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# 1. GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

## A. GENERAL RULES

### A.1.1. INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION METHODS TO BE USED

For the implementation of the 2012 Annual Program, , the Responsible Authority will act both as **awarding** and **executing body** (Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the E 2008/796/EC implementing rules decision).

Due to the exclusive competences of the Hellenic Police concerning the return area where the legal monopoly for the specific law enforcement authority exists, for the majority of actions proposed in the 2012 annual programme the Responsible Authority (R.A.) will act as an **executing body**.

For the implementation of actions relating to voluntary returns and deployment of medical staff, the Responsible Authority will act as an **awarding body**. The Responsible Authority will coordinate the selection process (please see section 1.3.) and will monitor the implementation of grant agreements by the final beneficiaries.

With a view to strengthening the management and control system and in order to facilitate the tasks of the Responsible Authority concerning the monitoring of the appropriate arrangements, following the adoption of the programme, the Responsible Authority will sign a **written agreement** with the appointed representative of the Hellenic Police Headquarters (**Memorandum Of Understanding**) and final beneficiaries (**Grant Agreement**). These agreements will state all the details relating to the implementation of the duties and obligations which are being delegated to the appointed Divisions of the HPHQ and final beneficiaries, such as the monitoring and development of the implementing actions via periodical reports (monthly – quarterly) which will be submitted to the R.A. by the competent body.

Furthermore, the R.A. will have access in all files, which the competent Services keep, concerning the implementation of the actions in order the R.A. can implement verifications of provided elements, after controls on the spot in application of article 27 of the Basic Act. This will facilitate the work of the Responsible Authority, which will have the final responsibility for the implementation of the multiannual programme.

### A.1.2. JUSTIFICATION OF THE EXECUTING BODY METHOD

Following the provisions of **Law 2800/2000** (Government Gazette I 41/29.02.2000), **“Restructuring of departments of the Ministry of Public Order, establishment of the Hellenic Police HQ, and other provisions”** and **Presidential Decree 14/2001** (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001), the Hellenic Police is responsible for the issues relating to the entry, residence and, in cooperation with the rest competent national authorities,

employment of foreign nationals in Greece, except in areas under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard and for the returns of the arrested illegal immigrants.

According to the contents of the decision regarding the European Return Fund, the entire territory of Greece is an eligible area for financial assistance through the Fund. Accordingly, the actions, described in the annual programme of 2011 will be implemented only by the competent Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, under the surveillance and the guidance of the Responsible Authority. So the **Responsible Authority will implement the projects of the actions of the annual programs jointly (indirectly):**

- With **the Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters**, because of the technical expertise, high degree of specialization and administrative powers of the services per category of actions.

The Directorates of Police Headquarters that are involved jointly with the Responsible Authority to the implementation of the actions of the annual programs are as below:

The Aliens Division is responsible for the study of subjects for aliens, the preparation of legislation, the administrative operations, the process of the rules and measures, the guidance regional brigades in the implementation of existing immigration laws and particularly the handling of issues that arise, the passport control, the operation of the responsible departments for passport control, the cooperation with the authorities that are responsible to approve the arrival of foreigners to work, study, cultural events, family reunions and other distinguished cases by the law, for reasons of public order and safety, with the exception of entrance of aliens who do not meet the conditions of entrance and other various reasons.

The Division of Civilian Personnel is dealing with the issues of postings, accessions, transfers, demotions, placing of duty, experience, index qualification and scores work, evaluation of positions, reports of police personnel capacity and ability, grade and salary promotions, paid leave, sickness, moral pay, disciplinary and criminal cases, licenses of work for pay, layoffs, placements, transfers, temporary movements and any other matter that is related to the permanent civilian personnel, the concern for the issue of administrative acts.

