



Study on the feasibility and added value of **sponsorship schemes** as a possible pathway to safe channels for admission to the EU, including resettlement

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Context (1)

- Over the past two years **substantial efforts were made to address the migratory and refugee situation and achieve sustainable migration management** in Europe.
- In the same time, in 2016 and 2017 alone, **over 1,1 million refugees were granted asylum in the EU** or resettled.

Context (2)

- To continue providing protection to those truly in need of protection, the EU should **expand** both the **scale** and **type** of safe and legal pathways to protection, **including through private/community sponsorship schemes**, where the responsibility for settlement and integration support can be shared by private sponsors or CSOs.
- To support the wider use of other legal avenues to protection, the Commission:
 - ❖ **Launched a dedicated feasibility study**
and
 - ❖ **Suggested to launch a pilot project coordinated by EASO**

The Study – objectives and scope

- **Map** existing initiatives on private/community sponsorship schemes (in the EU Member States and Dublin Associated States + Canada);
- **Assess** the added value and feasibility of promoting, establishing and/or developing sponsorship schemes in the EU by looking at relevant national and EU legislation and policy developments;
- **Suggest** specific evidence-based recommendations on different types of sponsorship schemes which could be developed in the Member States and propose possible support on EU level.

The Study – main study questions

- **Types, features, criteria, challenges and their comparison to the Canadian model** in existing private/community sponsorships schemes focusing on EU+ MS;
- **Legal and operational feasibility assessment of sponsorships schemes with EU and MS national (legal) frameworks;**
- **Elements pertaining to a sponsorship scheme to be analysed on EU and national level;**
- **Possible future initiatives at EU level.**

The Study - methodology

- **Data collection and analysis**
 - Desk research and literature review
 - Legal research
 - E-surveys to stakeholders
 - Interviews with stakeholders
 - Country case studies
 - Expert workshop
- **Feasibility assessments**
 - Analysis of existing schemes
 - Compatibility analysis of sponsorship schemes with the existing legal framework (national and EU level)
 - In-depth feasibility assessment
 - Recommendations on possible future support/initiatives at EU level

The Study – time line

What	When
Inception phase	Dec 2017 - Jan 2018
Data collection and analysis	Jan – Feb 2018
Stakeholders consultations	Feb – April 2018
Interim report	mid-April 2018
Feasibility assessments	April – June 2018
<u>Final report</u>	beginning of July 2018

Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?

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