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

The Annual Programme will be published by the Immigration General Inspectorate (IGI), as Delegated Authority, on its web page (<http://ori.mai.gov.ro>) and the official web page dedicated to the General Programme “Solidarity and Management of Migratory Flows” (www.solid.mai.gov.ro).

The calls for proposals are open to NGOs, national, regional or local authorities, other non-profit organisations, private or public-law companies¹ or international organisations, working on a strictly non-profit basis, with proven experience and expertise in the fields covered, taking into account their respective institutional competencies.

IGI is appointed as **Contracting and Payment Authority (Delegated Authority)**. It is responsible for drafting and revision of annual and multi-annual programmes, for the selection of projects, monitoring the implementation of projects and payments, in the awarding mode, as well as for the tender procedures conducted in the executing mode and for technical assistance purposes.

As an **awarding body**, IGI shall select projects in compliance with the provisions of Law 350/2005, amended by Government Emergency Ordinance 84/2008, through open calls for proposals. In this regard, IGI will publish a call for proposals in the Official Journal of Romania and on its web page (<http://ori.mai.gov.ro>). All applications will be examined and evaluated following the criteria mentioned in the call for proposals, ensuring at the same time equal chances and transparency. Candidates will be informed in due time on the final decision regarding their proposal and, in case their offer has been rejected, about the reasons which determined that.

Together with the call for proposals, the guidelines for applicants will be also made available, on the mentioned web page (<http://ori.mai.gov.ro>) and in CD format or printed material, at IGI headquarters. These guidelines are meant to explain the purpose of the call for proposals, rules regarding the eligibility of applicants and their partners, types of actions, eligible costs and evaluation criteria. Information on filling in the forms, the steps to be taken by the applicants, the evaluation process and the contract clauses will be provided, as well.

The guidelines will establish, in detail, the objectives and priorities of the call for proposals, and will pay a special attention to eligibility criteria.

The guidelines shall provide the evaluation grid and the application form. The evaluation grid defines the selection and evaluation criteria. These cannot be changed throughout the selection procedure. The criteria have to be explicit, non-discriminating and will bring no prejudice to a fair competition.

Applications will be submitted to the IGI headquarters. The deadline for submission shall be established at least 30 days from the date when the call for proposals was published, in order to allow the drafting of quality proposals. In case of emergency, the Delegated Authority has the right to speed up the selection of projects, by reducing the number of days for the submission but not less than 15 days. At the same time, the Delegated Authority can postpone the deadline for the submission of project proposals, by communicating this information to all potential applicants, no later than 6 days before the application deadline. Within this deadline, the applicants could ask for clarifications in order to fill in the forms and to provide consistency of all applications. The answers with general relevance shall be disseminated to all applicants, through the dedicated web page of IGI.

Prior to the opening session, the Delegated Authority, will establish an evaluation committee, consisting of one president, an uneven number of members, as well as several experts in the field of

¹ art. 2 (Definitions) of Decision no. 2008/22/EC

asylum procedures and social integration of persons who benefit from a form of protection in Romania, as well as in management of EU funds. The number of members of the evaluation committee should allow a quick and thorough evaluation of the proposals. If the evaluation committee notices ineligible applicants and/or proposals, these persons have to be informed in the early stage of the selection process. After the final decision is taken, all applicants will be informed in due time on the results of the selection.

All publicity and documents within the selection process will be drafted in Romanian.

IGI is the designated authority to conclude the grant agreements. The grant agreements will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- the relevance of the projects, in relation with Romania's situation and requirements in the field of asylum and social integration of refugees;
- the cost-effectiveness of the expenditure, with a view to the number of persons concerned by the projects;
- the experience, expertise and reliability of the applicant organisations and any partner organisation;
- the extent to which the projects complement other actions funded by the general budget of EU or part of national programmes.

The beneficiaries will support the private co-financing of each project in the amount of minimum 5% of the value of the project. IGI, as the Contracting and Payment Authority shall bear the difference of maximum 20% of the national contribution, namely the public co-financing.

According to the latest revisions of the internal procedure of the Delegated Authority, multi-annual projects may also be awarded when there is a permanent need to implement a specific type of action or provide assistance to a target group. Such projects may have a duration of maximum 36 months, being financed from the allocations of maximum three consequent annual programmes, as long as the programmes provide sums for the implementation of such projects.

As an **executing body**, for cases of *monopoly de jure* or national security/public order, as justified below, IGI shall draft a project application for each action to be implemented directly and submit it for approval to the Responsible Authority. A committee established at the level of the Responsible Authority shall evaluate the projects in terms of financial and operational capacity, relevance, methodology, continuity, budget and efficiency of costs and, if necessary, shall send their observations to the Delegated Authority in order to revise the project application.

Once an application is approved, the Delegated Authority shall revise its Annual Procurement Plan, including the new acquisitions in the project document, and start the implementation according to the action plan and other provisions of the project.

In accordance with the Annual Programme, in order to purchase the items/services specified in the project, from specialised contractors, IGI shall apply the provisions of Emergency Government Ordinance 34/2006. The act regulates the public procurement procedures for contracting supplies, services and works, as well as the modalities to solve the appeals in relation with these procedures. It is meant to: (a) promote competition among the economic operators, (b) guarantee equal treatment and non-discrimination of economic operators; (c) ensure transparency and integrity of the public procurement process; (d) ensure efficiency in using the public funds, in procurement procedures concluded by the public authorities.

According to the relevant legal provisions and the internal procedures in the field of public procurement, IGI has the obligation to organise the call for tenders, by drafting tender dossiers, publicising the procurements, and establishing evaluation committees. Further, it is responsible for the technical management of the contracts.

In the executing mode, the Immigration General Inspectorate, as beneficiary, shall use the public procurement procedures to purchase necessary supplies (equipment, office supplies etc.), works (renovation of the real estate dedicated to the project etc) and services consisting in activities which cannot be conducted by IGI itself due to their specialised features (translations, transportation etc.)

The Delegated Authority shall provide the entire national contribution, in the amount of 25% of the value of the action.

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

Concerning the key strategic objectives established for the annual programmes 2012 and 2013, 26 projects have already been implemented during previous years under the area of focus "More strategic focus on EU standards through the implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the different directives under the CEAS". These regard legal counselling, legal assistance and social assistance for the asylum seekers, social integration of the beneficiaries of a form of protection, improvement of the infrastructure and services in the reception centres, as well as strengthening the management of country of origin information.

Under the area of focus "Improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation between Member States", 1 project was implemented within ERF 2008. It was a capacity building project, in the field of resettlement, delivering training and exchanges for the IGI staff, in cooperation with relevant authorities of the Netherlands, Czech Republic and Finland.

Further, under the area of focus "Increased development of resettlement / relocation operations", 38 Burmese refugees were resettled from Malaysia to Romania, within 2 projects implemented in conjunction by IGI and the Romanian Cross Society.

