



European Parliament Hearing

**EU Funding on Migration,  
Integration and Asylum  
Testing the Added Value**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**09.00 – 13.00**

**Room PHS 4B 001**



## Background

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2011 proved to be a critical juncture for the evaluation and future prospects of EU funding on migration, integration and asylum.

In December 2011 the Commission published its evaluation of the European Integration Fund. Last year also saw the Commission present its proposals for the EU Budget 2014-2020. In the field of Home Affairs, the proposals reduce the financial instruments under the 'Solidarity and management of migration flows' programme to two funds, including a new Migration and Asylum Fund (€3.4 bn) that will support actions in relation to asylum, legal migration and integration, irregular migration and return.

According to the European Commission, the proposal for a regulation establishing the Migration and Asylum Fund (COM(2011)751), is informed by evaluation results, stakeholder consultation and impact assessment.

The aim of this hearing will be to test the added value of EU funding on migration, integration and asylum, and to assess the extent to which the current functioning and future priorities of EU funding actually address the needs and concerns experienced by NGOs and local and regional authorities.

The hearing will be structured into two panels: the first panel will evaluate the current use of EU funding on migration, integration and asylum, focusing on the case study of the European Integration Fund and its added-value in supporting the integration of third country nationals in the EU. The second panel will examine the proposed new Migration and Asylum Fund and assess future prospects for funding on migration, integration and asylum.

**This event intends to further pursue the public debate on the role of EU funding in Home Affairs and to identify concrete steps for EU funding on Migration and Asylum to contribute to social cohesion in the post 2013 programming period.** This hearing will provide an opportunity for European Parliament Members to discuss with local, regional and civil society actors on the content and value added of the current proposal.

**The cross party hearing is co-organised by the office of Jean Lambert, MEP and the Justice and Home Affairs Section of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)**

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**09.00 – 9.30: REGISTRATION**

**9.30 – 11.15: The use of current EU funds for migration – focus on the European Integration Fund**

- **Chair:** Judith Sargentini, MEP
- Representative European Commission (*tbc*)
- Sergio Carrera, CEPS
- Shannon Pfohman, ENAR
- Representative European Economic and Social Committee (*tbc*)

**Discussant:** Rui Tavares, MEP

**11.15 – 12.50: Future prospects for an EU fund for migration and asylum**

- **Chair:** Jean Lambert, MEP
- Representative European Commission (*tbc*)
- Peter Verhaeghe, Caritas/European Integration Forum Bureau
- Laurent Aldenhoff, ECRE
- Michele LeVoy, PICUM
- Representative SOLIDAR (*tbc*)

**Discussants:** Sylvie Guillaume, MEP

**12.50 – 13.00: Concluding remarks**

- Jean Lambert, MEP

## Practical Information

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Time:** 09.00 – 13.00

**Venue:** European Parliament, Room PHS 4B 001

**Registration meeting point:** Altiero Spinelli Building, Place Luxembourg entrance ('Mall' entrance)

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## Conference organized by



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## Further reading

Carrera and Faure Atger, *"Integration as a two-way process in the EU? Assessing the Relationship between the European Integration Fund and the Common Basic Principles on Integration"*, Brussels: CEPS, July 2011.

ENAR, Toolkit on Working on Integration at local level, November 2011.

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EUROCITIES, Charter on Integrating Cities, February 2010.