The Division of Training that is responsible for the appointing of teachers, trainers and other personnel in the training schools, the approval of training programs that are developed by the Police Academy, the issue or supply of textbooks and teaching aids for the needs of training for the police personnel with the cooperation Departments of Greek Police Headquarters on issues of international and European courses, the study, the treatment and the development of training and advanced level of the reports that are submitted by participants at international and European educational programs and the creation of a database relevant to this, the monitoring and evaluation programs of personnel training at International and European level and the classification based on the Knowledge of the subject.

The sudden and dramatic increase of immigrants has created many problems since a large part of the specific migrations flow, comes mainly from underdeveloped countries. The

arrested illegal immigrants should be returned to their countries of origin or third countries that would accept them. In order to achieve effectively the management of return, it is necessary that the implementation of the acts where the Responsible Authority acts as executing agency therefore because of monopoly law the particular responsibility is deriving only from the Greek Police.

Beginning with the allocation of the budget that starts from May through July of each year, all the Directorates of Greek Police make planning activities for the next year. The Responsible Authority chooses actions that are eligible and can be financed by the Fund.

On voluntary returns and deployment of medical assistance, the Responsible Authority acts as an awarding body and is designed to provide the effective mechanisms and procedures for the safe, organized and dignified return of the third country nationals that wish to return to their country voluntarily and to ensure the provision of medical assistance .

The implementation of annual programs of European Return Fund which acts as an executive body implemented jointly with the Directorates of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, which is represented by the Chief of the Hellenic Police. The Chief will sign the Memorandums of Understanding and will commit to the successful completion of projects.

### **A.1.3. THE SELECTION PROCEDURES APPLIED**

The actions concerning the 2012 Annual Program have been chosen exclusively from the actions described in the M.A.P. of the European Return Fund.

#### Executing body method

The selection process of actions to be implemented under the executing body method was done at the moment of the drafting of the 2012 annual programme and the following competent national services of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection /**Hellenic Police Headquarters** were involved: the Aliens Division, the Civil Personnel Division, the Training Division of the HPHQ.

The Responsible Authority (Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/ European and Development Programs Division/ Management of Return Fund) prepared a document, referring to the eligible actions and the strategic guidelines (priorities – specific priorities) of the European Return Fund and calling for the submission of proposals for potential actions. Following the assessment of the Monitoring Committee of the submitted proposals, the selected actions were taken into account for the drafting of the 2012 Annual Programme. It is assumed that these services will implement the decided actions in association with the RA.

#### Awarding body method

As far as the action involving voluntary returns and the provision of medical assistance is concerned, the final beneficiaries will be selected following an open call for proposals. The invitation for submitting proposals will be widely circulated to potential final beneficiaries (e.g. publication in main daily newspapers and the site of the Fund). The call for proposals will include the description of possible projects, references to the legal framework, the available budget as well as the financial plan, potential final beneficiaries, the type and methodology for the evaluation and selection of the proposals, quality and

quantity indicators that are used for the purpose of monitoring, the symbols of European Union and the Hellenic Republic, the place and time for the submission of the proposals, the attached documents and any other necessary element.

A Special Evaluation Committee responsible for the evaluation of the proposals submitted for co-financing under the Fund will be set up. The Responsible Authority will coordinate and provide support to all the stages of the selection process. In particular, the RA will

- Organize and publish invitations for submitting proposals.
- Draw up an approval decision on selected projects taking into account the opinion of the Special Evaluation Committee,
- Ensure the preparation and signature of Grant Agreements between the RA and the legal representatives of final beneficiaries.
- Monitor the implementation of the actions approved in the framework of the multiannual programme and the annual programmes.

The Approval Decision will be published on the website of the Return Fund and will be announced to all the applicants (who are also informed about the results of the selection procedure). It will be also registered in the Monitoring and Accounting System for the Return Fund (M.A.SY.RE.F). Also, Grant Agreements will be registered in the Monitoring and Accounting System for the Return Fund (M.A.SY.RE.F).