2.1. Actions implementing Priority 1 "Implementation of the principles and measures set out in the Community acquis in the field of asylum, including those related to integration objectives"

ACTION 1: Legal assistance for the asylum seekers in Romania

To commit the allocation, the Delegated Authority (IGI) shall act as an awarding body. The total eligible costs shall be supported as follows: 75% from EU contribution, maximum 20% from the national budget and minimum 5% from the applicants.

The expected time for starting the projects is July 2014. The end date for the projects is 30 June 2015. The Action shall finance the 3rd phase of a multi-annual project whose 2nd phase ends in June 2014.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The purpose of the action is to provide the necessary legal assistance to the asylum seekers registered in Romania.

The main **target group** of the action is represented by the asylum seekers in Romania, as defined in art. 6(c) of Decision 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The action aims at improving and providing legal counselling, legal assistance and interpretation services to the asylum seekers, throughout the entire asylum procedure, as provided under Objective 2 (Enhancement of the legal and language assistance) of the Multi-annual programme 2008-2013.

Out of the key strategic objectives identified for 2012 and 2013 annual programmes, the action relates to the focus area "More strategic focus on EU standards through the implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the different directives under the CEAS".

The action is a follow-up of:

- ERF 2008 / Action 1 "Providing legal counselling and legal assistance for asylum seekers";
- ERF 2010 / Action 1 "Providing assistance to the asylum seekers in Romania"
- ERF 2011 / Action 1: "Assistance and facilities to the asylum seekers in Romania" - Component 1
- ERF 2012 / Action 1: "Legal assistance for the asylum seekers in Romania"

The Delegated Authority awarded the multi-annual project "Specialized juridical assistance for the asylum seekers in Romania" under Action 1 of ERF 2011. The operational situation in the asylum area, as well as the requirements of the asylum seekers as regards the juridical assistance, addressed so far by the actual project, justify its continuation through AP 2013. The main achievements of the project in the first 6 months of implementation (semester II/2012), exceeded to a large extent the expectations reaching the following values:

- legal counselling in the administrative phase of the RSD procedure (almost 950 cases),
- legal counselling and legal assistance in the preparation and submission of appeals (almost 350 cases);
- legal counselling and legal assistance in the first phase of the judicial RSD procedure (almost 650 cases);
- legal counselling and legal assistance in the second phase of the judicial RSD procedure (almost 200 cases);
- specific training delivered to the lawyers involved in the asylum procedure (35 persons);
- specific training delivered to the interpreters involved in the asylum procedure (20 persons).

The current action shall allow the continuation of this project, financing its third stage of implementation. Therefore, it shall mainly address the following needs of the asylum seekers registered in Romania:

- legal counselling in the administrative phase of the RSD procedure;
- legal counselling and legal assistance in the preparation and submission of appeals;
- legal counselling and legal assistance in the first phase of the judicial RSD procedure;
- legal counselling and legal assistance in the second phase of the judicial RSD procedure.

The projects shall provide for interpretation services in the field of rare languages, delivered by dedicated interpreters, to support the legal counselling and assistance. Moreover, the documents presented/issued by the asylum seekers shall be adequately translated as needed in the RSD procedure.

If the specialists involved in the asylum procedure (interpreters, lawyers and legal counsellors), need to improve their knowledge and skills in this area, the projects shall provide the necessary training.

Within the available funds, the action should also support the transportation of the asylum seekers from the reception centres to the relevant courts, in line with the requirements of the asylum procedure, with an emphasis on the persons with special needs, without affecting the main activities of legal assistance provided by the projects.

A call for proposals is not expected under this Action, as its budget shall sustain the existing multi-annual project. Still, if the Action is supplemented with funds transferred from the other actions of AP 2013, due to a justified need, or if the existing grant agreement is terminated for various reasons, the Delegated Authority shall launch a new call for proposals.

b) Expected grant recipients

NGOs, national, regional or local authorities, other non-profit organisations, private or public-law companies² or international organisations.

c) Justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible/delegated authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

The impacts of this action shall consist of: (a) an improved legal assistance of the asylum seekers in Romania, provided in line with the applicable EU and national requirements, (b) effective and unhindered access of the asylum seekers to the judicial phase of the RSD procedure, (c) shortening the duration of the asylum procedure in the judicial phase.

The outcomes of the action are:

- Asylum seekers legally counselled in the administrative phase of the asylum procedure
- Asylum seekers legally counselled and assisted in the preparation and submission of appeals
- Asylum seekers counselled and assisted in the first phase of the judicial RSD procedure
- Asylum seekers counselled and assisted in the second phase of the judicial RSD procedure
- Asylum seekers adequately represented in court

² In accordance with art. 2 (Definitions) of Decision no. 2008/22/EC

- Asylum seekers benefiting of interpretation and translation services

The following outcome indicator is taken into account:

- Number of asylum seekers assisted in the RSD procedure

It is envisaged that at least 550 asylum seekers shall receive assistance under this action covered by the Annual Programme 2013, throughout the main stages of the asylum procedure, until a final decision is taken by the competent authorities.

The outputs of the action are:

- Legal counselling and assistance provided in the reception centres
- Representation, interpretation and translation services delivered

The following output indicators are taken into account:

- Number of legal counsellors/assistants involved in the RSD procedure
- Number of lawyers involved in the RSD procedure
- Number of rare language interpreters supporting the activities
- Number and types of services/assistance delivered

The indicators shall be adapted to the necessities of the 6 regional centres of IGI. It is envisaged that at least minimum 20 lawyers and 20 interpreters shall be required to deliver their specific services throughout the asylum procedure in the regional centres, under this action covered by the Annual Programme 2013.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

In all activities the EU logo and the indication on ERF co-financing will be placed on all materials produced such as leaflets, publicity materials, PR work etc. Posters with information on ERF co-financing and the number and title of the project shall be placed at the entrance and within the premises dedicated to counselling, legal assistance or training activities, as well as within the offices of the beneficiaries dedicated to the project. In these premises the beneficiaries shall provide publicity leaflets and brochures with such information.

The items of equipment purchased within the projects shall be visibly marked with the EU logo and information on the project.

Posters and plaques with information on ERF co-financing and the number and title of the project shall be visibly mounted on the developed infrastructure.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments:

To eliminate the risk of duplication with other projects developed under the European Social Fund (ESF), during the implementation of the Annual Programme, the Delegated Authority and the Responsible Authority shall have regular consultations with the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection and the General Directorate for Development of Administrative Capacity, within MAI, which are the management authorities for ESF. Moreover, to adequately prepare the documentation for the planned calls for proposals and eliminate duplication from the contracting phase, the Responsible Authority shall consult the Managing Authorities before launching the call for proposals. In this regard, the mentioned authorities concluded the Protocol no. 72737/29.08.2008 on prevention of overlapping of funding from the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals, the European Refugee Fund and the European Social Fund.

