

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?

Out of 24 responding (Member) States, 4 countries (AT, CZ, HU, LT) have an integration programme for beneficiaries of international protection and in five countries this programme is currently under preparation (BG, IT, LV, MT, SK).

2. Is it based on a nation-wide integration policy / strategy or is it a separate document?

Such a strategy exists at present as a separate document only in two countries (AT, CZ).

Several Member States stated that integration measures including those aimed at beneficiaries of international protection are part of their migration policies or strategies or wider integration policies (BG, HR, EE, FI, FR, PT, NL). In Sweden, there is no integration programme but integration measures are being implemented from 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.

UK currently runs a refugee resettlement programme whose scheme includes integration measures for beneficiaries of international protection.

In Slovenia, the integration measures are part of the Action Plan on AMIF.

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

Five countries informed about the nation-wide character of their either existing (AT, CZ, HU, LT) or under preparation (IT, MT) integration programmes for the beneficiaries of international protection.

In two Member States (BE, FI), regions are responsible entities for the area of integration. 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.

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

* 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.).

responsibility is shared by a number of actors including ministries, municipalities, NGOs, etc.

5. Does the plan have a budget?

Most countries finance their integration measures from the state budget while EU funds are complementary. Three countries (AT, CZ, HU) have a budget allocated specifically to the integration programme for beneficiaries of international protection.

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://belugyalapok.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_Akciski_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)