#### **A.1.4. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES**

Regarding the procedures of the implementation of the actions, the Responsible Authority will apply the national legislation concerning the public accounting (Law of 2362/95 Government Gazette 247/A - 27-11-1995 and others) which is in compliance with article 11 of the implementing rules (Decision 2008/458/EC), with the exception of the different provisions on the thresholds determining the kind of procedures to be followed, such as regular procurement procedure (open or restricted) or concise process (direct entrusting, makeshift or negotiated).

The majority of the proposed actions concern the provision of services and not procurement procedures. According to the above mentioned Law and the relevant ministerial decisions, all the procedures concerning the provision of services for public bodies are implemented by the public service of our country. Thus, the Responsible Authority will commit, via the signature of memorandum of understanding, to the relevant responsible, for each action, Service of the HPHQ, the implementation of all procedures either concerning procurement or the provisions of services.

According to the above mentioned Law(L. 2362/95 Government Gazette 247/A - 27-11-1995) and the relevant ministerial decisions, all the **procurement procedures** concerning the equipment's supplying for public services of Budget from 73.800 Euros and above, are held by the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks of our country. Nevertheless, the public services are able to ask from the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks the issuing of authorisation, having as a result the above processes to be realised by them and not by the central service of the above-mentioned Ministry. Thus, the Responsible Authority, will commit, via the signature of Memorandum Of Understanding with the service of Supplies of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, either the realisation of all procedures concerning procurement procedures and implementation of conventions, provided that is granted

relative authorisation from the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks or the monitoring of the implementation course of the above processes that will be realised by the responsible service of the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks.

If the procurement procedures are assigned to the competent service of the Hellenic Police Headquarters and not to the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks the contracts of the procurement procedures will be signed, proportionally to the amount of the contract, by the political or natural leadership of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police Headquarters, according to the national legislation, in which will be assigned additional duties by the Responsible Authority.

For the actions 3.1.1, 3.1.2. and 3.1.6, the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division, Aliens Division and Civil Personnel Division will implement the afore-mentioned actions. In case there is a delay, there will be an alternative procedure of implementation by using the awarding body method. Final beneficiaries will be selected following an open call for proposals. In this case, the expected grant recipients will be NGOs or international organisations capable to implement these actions.

The implementation of the Programme will start right after the approval of the 2012 annual programme by the European Commission according to the illustrated below time schedule.

<b>Indicative Timetable for the implementation of actions</b>				
	Selection procedures/ (Call for Proposals)	Signatures of memorandums of understanding/ Grant agreements	Implementation of action	Closure of action
Action 3.1.1.	08.2013	expected in 12.2013/02.2014	02.2014 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.2.	08.2013	expected in 12.2013/02.2014	02.2014 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.3.	12.2013	expected in 01.2013/02.2013	02.2013 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.4.	12.2013	expected in 01.2013/02.2013	02.2013 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.5	12.2013	expected in 01.2013/02.2013	02.2013 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.6	09.2013	expected in 03.2014/04.2014	04.2014 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.7	12.2012	expected in 01.2013/02.2013	02.2013 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.8	08.2013	expected in 10.2013/11.2013	11.2013 - 06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.9	11.2013	expected in 03.2014/04.2014	04.2013-06.2014	06.2014

<b>Indicative Timetable for the implementation of actions</b>				
	Selection procedures/ (Call for Proposals)	Signatures of memorandums of understanding/ Grant agreements	Implementation of action	Closure of action
Action 3.1.10	12.2013	expected in 04.2014/04.2014	04.2013-06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.11	05.2013	expected in 05.2013/10.2013	10.2013-06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.1.12	01.2014	expected in 01.2014/01.2014	01.2013-06.2013	06.2014
Action 3.2.1	12.2013	expected in 01.2013/02.2013	02.2013-06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.3.1	05.2013	expected in 06.2013/06.2013	07.2013-06.2014	06.2014
Action 3.4.1	11.2012	expected in 01.2013/02.2013	02.2013-06.2014	06.2014

Given the scale of AP 2012 and the limited capacity in the operational Services to manage large-scale Projects, all main actions implemented by the Responsible Authority will be assigned to a Project Manager who will be a member of Police Force. Project Managers will be supported in their tasks at logistic level by one or more Project Coordinators/Assistants, who will not be necessarily public servants. Costs will be borne by the budget of each action.