To ensure complementarity with the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals, the Responsible Authority shall be involved in the monitoring of the projects. Ensuring a clear distinction between the target groups of the actions supported by the two Funds (third country nationals, on one side, and the categories defined in Decision 573/2007/CE, on another) shall be a main concern.

g) Financial information

EU funding	A	162.000,00	75,00%
Public funds	B	43.200,00	20,00%
Total public funds	C=A+B	205.200,00	95,00%
Private funds	D	10.800,00	5,00%
TOTAL	E=C+D	216.000,00	100,00%

ACTION 2: Social assistance for the asylum seekers in Romania

To commit the allocation of this action, the Delegated Authority (IGI) shall act as an awarding body. The total eligible costs shall be supported as follows: 75% from EU contribution, maximum 20% from the national budget and minimum 5% from the applicants.

The expected time for starting the projects is July 2014. The end date for the projects is 30 June 2015. The Action finances the 3rd phase of a multi-annual project, whose 2nd phase ends in June 2014.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The purpose of the action is to provide the necessary social assistance to the asylum seekers, with a special focus on the specific needs of the vulnerable cases.

The **target group** of the action is represented by the asylum seekers in Romania, as defined in art. 6(c) of Decision 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, and, in particular, such persons belonging to vulnerable categories.

The action provides for social counselling, educational and recreational activities for the asylum seekers, thus relating with Objective 3 (Enhancement of social counselling and assistance) of the Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013.

The action relates to the focus area *“More strategic focus on EU standards through the implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the different directives under the CEAS“*, established under the key strategic objectives identified for 2012 and 2013 annual programmes

The social assistance measures, supported by this action, are different from the integration measures, provided under Action 3, due to their purpose, scope and target group. The measures envisaged by this action only aim to assist the asylum seekers during the asylum procedure.

The action is a follow-up of:

- ERF 2008 / Action 2 “Improving social counselling, cultural, educational and recreational activities for asylum seekers, as well as assistance of the vulnerable cases”;
- ERF 2010 / Action 1 “Providing assistance to the asylum seekers in Romania”
- ERF 2011 / Action 1 “Assistance and facilities to the asylum seekers in Romania” – Component 2
- ERF 2012 / Action 2 “Social assistance for the asylum seekers in Romania”

The Delegated Authority awarded the multi-annual project *“Assistance and facilities for the asylum seekers in Romania. Enhancement of the living standards of the asylum seekers and the model of their responsibility”*, under Action 1 – Component 2 of ERF 2011. The present situation in the field of social assistance gives a good reason to further support the actual project in this area. Moreover, after six months of implementation, most of the results of the project were reached in an adequate proportion, compared to the total expected values, respectively:

- language courses (almost 90 participants);
- social and cultural activities (almost 200 participants);
- social/material assistance (almost 250 cases);
- housing, such as additional accommodation places for families (almost 10 persons);
- educational activities for children (30 persons);
- medical assistance (almost 20 cases); still, the psychological and the complex medical situations can barely be managed with the existing resources.

Almost 300 asylum seekers benefited from information and social counselling sessions.

The current action shall allow the continuation of this project, financing its third stage of implementation. Therefore, it shall provide assistance to the asylum seekers, in compliance with the provisions of *Law 122/2006 on asylum in Romania* and other applicable national provisions, in at least the following areas:

- social counselling, including accompanying measures;
- cultural, educational and recreational activities;
- medical/psychological care;
- material assistance, complementary to that granted by the applicable legislation;

- social assistance provided to asylum seekers with specific needs: children, single-parent families, victims of torture and other categories of vulnerable persons, in compliance to the applicable national provisions.

The asylum seekers shall continue to be targeted by various forms of assistance, such as information, social counselling, educational, cultural and recreational activities, medical and psychological care, material assistance through packages distributed on installation or regularly etc. In particular, the asylum seekers shall receive guidance on various health related issues, prevention/safety measures and how to deal with specific situations etc.

The asylum seekers children shall represent a special target group for the education, recreational and other social activities. In particular, the action shall facilitate the registration/participation of the children in the national education system.

Any remaining funds, shall primarily support the medical and psychological assistance of the asylum seekers.

As a main stakeholder, IGI shall supervise all approaches in the field of social assistance developed by the projects.

b) Expected grant recipients

NGOs, national, regional or local authorities, other non-profit organisations, private or public-law companies³ or international organisations.

c) Justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible/delegated authority acting as an executing body
N/A.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

The impact of this action shall consist of an improved social assistance of the asylum seekers in Romania, provided in due time, according to their needs.

The outcomes of the action are:

- Asylum seekers adequately informed and counselled
- Asylum seekers involved in cultural, educational and recreational activities
- Asylum seekers benefiting from complementary medical and psychological assistance, rehabilitation assistance, specific assistance for single-parent families, specific assistance for vulnerable cases
- Asylum seekers benefiting from material assistance and forms of material incentives to participate in relevant activities

The following outcome indicators are considered:

- Number of asylum seekers benefiting from relevant information and counselling
- Number of asylum seekers participating in cultural, educational and recreational activities
- Number of asylum seekers with medical problems benefiting from treatment
- Number of vulnerable cases benefiting from rehabilitation measures/other special assistance
- Number of asylum seekers receiving material support

It is estimated that the social assistance delivered under this action covered by the AP 2013 shall meet the necessities of almost 550 asylum seekers. Within the general target group, the number of persons with special needs, such as minors and vulnerable persons, shall be established on the basis of the individual needs.

The output of the action is:

- Counselling and assistance delivered in the regional centres

³ In accordance with art. 2 (Definitions) of Decision no. 2008/22/EC

The following output indicators are taken into account:

- Number of social counsellors, assistants etc.
- Number and types of services/assistance provided

The number of experts delivering assistance under this action covered by the AP 2013 shall be adapted to the necessities in the 6 regional centres of IGI. The assistance for each case shall be established based on the assessment of the individual needs of the target group persons.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

For visibility of ERF co-financing and the project, see Action 1.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments:

For complementarity with ESF and IF, as well as with other actions of the Programme, see Action 1.

g) Financial information

EU funding	A	219.000,00	75,00%
Public funds	B	58.400,00	20,00%
Total public funds	C=A+B	277.400,00	95,00%
Private funds	D	14.600,00	5,00%
TOTAL	E=C+D	292.000,00	100,00%

ACTION 3: Social integration of the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania

To commit the allocation, the Delegated Authority (IGI) shall act as an awarding body. The total eligible costs shall be supported as follows: 75% from EU contribution, maximum 20% from the national budget and minimum 5% from the applicants.

