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Proposal for a Council decision establishing the European Fund for the Integration of Third-country nationals for the period 2007-2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows'

Proposal for a decision (COM(2005)0123 – C6-0238/2005 – 2005/0048(CNS))

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendments by Parliament
Amendment by Kyriacos Triantaphyllides and Giusto Catania	
Amendment 26 Recital 3	
(3) The integration of third country nationals in the Member States is a key element in promoting economic and social cohesion, a fundamental objective of the Community stated in the Treaty.	(3) The integration of third country nationals in the Member States is a key element in promoting economic and social cohesion, a fundamental objective of the Community stated in the Treaty. ***The integration of third country nationals is a dynamic two-way process aiming at mutual understanding between all migrants and residents of Member States.***
	Or. en

Amendment by Stavros Lambrinidis

Amendment 27
Article 1, paragraph 1

This decision establishes for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 the European Fund for integration of third-country nationals, hereinafter referred to as « The Fund », as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows", in order to contribute to the strengthening of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice and more generally to the attainment of the objectives of the European Union.	This decision establishes for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 the European Fund for integration of third-country nationals ***and their immediate descendants***, hereinafter referred to as « The Fund », as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows", in order to contribute to the strengthening of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice and more generally to the attainment of the objectives of the European Union.

Or. en

Justification

(Amendment to be made in each reference in third-country nationals in the text)
It is crucial to underline the need to fund appropriate integration programs for second generation immigrants. As world-wide experience has repeatedly shown, children of immigrants, regardless of nationality, must be prime targets of continued integration efforts.

Amendment by Tatjana Ždanoka

Amendment 28
Article 2, paragraph 1

1. The general objective of the Fund is to support the efforts of Member States in enabling third-country nationals of different cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to settle and take actively part in all aspects of European societies as regards admission procedures, basic introduction programmes and activities, participation in civic and political life and respect for diversity and civic citizenship.	1. The general objective of the Fund is to support the efforts of Member States in enabling third-country nationals ***and stateless persons*** of different cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to settle and take actively part in all aspects of European societies as regards admission procedures, basic introduction programmes and activities, participation in civic and political life and respect for diversity and civic citizenship.

(This amendment applies throughout the text. Adopting it will necessitate corresponding changes throughout.)

Or. en

Justification

In order to achieve clarity of the notions used in the package of the Decisions concerning "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" and to harmonise legislation in the field of migration, for the purposes of this Decision the notion "third country national" may not include the category "stateless person". Consequently, the notions "the country of origin", "the country of former residence" and "the country of or transit" should be used properly.

Amendment by Giusto Catania

Amendment 29
Article 3, letter f a (new)

(fa) Contribute to the establishment of an integration process based on the principle of intercultural education.

Or. it

Amendment by Giusto Catania

Amendment 30
Article 3, letter f b (new)

(fb) Strive to establish a hybrid European identity.

Or. it

Amendment by Rosa Díez González, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 31
Artícle 4, paragraph I a

(a) facilitate the development by Member States of admission ***procedures*** by supporting consultation processes with relevant stakeholders and expert advice or information exchanges on approaches which target specific nationalities or categories of third country nationals;	(a) facilitate the development by Member States of ***organised migration and*** admission ***programmes for third country nationals*** by supporting consultation processes with relevant stakeholders and expert advice or information exchanges on approaches which target specific nationalities or categories of third country nationals;

Or. en

Justification

Coherence with the Commission proposal (Doc Migrapol Integration 47)

Amendment by Marie-Line Reynaud

Amendment 32
Article 4, paragraph 1, point (c)

(c) prepare third-country nationals admitted for their integration into host society in a better way by supporting pre-travel measures such as information packages ***and*** comprehensive civic orientation courses in the country of origin.	(c) prepare third-country nationals admitted for their integration into host society in a better way by supporting pre-travel measures such as information packages**,** comprehensive civic orientation courses ***and - if necessary - language courses*** in the country of origin.

Or. fr

Justification

Integration also involves prior knowledge of the language spoken in the host country.

Amendment by Rosa Díez González, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 33
Article 4, paragraph 2 a

(a) develop and improve the quality of introduction programmes and activities for newly arrived third-country nationals at local and regional level, with a particular emphasis on civic orientation;	(a) develop and improve the quality of introduction programmes and activities for newly arrived third-country nationals at local and regional level, with a particular emphasis on ***language tuition and*** civic orientation;

Or. en

Justification

Coherence with specific objective of art. 3.b

Amendment by Rosa Díez González, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 34
Artícle 4, paragraph 2 c

(c) increase the flexibility of introduction programmes and activities related to civic orientation, in particular through part time courses, fast track modules, distance or E-learning systems or similar models, enabling third-country nationals to follow the programmes while at the same time working or studying;	(c) increase the flexibility of introduction programmes and activities related to civic orientation, in particular through part time courses, fast track modules, distance or E-learning systems or similar models, ***and vocational training actions in the programmes for admission of foreign workers from their country of origin*** enabling third-country nationals to follow the programmes while at the same time working or studying;

Or. en

Amendment by Giusto Catania

Amendment 35
Article 4, paragraph 3, letter a

(a) contribute to the development of inter-faith and religious dialogue platforms between communities (horizontal) and between communities and policy and decision-making authorities (vertical) aiming at respect for civic citizenship and at diversity;	*(a)* contribute to the development of ***intercultural and*** inter-faith and religious dialogue platforms between communities (horizontal) and between communities and policy and decision-making authorities (vertical) aiming at respect for civic citizenship and at diversity;