Assignments already exist in 2011 AP for large-scale Projects in order to reinforce the monitoring of the implementation. For example, for actions related to return operations, the Aliens' Directorate of Attica is responsible for the monitoring and the coordination. Project Manager is the Head of the Deportation Department and he is supported by one Project Coordinator / Assistant.

#### **A.1.5. POSSIBLE REVISION OF AP 2012**

In regards with the volatile political situation in the Middle East and North Africa, and the risk of the high influx of migrants from the Mediterranean Region, we could be lead to revise the current Annual Program to target an emergency reaction in relations to return irregular migrants. The budget allocated to the different actions in the AP would need to be revised accordingly. We would aim to conceive an integrated Return Project covering areas such as enforced and voluntary return operations, supporting services from interpreters, social workers, psychologists, added cooperation with relevant Consular Authorities. This would affect the actions: 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.1.6 and 3.3.1. Allocation will probably be drawn out from action 3.1.5.

## **B. STATE OF PLAY ON THE THREE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2012- 2013**

### **1. Further development and improvement of voluntary return activities.**

The voluntary return activities were first launched in 2009 AP. In the framework of the 2009 Annual programme, 1097 people were voluntarily returned (target of 900 voluntary returns). The information campaign has been launched in summer 2010 with TV and radio spots, information in newspapers and meetings addressed to potential returnees.

A large population of third-country nationals informed about the possibility of voluntary return to their countries. During the period May 2010 - June 2011, IOM received, informed and registered a total of 3.403 third countries nationals who expressed an interest to take advantage of the possibility of voluntary return.

In the framework of the 2010 Annual programme, 3200 people were approximately voluntarily returned (the target was approximately between 2000 and 3000 voluntary returns).

Furthermore, in the framework of 2011 and 2012 APs (Action 3.3.1), two new important stages were added in order to reinforce the voluntary return activities:

- **Re-integration measures before or after the return to the country of origin.** This stage includes optional participation in a re-integration program, which will facilitate the stay in their countries of origin and the kind of the above measures, like as household supplies-technical training-installation first steps etc.
- **Reception in the country of origin.** This stage includes the reception of the returnees in their countries of origin and the provision of a small re-integration allowance.

## **2. Promotion of a more strategic focus on EU standards through implementation of actions linked to the requirements of the Return Directive.**

Under the provisions of Law 3907/2011 the Returns Directive is incorporated in the Greek legal framework. Thus, the Directive applies in the implementation of the returns. Actions supporting the above mentioned Directive are described in the annual program 2012.

In the framework of 2009 and 2010 APs the requirements of the Return Directive was implemented through the following Actions:

- The improvement of the information provided to potential returnees, by the employment of **interpreters and translators** of their languages
- The improvement of the provision of psychological support and legal services to potential returnees by employing **social workers and psychologists**.
- The **training and the information of police personnel** in all regional services on issues regarding the management of illegal immigrants' returns. The trainings cover the legal and technical aspects of return operations.
  - Project 1: Trainings on return procedures of the illegal immigrants.
  - Project 2: Trainings on escorted return procedures of the arrested illegal immigrants.
  - Project 3: Trainings on readmission procedures
  - Project 4: Training on the issues related to the protection of potential returnees' human rights
  - Project 5: Trainings on the treatment of vulnerable potential returnees

The above Actions continue to be part of 2011 and 2012 APs. Furthermore, in the framework of 2011 and 2012 APs, new Actions were added in order to reinforce the implementation of the Return Directive. These are the provision of legal assistance and the provision of medical aid in repatriation centers during the process of return, the improvement of the detention

conditions for the detainees who are under the procedure of return, especially to vulnerable groups, as well as the implementation of the monitoring system for the reinforcing the Ombudsman capacity in pre-return and return processes