The expected time for starting the projects is July 2014. The end date for the projects is 30 June 2015. This Action shall finance the third phase of a multi-annual project. Its second phase shall end on June 30th, 2014.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The purpose of the action is to facilitate the social integration of the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania, through delivery of adequate assistance and services.

The **target group** of the action is represented by the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania, as defined in art. 6.(a), (b) and (d) of Decision 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, namely either refugee status or subsidiary protection status.

The action relates to Objective 4 (Advice and assistance in areas such as housing, means of subsistence, integration into the labour market, medical, psychological and social care) and Objective 5 (Development and implementation of programmes of vocational training and recognition of qualifications and diplomas) of the Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013.

The action relates to the focus area *“More strategic focus on EU standards through the implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the different directives under the CEAS“*, established amongst the key strategic objectives identified for 2012 and 2013 annual programmes.

The integration measures, envisaged by this action, have a wider scope than the social assistance provided under Action 2. Also the two actions have different purposes and target groups: Action 3 aims to assist the refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection in Romania in the integration process, while Action 2 only delivers social assistance to the asylum seekers.

The action is a follow-up of:

- ERF 2008 / Action 4: Facilitating the access to the procedure for granting citizenship; Action 5: Assistance in the area of housing for the beneficiaries of a form of protection;
- ERF 2009 / Action 3: Assistance and support for integration of the persons granted a form of protection in Romania according to Article 6 of Decision No 573/2007/ EC;

- ERF 2010 / ACTION 2: Assistance and support for the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania;
- ERF 2011 / ACTION 2: Assistance for the social integration of the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania;
- ERF 2012 / ACTION 3: Integration programmes for the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania.

The Delegated Authority awarded the multi-annual project *"Services of integrated assistance aimed to ensure protection and social inclusion of refugees"*, under Action 2 of ERF 2011. The continuation of the project through AP 2013 is justified by the necessities observed in relation to the target groups. Thus, after the first half of Phase I of implementation (semester II/2012), the main achievements were in line with the quantitative expectations of the project and of the annual programme, reaching 40-125% of the planned values. These consisted of:

- vocational training (20 persons),
- social/material assistance such as basic items, food, clothing, school supplies etc. (20 persons),
- effective medical assistance (almost 40 persons),
- sustaining the needs in the area of housing such as payment of rent and/or utilities (almost 30 persons),
- language courses (more than 50 persons)
- social and cultural activities (more than 50 persons)

More than 350 situations were addressed by the project within information and counselling sessions in various interest areas (social, education, medical, citizenship, housing etc.)

The current action shall allow the continuation of this project, financing its third stage of implementation. Therefore, it shall provide assistance to the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania, in at least the following areas:

- language and cultural orientation;
- dissemination of information;
- education, recreation and culture;
- social assistance, including accompanying measures, and medical/psychological care;
- vocational training and support for accessing the labour market;
- housing;
- recognition of diplomas/qualifications;
- material assistance, such as food, sanitary-hygienic items, clothing, medicine, school and recreational supplies etc.;
- other categories and services and material assistance, if such requirements are identified and properly justified.

Because of the limited budget, the action shall primarily finance projects which aim to deliver "integration packages", like in the previous annual programmes. However, if a specific situation is noticed in relation with the target group, the Delegated Authority may organize calls for proposals in order to award projects only to address the respective specific requirements.

The vulnerable cases, in particular the minor persons, unaccompanied women and old persons, shall benefit from assistance adapted to their needs. The children shall be facilitated to access the social and educational services, with emphasis on the registration/participation in the national education system.

The action allows for specialization of trainers in the field of teaching Romanian language and cultural orientation for adults, if a necessity is identified in this area.

In relation to the integration process, consultations with the stakeholders are encouraged, in particular with the labour inspectorates, schools and school inspectorates, health insurance offices, associations of the real estate owners, NGOs etc. Depending on the nature of the activities, the host population may also be involved. As a main stakeholder, IGI shall supervise all approaches in the field of social integration developed by the projects.

b) Expected grant recipients:

NGOs, national, regional or local authorities, other non-profit organisations, private or public-law companies⁴ or international organisations.

c) Justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible/delegated authority acting as an executing body:

N/A.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

The expected impact of the action is an increased level of integration in the host society of the refugees and other beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania.

The outcomes of the action are:

- Beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania supported to adapt and self-sustain in the economic and social life of Romania, through counselling and assistance

The following outcome indicators are considered:

- Number of persons benefiting from relevant information and counselling
- Number of persons participating in cultural orientation and Romanian language courses
- Number of persons participating in cultural, educational and recreational activities
- Number of persons with medical problems benefiting from medical care/psychological assistance
- Number of vulnerable cases benefiting from rehabilitation measures/other special assistance
- Number of persons receiving material support
- Number of persons supported to access the labour market
- Number of persons supported to access housing
- Number of persons assisted to obtain the Romanian citizenship

It is estimated that the assistance delivered under this action covered by the AP 2013 shall meet the necessities of almost 300 beneficiaries of a form of protection, taking into account that a person benefits from one or more services/categories of assistance. Out of the total, at least 30 minors are estimated to need educational, recreational and cultural assistance, as well as other forms of social integration support.

The output of the action is:

- Counselling and assistance delivered in the regional centres/other locations

The following output indicators are taken into account:

- Number of social counsellors, assistants etc.
- Number and types of services/assistance provided

The number of experts delivering assistance under this action covered by the AP 2013 shall be different from those envisaged under Action 2, and adapted to the necessities in the 6 regional centres of IGI and other dedicated locations. The assistance for each case shall be established based on the assessment of the individual needs of the target group persons.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

For visibility of ERF co-financing and the project, see Action 1.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments:

For complementarity with ESF and IF, as well as with other actions of the Programme, see Action 1.

g) Financial information

⁴ In accordance with art. 2 (Definitions) of Decision no. 2008/22/EC

EU funding	A	195.000,00	75,00%
Public funds	B	52.000,00	20,00%
Total public funds	C=A+B	247.000,00	95,00%
Private funds	D	13.000,00	5,00%
TOTAL	E=C+D	260.000,00	100,00%

Action 4: Capacity building in the field of asylum

To commit the allocation, the Delegated Authority (IGI) shall act as an executing body. The total eligible costs shall be supported as follows: 75% from EU contribution and 25% from the national budget.

The expected time for starting the projects is November 2013. The end date for the projects is 30 June 2015.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The purpose of the action is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Immigration General Inspectorate in the field of asylum, through improvement of the dedicated infrastructure, training of staff and services provided to the asylum seekers.

The main **target group** of the action is represented by the asylum seekers in Romania, as defined in art. 6 (c) of Decision 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, and, in particular, such persons belonging to vulnerable categories. Together with the main target group, the beneficiaries of a form of protection, as defined in art. 6 (a), (b) and (d) of Decision 573/2007/EC, who are accommodated in the reception centres, shall benefit from the projects aimed to improve the infrastructure and/or deliver assistance and specific services.

