical needs that can be addressed only through resettlement,*
- persons in need of emergency resettlement or urgent resettlement for legal or physical protection needs.*





Main characteristics of the Programme

Differentiated lump sums per refugee resettled according to EU priorities as in the Programme:

- 6.000 EUR for the newly resettling countries;*
- 5.000 EUR for the countries that used ERF co-funding only once in the course of previous years;*
- 4.000 EUR for the Member States with longer history of resettlement and use of ERF co-funding.*





The pledging exercise

The ERF pledging exercise for resettlement to take place in the course of 2013 was closed on May 31st, 2012.

- pledging form;*
- calculation of allocations;*
- calculation of ERF national envelopes;*
- reporting.*





Specific common EU priorities for 2013

- *Congolese refugees in the Great Lakes Region (Burundi, Malawi, Rwanda, Zambia);*
- *Refugees from Iraq in Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan;*
- *Afghan refugees in Turkey, Pakistan, Iran;*
- *Somali refugees in Ethiopia;*
- *Burmese refugees in Bangladesh, Malaysia and Thailand;*
- *Eritrean refugees in Eastern Sudan.*





The Asylum and Migration Fund

The AMF is foreseen for 2014-2020

Union Resettlement Programme operating on biennial basis.

6.000 EUR per resettled refugee

10.000 EUR per resettled refugee belonging to priority categories (including vulnerable groups).