### **3. Improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation with other Member States.**

In the framework of the 2009 AP, a bilateral meeting was implemented with British authorities with the participations of two experts from Greece, one from Aliens Division and one from European Return Fund. The following objectives were achieved:

- Acquisition of know-how of the other Member – States' voluntary returns implementation;
- Establishment of a more efficient cooperation with the Member – States' competent authorities;
- Effective implementation of voluntary returns and the increased number of the immigrants return to their countries of origin.

Moreover, under Frontex Pilot Project ATTICA 2009 a new office was implemented, called Return Coordination Office (RCO), in order to coordinate and manage all needed actions concerning returns which were handled till then under Repatriation Department of Aliens Directorate of Attica. An invaluable support was given from deployments of MSs Guest Officers who introduced their expertise in different fields inside return process in Greece as following presented briefly:

- Expertise in handling diplomatic relations with third countries' Embassies in view of enhancing acquisition of travel documents.
- Expertise in dealing with Readmission Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and bilateral talks with third countries.
- Expertise in screening procedure, focusing in ending on a safe as possible assumption of the real nationality of irregular migrants apprehended.
- Expertise in organizing national return flights or participation in Joint Return Operations of Frontex.
- Expertise in managing activities of Return Fund's Programs.

The experience and expertise gained while MSs Guest Officers working with Greek Police Officers were utilized through a dual feedback process. The concrete added value is support on development for daily work, enhancement of solidarity among EU MSs and finally process of MSs becoming communicants of the phenomenon of irregular migration as experienced in Greece.

The active and operational cooperation between MSs was fulfilled also through the recent Return Workshop held in mid of October in Athens which Greece organized under instructions and support of European Commission and funded under European Return Fund. Experts from UK, Belgium, Netherlands and Denmark were invited to brought their knowledge, professionalism, experience and expertise on the Workshop in order to discuss among competent to migration authorities, as Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IOM in Greece, Return Fund in Greece and Aliens Division of HQs, topics focused on enhancing return policy in Greece. The outcomes of the Return Workshop are summarized briefly as following:

- Active involvement of Greece in EURINT Project.
- Bilateral talks with different MSs on new approaches of organizing enforced returns to specific third countries.
- Updated information on return policy to specific third countries, state of play and following steps.
- Discussion for fact finding visits to MSs in order to proceed actions provisioned under APs of Return Fund.
- Role of Frontex on building return capacity in Greece under support of Return Fund.
- Proposals on proceeding the reformation of Repatriation Department and enhancing in human resources and equipment of Return Coordination Office (RCO).
- Concrete proposal on creating a European Return Liaison Officers Network.
- State of play and statements on the needs of effective absorption of Return Fund in Greece.

The multiple meaning derived from active cooperation between MSs is of great concern and it is foreseen to be held in the same volume, quality and frequency.