As for the training activities, the **target group** consists of the dedicated IGI staff.

The action relates to Objective 3 (Enhancement of social counselling and assistance) of the Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013, as it is designed mainly to ensure proper facilities to the asylum seekers, and to Objective 1 (Training of the staff of the authorities with competencies in the field of asylum procedures) due to its training feature.

Regarding the key strategic objectives identified for 2012 and 2013 annual programmes, the action relates to the focus area *“More strategic focus on EU standards through the implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the different directives under the CEAS”*.

The action is a follow-up of:

- ERF 2008 / Action 4 “Providing recreation and sports facilities within the reception centres”;
- ERF 2009 / Action 5 “Improving the accommodation conditions in the reception centres”;
- ERF 2009 / Action 5 “Improving the safety conditions in the reception centres”
- ERF 2010 / Action 1 “Providing assistance to the asylum seekers in Romania”
- ERF 2011 / Action 1 “Assistance and facilities to the asylum seekers in Romania” – Component 3
- ERF 2012 / Action 4 ” Strengthening the capacity of the authorities to manage asylum issues”

The action mainly is designed to improve the reception infrastructure, providing adequate conditions for accommodation and assistance of the asylum seekers/beneficiaries of a form of protection, work conditions for the relevant staff, as well compliance with the safety standards. In this regard, IGI shall take necessary measures to arrange/renovate/extend the existing accommodation capacity of the regional reception centres, including through endowment with equipment, systems and furniture.

In terms of infrastructure, the main necessities taken into account by IGI are the following:

- renovation of the Regional Centre Maramureş;
- modernization of the Regional Centre Galaţi (thermo-insulation);
- extension of the accommodation capacity of the Regional Centre Rădăuţi, through works on the existing infrastructure;
- renovation and modernization of the Regional Centre Bucuresti (replacement of the heating installation, thermo-insulation);
- renovation/construction of the surrounding fence of the Regional Centre Timișoara;
- replacement of the worn-out equipment/systems and furniture in the regional centres.

The renovated real estate shall be used entirely for asylum seekers and/or refugees, for at least 5 years after the finalisation of the Annual Programme.

Furthermore, it is also considered the need of certain services in the regional centres, such as internet subscriptions, and materials/items that are consumed in relation to the necessities of the accommodated persons.

Regarding the services envisaged under this action, transportation of the asylum seekers from the places where applications are lodged to the 6 regional centres of IGI, as well as between the regional centres, shall be provided. Transportation of asylum seekers who are transferred according to the Dublin procedure, from the national border to the regional centres and from the regional centres to the national border could also be included in the projects.

To support the capacity building in the field of asylum, training shall be delivered to the relevant staff of IGI. The training activities shall be tailored to the actual needs of the institution, having in mind the following areas in the field of asylum: management of the RSD procedure in daily situations, action during crisis situations and new developments of the legal framework. Judges and other relevant stakeholders may be involved in the training activities. Exchanges of good practices with relevant authorities of other Member States are envisaged as well.

The training shall observe the activities undertaken in the field by EASO according to Regulation 439/2010. Also, cooperation with EASO in organizing such activities is envisaged (according to the last paragraph of article 6 in EASO Regulation). Thus, the training at national level, through ERF support, shall be conducted primarily by trainers who have benefited from European Asylum Curricula courses delivered by EASO.

b) Expected grant recipients:

The Delegated Authority (IGI) will act as an executing body.

c) Justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible/delegated authority acting as an executing body:

According to Article 3(2) of Law 122/2006 on the asylum in Romania, modified by the Emergency Government Ordinance 55/2007, IGI is entitled to establish regional centres for procedures and accommodation for asylum seekers and persons who were granted a form of protection in Romania. Further, the Internal Order of the Minister of Administration and Interior no. 269/2007, states that IGI ensures the accommodation of the asylum seekers in the centres established in accordance with art. 3(2) of Law 122/2006, providing the necessary spaces, utilities and material endowment.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

The impact of this action shall consist of an improved assistance of the asylum seekers and of the beneficiaries of a form of protection in Romania.

The outcomes of the action are:

- Adequate facilities and services provided for the target group persons
- Relevant knowledge and skills of the dedicated staff improved

The following outcome indicators are considered:

- Number of reception/accommodation facilities renovated/built
- Number of reception/accommodation facilities benefiting of new equipment/furniture/ upgraded systems
- Number of asylum seekers transferred between reception centres
- Number of reception centres benefiting from services provided to the asylum seekers
- Number of employees who benefit from training and exchanges

It is estimated that the renovation/construction works as well as the procurement of equipment, systems and furniture shall concern at least 1 of the reception centres coordinated by IGI.

The number of asylum seekers transferred between the reception centres or other relevant locations shall be established as required by the operational situation.

Almost 20 employees shall be trained or participate in exchanges with other Member States in the field of asylum.

The outputs of the action are:

- Renovation/construction works performed
- Reception centres endowed with specific items
- Training seminars/exchanges of good practices delivered to the dedicated staff
- Transfers of asylum seekers between relevant locations, as required by the applicable provisions

The following output indicators are taken into account:

- Number of works (contracts)
- Number of items of equipment/systems procured
- Number of IT systems upgraded
- Number of exchanges of experience in other Member States
- Number of seminars delivered
- Number of transfers operated

To achieve its goals in terms of infrastructure, under this action covered by the AP 2013 IGI shall conclude at least 1 works contract. Depending on the nature and the needs to endow the reception centres, IGI shall perform several acquisitions of items of equipment/furniture/systems. The number and type of training seminars shall be established based on the assessment of the individual needs of the staff. IGI shall cooperate with at least 2 authorities in other Member States, in order to organize a total of minimum 2 exchanges of experiences with their staff.

The number of transfers of asylum seekers between the reception centres or other relevant locations shall be established as required by the operational situation.

e) Visibility of EU funding:

For visibility of ERF co-financing and the project, see Action 1.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments:

For complementarity with ESF and IF see Action 1.

g) Financial information

EU funding	A	129.000,00	75,00%
Public funds	B	43.000,00	25,00%
Total public funds	C=A+B	172.000,00	100,00%
Private funds	D	0,00	0,00%
TOTAL	E=C+D	172.000,00	100,00%

The difference between the amount allocated to Priority 1 within Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013 and the amount allocated to this Priority within the Annual Programme 2013 is due to the revised allocations communicated by the Commission.

Following the yearly consultation process with the relevant stakeholders in the field of asylum, it was considered that the financial estimations for each priority in the MAP should be modified.

