

The EU Framework on Integration

- Since 2002, the EU has developed a **common coordination mechanism** for exchanging national experiences and policies on immigrant integration.
- The **11 Common Basic Principles** for Immigrant Integration Policy aim at promoting a common European approach towards immigrant integration.
- According to the **first Common Basic Principle**, *“integration is a dynamic, two-way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents of Member States”*.
- A **European Integration Forum and European Website on Integration** were set up to bring together civil society, local actors and migrant organisations’ and to mainstream their experiences to policy-makers.
- A **European Integration Fund of € 825 million** for the period 2007-2013, aims at contributing to national efforts to develop and implement integration policies *“taking into account the principle that integration is a two-way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents of Member States”*.
- In 2011, the European Commission will define future orientations towards the **second phase of the EU agenda for integration**.

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The Justice and Home Affairs research unit at CEPS examines the issues and dilemmas related to the construction of an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ), its internal and external dimensions and how these impact on the freedom and security of individuals.

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The European civil society organisations, members of the European Integration Forum, have created an informal Working Group on the European Integration Fund.

We thank the following organisations for their contribution in the drafting of the questionnaire:

- European Women’s Lobby and the European Network of Migrant Women
- European Foundation Centre, Diversity, Migration and Integration Interest Group
- EURO CITIES
- European Council on Refugees and Exiles
- European Network Against Racism

INTEGRATION AS A TWO-WAY PROCESS IN THE EU?

Assessing the European Integration Fund and the Common Basic Principles on Integration



A new research project at CEPS examines the nature, the limits and potential of the concept of integration as a two-way process of mutual accommodation between migrants and their host societies. It assesses the extent to which this key principle is implemented in practice by investigating how it informs national integration programmes developed so far with the support of the European Integration Fund (EIF).

The project also explores the obstacles encountered by civil society organisations in accessing and implementing EIF projects.

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Objectives

• **To analyse the activities funded** to date at national level through the EIF against the policy aims of the EU common agenda on integration

• **To propose new policy strategies** and to develop recommendations for improving the next phase of the EU Framework on Integration, including a revision of the EIF

• **To actively engage with civil society** working on the ground, and to highlight the obstacles encountered in proposing and implementing projects under the EIF

• **To propose policy recommendations** for ensuring that migrant organisations, civil society and local and regional authorities are able to pursue their activities with the support of the EIF

• **To support the activities carried out by civil society organisations** in the context of the European Integration Forum

Methodology

Compiling the views and experiences of civil society organisations, practitioners and academics on the effectiveness of the European Integration Fund (EIF) in achieving the objectives set within the EU Framework on Integration through:

- Questionnaires
- Research
- Interviews

To share your experience with the EIF, please fill our online questionnaire at www.cepsearch.org/survey/fillsurvey.php?sid=3 until the 05/11/2010.

Timeplan

August 2010	Desk research on the activities supported by the EIF
September 2010	Stakeholder consultation
November 2010	Analysis of questionnaires
December 2010	Publication of Report and Conference on “ <i>The way forward for the EU Framework on Integration and implementation of the EIF</i> ”

Who will benefit from the CEPS project?

We are committed to the development of a more constructive and forward-looking EU Framework on Integration that implements the bi-directional dimension of integration. Our research will be freely accessible and will serve as a tool to improve the modalities for obtaining access to funding under the EIF.

Target beneficiaries

- Local, national, EU policy-makers and practitioners in the field
- Civil society and NGOs, including migrants’ organisations
- Universities and research centres throughout Europe and elsewhere
- Local and regional authorities
- Foundations
- The media
- General public

