

Horizon Europe Partner Search Form

☒ I offer my expertise to participate

☐ I am planning to coordinate a project and I am looking for Project Partners

Topics
Topics I am interest in: HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-08 — Strengthened implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and a focus on inclusion, integration, and health (Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society)
Project information
Field of expertise related to the topic: Migration and refugee integration: administration of the national AMIF Programme (EUR 35.9M, 41 projects); language and social integration of migrants and refugees; large-scale Ukrainian refugee integration programmes (incl. the EUR 44M ESF+ SI+ call "Innovative Solutions for the Ukraine Crisis"); alternatives to detention; return and readmission. Complementary expertise: integrated and comprehensive social services and inclusion; social innovation (EC Entrusted Entity for the ESF+ Social Innovation+ Initiative, 28 countries); education and skills development; EU funds management and simplified cost options (20+ years, EUR 615.1M in implemented projects).
Potential contribution to the project: – Practice and policy partner bridging research with implementation: 20+ years of administering EU-funded migration, integration and social inclusion programmes (AMIF, ESF, ESF+ SI+). – Piloting and validation environment for integration and inclusion solutions through established networks of municipalities, NGOs and service providers in Lithuania and the wider CEE region. – Evidence and programme data from large-scale integration measures: 1,903 refugees completed Lithuanian language courses (98.5% success rate), 132 socio-cultural integration activities, alternatives to detention delivered at 330% of target. – Scaling and transfer of social innovations via the ESF+ SI+ Initiative (EUR 73.9M in signed contracts, 28 countries), the SIM database (618 projects) and the 700+ member ESICC community of practice. – Dissemination and policy uptake (EC Entrusted Entity; ongoing collaboration with DG EMPL), the European Social Innovation Forum and CERV National Contact Point channels. – Training and capacity building drawing on EU Twinning experience (Rwanda, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan) and workshops for NGOs and municipalities.
Role in the project: ☐ Research ☒ Training ☒ Dissemination ☐ Technology Development

☒ Other: policy piloting, social innovation scaling and transfer, stakeholder and community engagement		
Project idea: ESFA offers its expertise as a project partner and is open to consortium ideas addressing either strand of the topic: (i) evidence-based implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum (asylum and migration management, resettlement frameworks), or (ii) inclusion, integration and health of migrants and refugees. We can provide a national piloting environment, programme data, stakeholder networks and channels for policy uptake and the scaling of tested solutions.		
We offer: - Over 20 years of EU funds administration and implementation experience (EUR 615.1M total value of implemented projects; 137 projects under programme administration). - Leading-edge social innovation methodology base and SIM database; experience in leading the Community of Practice of Migrant Integration. - Proven models of integrated support, comprehensive family services and refugee integration. - Capability to coordinate international consortia; rapid mobilisation of experienced project management teams.		
Already experience as a Coordinator: ☒ Already experience as a Partner: ☒		
Target Coordinator/Partner sought:		
Organization Type	☒ Higher education/University ☒ Public Research Centre ☐ Large Scale Enterprise ☐ Small and Medium Scale Enterprise	☒ Public Body ☒ International NGO ☒ National NGO ☐ Other, please specify:
We are looking for following Expertise / Competencies: We seek universities and research institutions experienced in migration, asylum, integration and migrant health research; public bodies and asylum/integration agencies; municipalities and NGOs delivering integration, inclusion and health services to migrants and refugees; and partners offering digital tools, data solutions or policy innovations supporting the implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. Partners from Central and Eastern Europe are particularly welcome.		
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Short profile of organization: ESFA is a public institution with over 20 years of experience administering EU funds programmes (established 2002; EUR 615.1M total value of implemented projects; EUR 108.6M in administered programmes). Competencies span education and skills, social protection and inclusion, migration and refugee integration, social innovation, EU Twinning projects and EU funds management. ESFA administers the national AMIF Programme, implements Ukrainian refugee integration measures, acts as Entrusted Entity by EC and manages the ESF+ Social Innovation+ Initiative across 28 countries and performs CERV National Contact Point functions. ESFA has experience both as coordinator and partner in international projects (EU Twinning, INTERREG Europe, ESF+).