2.2 Actions implementing Priority 2 “Development of reference tools and evaluation methodologies to assess and improve the quality of procedures for the examination of claims for international protection and to underpin administrative structures in an effort to respond to the challenges brought forward by enhanced practical cooperation with other Member States”

Action 5: Enhanced management of Country of Origin Information (COI)

To commit the allocation, the Delegated Authority (IGI) shall act as an awarding body. The total eligible costs shall be supported as follows: 75% from EU contribution, maximum 20% from the national budget and minimum 5% from the applicants.

The expected time for starting the projects is November 2013. The end date for the projects is 30 June 2015.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The purpose of the action is to ensure the access of all actors relevant in the asylum procedure to country of origin information (COI).

The **target group** of the action is represented by all the actors involved in the asylum procedure (decision officers, legal counsellors, judges, lawyers, legal representatives etc.)

The action concerns unitary procedures in the management of COI applied at national level; therefore it relates to Objective 7 (Enhancement of Romanian authorities' capacity to develop and evaluate the asylum policy) of the Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013. Under the key strategic objectives identified for 2012 and 2013 annual programmes, the action is relevant for the focus area "*More strategic focus on EU standards through the implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the different directives under the CEAS*".

The action is a follow up of ERF 2009 (Action 7: Improving the management of country of origin information) and ERF 2011 (Action 3: Support for the management of Country of Origin Information).

Within this action, the existing COI portal shall be further promoted, maintained and updated. If deemed necessary, it shall be further developed by improving its facilities, as well as the accessibility by an increased number of users.

The action shall continue the familiarization of the potential beneficiaries and new users of the portal with the aspects related to COI management. The training shall be based on the European Asylum Curricula and delivered by a national trainer who is part of the EASO COI work group. In this respect, the main stakeholders of the portal remain the NGOs, judges, IGI officials, lawyers and other entities, who perform relevant activities in the asylum area. New related studies and information shall be used in the training curricula.

The UNHCR position papers, country reports and guidelines assessing the humanitarian situation in the countries of origin, IGI supporting documents, which are currently used in the asylum procedure, shall be translated in Romanian and published on the portal. All materials produced/translated by ERF support shall be uploaded on the Common European COI Portal.

Throughout the implementation of this Action, a special attention will be given to ensuring the complementarity with EASO's activities and mandate.

Any necessities to provide specific COI responses to the users of the portal, in relation with the asylum procedure, shall be covered by Action 1, and not by this action.

b) Expected grant recipients

NGOs, national, regional or local authorities, other non-profit organisations, private or public-law companies⁵ or international organisations.

c) Justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible/delegated authority acting as an executing body

N/A.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

The expected **impact** of the action shall consist of a unitary implementation of the asylum policy in Romania.

The **outcomes** of the action are:

- The access to COI of all relevant actors in asylum procedures ensured
- Relevant knowledge and skills of the portal users enhanced

The following **outcome indicators** are taken into account:

- Number of users accessing the portal
- Number of new users of the portal
- Number of users able to use the portal / interpret COI

⁵ In accordance with art. 2 (Definitions) of Decision no. 2008/22/EC

The portal shall be accessible to all relevant stakeholders involved in the asylum procedure, based on the registration approved by the work group. At least 25 users of the COI portal shall benefit from specific training, out of which 10 are envisaged to be new users.

The outputs of the action are:

- COI portal developed/updated and maintained
- Adequate facilities created for the work group managing the portal
- Relevant training provided for the relevant actors
- Relevant documents/reports on humanitarian situation in the countries of origin accessible to the relevant stakeholders

The following output indicators are taken into account:

- Number and type of new facilities created/purchased
- Number of training sessions performed
- Number of trainees
- Number of pages translated and published on the portal

Within the action at least 2000 pages of the reports on humanitarian situation in the countries of origin and other relevant documents translated and published. The action shall allow for procurement of IT equipment, if such a need is identified, due to the enlargement of the work group, within the allocated budget. At least 1 seminar shall be organised under this action covered by the AP 2013.

e) Visibility of EU funding

For visibility of ERF co-financing and the project, see Action 1.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments:

For complementarity with ESF and IF see Action 1.

g) Financial information

EU funding	A	22.000,00	75,00%
Public funds	B	5.866,67	20,00%
Total public funds	C=A+B	27.866,67	95,00%
Private funds	D	1.466,67	5,00%
TOTAL	E=C+D	29.333,33	100,00%

Action 6: Strengthening the capacity of the authorities to manage asylum issues

To commit the allocation of this action, the Delegated Authority (IGI) shall act as awarding body. The total eligible costs shall be supported as follows: 75% from EU contribution, maximum 20% from the national budget and minimum 5% from the applicants.

The expected time for starting the projects is November 2013. The end date for the projects is 30 June 2015.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The purpose of the action is to develop unitary practices as regards the assessment of asylum applications at national level.

The **target group** of the action is represented by all the actors involved in the asylum procedure (decision officers, legal counsellors, judges, lawyers, legal representatives etc.). Indirectly, the asylum seekers in Romania, as defined in art. 6(c) of Decision 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, shall benefit from the action.

As the action provides consultations designed to develop unitary practices at national level, it is related to Objective 8 (Strengthening the capacity to assess asylum applications, including appeals, and development of unitary procedures at national level) of the Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013.

The action relates to the focus area “*More strategic focus on EU standards through the implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the different directives under the CEAS*“, established amongst the key strategic objectives identified for 2012 and 2013 annual programmes.

The action is a follow up of ERF 2011 - Action 4 “Strengthening the capacity of the authorities to manage asylum issues”

On one hand, the action provides for consultations between IGI and the stakeholders involved in the asylum procedure, in particular the judges of competent courts. Therefore, the action concerns the representatives of the courts and tribunals whose territorial jurisdiction includes the IGI regional reception centres.

The consultations shall aim to maintain the consistent practice ascertained at all regional courts in terms of interpretation of relevant concepts and legal provisions, and the balance between the administrative and the judiciary practices in the field of asylum. The analysis of the judicial practices at European level shall lead to a common interpretation and implementation of the most important concepts in the asylum area.

The discussions shall focus on various aspects related to the asylum procedure, such as the definition of refugee/subsidiary protection criteria, the non-refoulement principle, special procedures and the relevant jurisprudence of the EU Court of Justice and of the European Court of Human Rights.

Further, the action shall aim to familiarize the persons who act as legal representatives of the unaccompanied minor asylum seekers with the specific procedures in place in the asylum field. In this respect, the practice has revealed that the knowledge and skills of the appointed legal representatives should be improved, in terms of relevant legal rights, liabilities and guaranties, specific terminology and procedures in place with relevance for the legal representation of the minor asylum seekers. Moreover, a set of good practices and recommendations shall be delivered to the mentioned category of persons.