Or. it

Amendment by Rosa Díez González, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 36
Article 4, paragraph 5, point (d a) (new)

(da) develop and implement training schemes which facilitate the transmission of intercultural communication skills to staff within public and private service providers through new methods such as simulations, e-learning programmes and mentor or "link-staff" programmes;

Or. en

Justification

Coherence with the Commission proposal (Doc Migrapol Integration 47)

Amendment by Rosa Díez González, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 37
Article 4, paragraph 5, point (d b) (new)

(db) develop and implement intercultural training, capacity building and diversity management training of staff within public and private service providers, including educational institutions;

Or. en

Justification

Coherence with the Commission proposal (Doc Migrapol Integration 47)

Amendment by Kyriacos Triantaphyllides and Giusto Catania

Amendment 38
Article 4, paragraph 6, point (a)

(a) enhance the capacity to collect, analyse and disseminate statistics on integration of third country nationals and integration policies for third country nationals;	(a) enhance the capacity to collect, analyse and disseminate statistics on integration of third country nationals and integration policies for third country nationals, ***in particular their access to the labour market, education, housing, health care services and political decision-making processes;***

Or. en

Amendment by Rosa Díez González, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 39
Article 6, paragraph 1, point (a)

(a) third country nationals who have obtained an authorisation issued by the authorities of a Member States to stay legally on its territory, be it for employment, self-employment, family reunification or any other purpose set out in national law, except for third country nationals or stateless persons who qualify as a refugee or are eligible for subsidiary protection in accordance with Council Directive 2004/83/EC of 29 April 2004; and	(a) third country nationals who have obtained an authorisation issued by the authorities of a Member States to stay legally on its territory, be it for employment, self-employment, family reunification or any other purpose set out in national law, except for third country nationals***, asylum seekers*** or stateless persons who qualify as a refugee or are eligible for subsidiary protection in accordance with Council Directive 2004/83/EC of 29 April 2004; and

Or. en

Amendment by Tatjana Ždanoka

Amendment 40
Article 6, paragraph 2

2. Third country national means any person who is not a Union citizen within the meaning of Article 17(1) of the Treaty.	2. Third country national means any person who is not a Union citizen within the meaning of Article 17(1) of the Treaty ***and is not a stateless person.***

Or. en

Justification

This approach shall also simplify and clarify the usage of these notions in the text proposed by the Commission for the Article 6 (paragraph 1).

Amendment by Rosa Díez González, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 41
Article 14, paragraph 2, point (a) and point (b)

(a) 40 % in proportion to the average of the total number of legally residing third country nationals in Member States over the previous ***three*** years in accordance with Article 6; and	(a) 40 % in proportion to the average of the total number of legally residing third country nationals in Member States over the previous ***two*** years in accordance with Article 6; and
(b) 60% in proportion to the number of third country nationals who have obtained an authorisation issued by the authorities of a Member States to reside legally on its territory over the previous ***three*** years in accordance with Article 6.	(b) 60% in proportion to the number of third country nationals who have obtained an authorisation issued by the authorities of a Member States to reside legally on its territory over the previous ***two*** years in accordance with Article 6.

Or. en

Justification

Considering two years is more appropriate and closer to real situation.

Amendment by Barbara Kudrycka

Amendment 42
Article 15, paragraph 5

5. This may be increased to ***60%*** for projects addressing specific priorities identified in the Commission multiannual guidelines as defined in Article 18.	5. This may be increased to ***75%*** for projects addressing specific priorities identified in the Commission multiannual guidelines as defined in Article 18.

Or. en

Justification

These projects are the most important and should be given priority also in terms of financing.

Amendment by Kyriacos Triantaphyllides and Giusto Catania

Amendment 43
Article 34, paragraph 4, indent 1

- VAT;	- VAT, ***except where it is genuinely and definitively borne by the final beneficiary or individual recipient within the aid schemes pursuant to Article 87 of the Treaty and in the case of aid granted by the bodies designated by the Member States. VAT which is recoverable, by whatever means, may not be considered eligible, even if it is not actually recovered by the final beneficiary or individual recipient.***
	Where the final beneficiary or individual recipient is subject to a flat-rate scheme under Title XIV of the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC on VAT, VAT paid is considered recoverable.

Or. en

Justification

VAT expenditure should be considered eligible for the support of the fund, in case it is not recovered by the Member States and VAT would have to be paid by the final beneficiary.

Amendment by Stavros Lambrinidis

Amendment 44
Article 48, paragraph 2

2. The Fund shall be evaluated regularly by the Commission in partnership with the Member States to assess the relevance, effectiveness and impact of actions in the light of the objectives referred to in Article 2.	2. The Fund shall be evaluated regularly by the Commission in partnership with the Member States, ***aided by independent experts in order*** to assess ***the outcome***, the relevance, effectiveness and impact of ***the programmes and*** actions in the light of the objectives referred to in Article 2. ***A percentage of Fund monies will be reserved each year to fund such evaluations.***

Or. en

Justification

To guarantee transparency and effectiveness, a specific percentage of total funds should be exclusively earmarked for the monitoring and evaluations of the outcomes of the programs which the Commission is funding. Independent expert evaluations should be a critical part of this process, in order to best ensure its coordination and independence.

Amendment by Stavros Lambrinidis

Amendment 45
Article 48, paragraph 3 a (new)

	3a. The Commission shall fund specific monitoring actions among Member States aiming to coordinate the application and evaluation of integration programmes (e.g., exchanging of best practices)

Or. en

Justification

The evaluation and the exchange of best practices is a substantial part of the Integration Fund and the only guarantee of the effectiveness and improvement of the programs.