The topics/agendas of the activities shall be established by IGI in close consultation with the beneficiaries. The dedicated IGI employees shall be involved in these activities as experts.

b) Expected grant recipients:

NGOs, national, regional or local authorities, other non-profit organisations, private or public-law companies⁶ or international organisations.

c) Justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible/delegated authority acting as an executing body:

N/A.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

The expected impact of the action is the improvement of the management of the asylum policies.

The outcomes of the action are:

- Process of consultation with the relevant actors in the field of asylum further maintained/developed
- Enhanced knowledge and skills of the legal representatives in the area of asylum procedure

The following outcome indicators are taken into account:

- Number of stakeholders involved in the consultations
- Number of persons benefiting from information and training
- Identified problems and corresponding solutions regarding the judiciary practice at national level

⁶ In accordance with art. 2 (Definitions) of Decision no. 2008/22/EC

All relevant local courts of first and second instance, located in the area of competency of the 6 regional reception centres, shall be involved in the consultation process (12 judges), together with the relevant IGI staff. At least 6 legal representatives of the minor asylum seekers shall benefit from training in areas relevant to the asylum procedure.

The outputs of the action are:

- Consultation sessions organized
- Relevant training delivered to the legal representatives

The following output indicators are taken into account:

- Number of consultation sessions
- Number of training activities

e) Visibility of EU funding:

For visibility of ERF co-financing and the project, see Action 1.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments:

For complementarity with ESF and IF see Action 1.

g) Financial information

EU funding	A	21.600,00	75,00%
Public funds	B	5.760,00	20,00%
Total public funds	C=A+B	27.360,00	95,00%
Private funds	D	1.440,00	5,00%
TOTAL	E=C+D	28.800,00	100,00%

The difference between the amount allocated to Priority 2 within Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013 and the amount allocated to this Priority within the Annual Programme 2013 is due to the revised allocations communicated by the Commission.

Following the yearly consultation process with the relevant stakeholders in the field of asylum, it was considered that the financial estimations for each priority in the MAP should be modified.

2.3. Actions implementing Priority 3 “Actions helping to enhance responsibility sharing between Member States and third countries”

Action 7: Resettlement of third countries nationals in need of international protection

To commit the allocation, the Delegated Authority (IGI) shall act as executing body, in partnership with other public authorities. The total eligible costs shall be supported as follows: 75% from EU contribution and 25% from the national budget.

The expected time for starting the projects is November 2013. The end date for the projects is 30 June 2015.

a) Purpose and scope of the action:

The purpose of the action is to ensure the selection and transfer of the persons in need of international protection from third countries to Romania, in compliance with the relevant international standards.

The target group of the action is represented by the persons whose status is defined in art. 6.(e) of Decision 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The action relates to Objective 9 (Development and implementation of resettlement programmes) of the Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013.

Regarding the key strategic objectives identified for 2012 and 2013 annual programmes, the action relates to the focus area “Increased development to resettlement / relocation activities”.

The current action is a follow-up of:

- ERF 2009 / Action 8: "Implementation of resettlement operations"
- ERF 2012 / Action 6: "Selection and transfer of persons from third countries who need international protection in Romania, in accordance with relevant international standards"

The action consists of activities of selection missions in third countries, necessary to identify the beneficiaries of the resettlement programmes, cultural orientation of the target group, travel arrangements for internal and international transportation of selected refugees from the country of asylum to the reception centres in Romania, as well as assistance provided during the resettlement operations, including the pre-departure and post-arrival stages.

The selection and transfer of refugees for resettlement shall be performed according to the Law no. 122/2006 on asylum in Romania and Government Decision no. 1596/2008 on the resettlement of refugees in Romania, amended by Government Decision no. 810/2012.

A resettlement committee shall be established at inter-ministerial level, in line with the provisions of the act, which has as a main attribution to decide on the origin countries and the asylum countries of the refugees to be resettled in Romania. The decisions of the committee shall be implemented by IGI together with UNHCR. UNHCR shall provide information regarding potential cases to be resettled and facilitate the selection missions performed by IGI, through expertise and specialised services such as liaison, interpretation, offices in the third countries and other forms of support.

b) Expected grant recipients

The Delegated Authority (IGI) will act as an executing body.

c) Justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible/delegated authority acting as an executing body

According to Government Decision no. 1596/2008, amended by Government Decision 810/2012, IGI performs the resettlement operations in cooperation with other authorities and international organisations and NGOs, in order to select and transfer to Romania of the refugees in need for resettlement.

According to art. 10 para. 2 of Government Decision no. 810/2012 the transfer activity is performed by IGI in partnership with an organisation specialised in this area.

d) Expected quantified results and indicators to be used:

The expected impact of the action is the improvement of the management of the asylum policies.

The outcomes of the action are:

- Refugees selected to be resettled in Romania, according to the legal and procedural requirements, as well as to the best practices in the area
- Selected refugees effectively transferred to Romania
- Selected refugees provided with necessary assistance throughout the resettlement operations, including the pre-departure and post-arrival stages

The following outcome indicators are taken into account:

- Number of refugees selected in order to be resettled in Romania
- Number of refugees transferred to Romania
- Number of refugees counselled and assisted throughout the resettlement operation
- Number of refugees informed and assessed

A sufficient number of persons shall be assessed, in order to reach the resettlement quota. According to the legal provisions, a resettlement quota of 20 refugees afferent to a calendar year shall be selected and further transferred in Romania. The action shall provide assistance tailored to the needs of the entire target group as well as of the individual needs, in all stages of the resettlement operations.

The outputs of the action are:

- Selection and cultural orientation mission effectively performed
- Necessary travel documents issued to the refugees selected for resettlement in Romania

- Transfer mission effectively performed
- Adequate assistance delivered to the selected refugees

The following output indicators are taken into account:

- Number of selection-cultural orientation missions performed
- Number of travel documents issued
- Number of assistance packages delivered
- Number of transfer missions performed

All selected refugees shall be in possession of valid travel documents before the transfer operation. It is envisaged at least 1 selection-cultural orientation mission and 1 transfer mission. Specific assistance shall be delivered to all selected-transferred refugees.

e) Visibility of EU funding

For visibility of ERF co-financing and the project, see Action 1.

f) Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EU instruments:

For complementarity with ESF and IF see Action 1.

g) Financial information:

EU funding	A	45.000,00	75,00%
Public funds	B	15.000,00	25,00%
Total public funds	C=A+B	60.000,00	100,00%
Private funds	D	0,00	0,00%
TOTAL	E=C+D	60.000,00	100,00%

The difference between the amount allocated to Priority 3 within Multi-annual Programme 2008-2013 and the amount allocated to this Priority within the Annual Programme 2013 is due to the revised allocations communicated by the Commission.

Following the yearly consultation process with the relevant stakeholders in the field of asylum, it was considered that the financial estimations for each priority in the MAP should be modified.

3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

3.1 Purpose of the technical assistance

The purpose of the technical assistance is to provide financial support to the designated authorities in fulfilling their duties, as stated in art. 16 of Decision 573/2007/EC.

The technical assistance will support preparatory measures for calls for proposals, management, implementation, monitoring, visibility, risk analysis, evaluation, audit, information and control measures, as well measures for the reinforcement of the administrative capacity of the designated authorities for the implementation of the Fund.

The technical assistance budget, not exceeding the amount of 4% of the total annual co-financing allocated to Romania plus EUR 30,000, will be committed directly by IGI, in compliance with the national legislation in the field of public acquisitions.

In order to commit the allocation for technical assistance, the Responsible Authority shall draft a fiche with the full description of the activities envisaged for technical assistance in consultation with the other designated authorities, and submit it to the Delegated Authority for implementation.

Once the fiche is approved at the level of the Responsible Authority, IGI shall revise its Annual Procurement Plan, including the new acquisitions in the document, and start to purchase the necessary supplies and services accordingly.

In order to achieve the results provided in the Annual Programme, IGI shall conclude contracts with specialized companies, applying the provisions of Emergency Government Decision 34/2006. The act regulates the public procurement procedures for contracting supplies, services and works, as well as the modalities to solve the appeals in relation with these procedures. It is meant to: (a) promote competition among the economic operators, (b) guarantee equal treatment and non-discrimination of economic operators; (c) ensure transparency and integrity of the public procurement process; (d) ensure efficiency in using the public funds, in procurement procedures concluded by the public authorities.

According to the relevant legal provisions and the internal procedures in the field of public procurement, the Delegated Authority has the obligation to organize the call for tenders, by drafting tender dossiers, publicizing the procurements, and establishing evaluation committees. Further, it is responsible for the technical management of the contracts. All activities are supervised by the Responsible Authority, which shall verify the documentation and designate observers for the specific activities.

If justified, in order to benefit from expertise in certain areas such as selection of proposals, monitoring and evaluation of projects etc., the Delegated Authority shall conclude contracts for temporary assignment of experts, thus not applying the provisions of the public procurement provisions.

The purpose of the technical assistance is to support the activities performed by the designated authorities (responsible authority, delegated authority, certification authority, audit authority) relating to the measures stated under art. 16.1 of the basic act.

3.2 Visibility of EU funding

In all activities, the EU logo and the indication on European Refugee Fund co-financing will be placed on all materials produced such as tender dossiers, handouts, presentations etc. and the audience will receive such information. Such information will be placed on all equipment and materials procured from the resources dedicated to the technical assistance.

Whenever a designated authority organizes an activity, it shall take appropriate measures to ensure the visibility of the EU co-financing. For this purpose, it shall ask in advance the Delegated Authority to provide/procure the necessary materials or services.

Furthermore, an information activity shall be organised, as provided by art. 33(2)(a) of the Implementing Rules, in order to present the achievements of the programme.

The beneficiaries of the projects awarded in the "awarding body" mode shall have the responsibility to ensure both the visibility of the EU funding, and of the projects themselves, committing the allocations of the projects.

4. OTHER OPERATIONS

Based on the applicable provisions Government Decision no. 1596/2008 on the resettlement of refugees in Romania, amended by Government Decision no. 810/2012, it is decided that 40 refugees shall be resettled to Romania in the calendar year 2013, representing the cumulated annual quotas of 2012 and 2013. Out of these, it is envisaged that 10 persons shall fall under the category "women and children at risk", thus Romania pledging for the fixed amount of EUR 50,000.

The resettlement operation shall be supported from ERF 2012. According to Action 7 of this annual programme, the selection mission shall be conducted by IGI, in the executing body mode (valued at EUR 6,933.33) while the travel arrangements and assistance for the resettled refugees shall be done through a project implemented by an organization, in the awarding body mode (valued at EUR 51,306.67).

In the resettlement operation, the following stages have been/shall be covered:

- i) The decision of the Resettlement Committee was notified to UNHCR, which proposed potential candidates for resettlement.
- ii) Based on these proposals, IGI conducted a pre-selection. The pre-selected files were communicated to UNHCR and taken into account for the interviews in the asylum country. For this operation, it was decided to resettle Iraqi refugees from Turkey.
- iii) IGI shall carry out a selection mission, participating with 6-7 employees, including decision officers, integration officers, registration officers, medical and psychological staff. Together with the IGI staff, an interpreter shall join the mission, as well as an expert of the organisation which is assigned to perform the cultural accommodation sessions for the refugees, according to the grant agreement concluded with IGI, funded from ERF. The local branch of UNHCR shall provide support in the asylum country, providing expertise and specialized services such as liaison with offices in the third country.

- iv) Following the issuance of the acceptance decision for the refugees who fulfil the selection criteria, IGI shall inform UNHCR and issue the travel documents. Further, it shall notify the Border Police on the coordinates of the persons to be resettled and of the transfer mission
- v) The transfer of the refugees is the responsibility of the organization which is awarded the grant for this purpose. Together with the organization's team, IGI shall participate with 2-3 specialists. The local branch of UNHCR shall continue to provide support in relation with the local authorities of the asylum country.
- vi) After the arrival in Romania, the resettled refugees shall be taken over by the assigned accommodation centre of IGI, and the organization mentioned at point iii), which provides the social integration of the refugees in Romania, shall ensure post-arrival packages and register the resettled refugees in the integration programmes.

5. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

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Table 1 - Overview table⁷

Member State: Romania								
Annual programme concerned: 2013								
Fund: European Refugee Fund								
	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority	Union contribution (a)	Public allocation (b)	Private allocation (c)	TOTAL (d)	% EU (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)
Action 1	1	n/a	162.000,00	43.200,00	10.800,00	216.000,00	75,00	18,99%
Action 2	1	n/a	219.000,00	58.400,00	14.600,00	292.000,00	75,00	25,67%
Action 3	1	n/a	195.000,00	52.000,00	13.000,00	260.000,00	75,00	22,86%
Action 4	1	n/a	129.000,00	43.000,00		172.000,00	75,00	15,12%
Action 5	2	n/a	22.000,00	5.866,67	1.466,67	29.333,33	75,00	2,58%
Action 6	2	n/a	21.600,00	5.760,00	1.440,00	28.800,00	75,00	2,53%
Action 7	3	n/a	45.000,00	15.000,00		60.000,00	75,00	5,27%
Technical assistance	n/a	n/a	29.356,00	0,00	0,00	29.356,00	100,00	2,58%
Other operations	n/a	n/a	50.000,00	0,00	0,00	50.000,00	100,00	4,40%
TOTAL			872.956,00	223.226,67	41.306,67	1.137.489,33	76,74	100,00%

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⁷ The headline "Other operations" refers to the fixed amount of Article 13(3) of the Decision No. 573/2007/EC