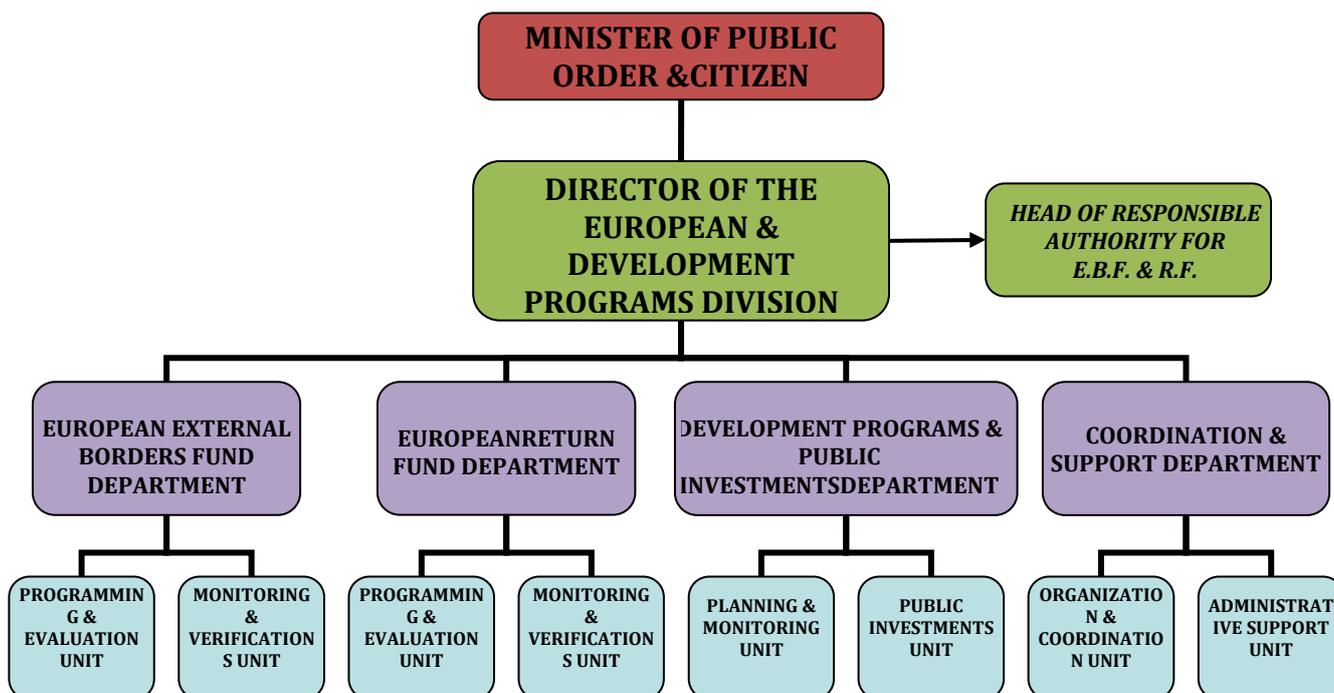
## 2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS (if appropriate)

The **European and Development Programs Division** of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection was designated as the responsible authority for the European External Borders and Return Funds on 31.03.2011 under the provisions stated in law 3938/2011 (Government Gazette I 61 / 31.03.2011) and the specific duties determined with the Presidential Decree 82/2011 (Government Gazette I 198/09.09.2011). Nevertheless, the function of the responsible Authority, with the current formation, was started officially on **07.11.2011**, after the issuing of the Minister's Decision (7001/2/1458-α' Government Gazette II 2540/07.11.2011).

The remaining two Services, which are namely **the Certifying and Audit Authorities remain the same**, as provided in Law 3613/2007. Specifically:

- The designated certifying authority is the Ministry of Finance / State General Accounting Office (41st Directorate, Financial Relations with the EU and other International Bodies – Department II, Financial Transactions).
- The designated audit authority is the Ministry of Finance / State General Accounting Office (41st Directorate, Financial Relations with the EU and other International Bodies – Department III, Management Audits).

The **organization chart** of the European and Development Programs Division is shown below:



The revision of the Management and Control System was already notified to the Commission.

### 3. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN

#### 3.1. Actions implementing priority 1

##### 3.1.1. The improvement of the information provided to potential returnees, by the employment of interpreters and translators of their languages (Objective 1 under priority 1 of the Multiannual Programme (MAP))

##### 3.1.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

A large number of illegal immigrants come mainly from countries of Asia and Africa and they do not speak any language except their native language. Therefore, their communication with the Greek authorities is very difficult. In order to facilitate this communication the existence of interpreters is necessary. Their duties are focused on:

- The translation and explanation, to the potential returnees, of their rights, the reasons of their arrest and the return to their countries of origin.
- The verification of the nationality, which the returnee has declared.
- Facilitation of communication with returnees during the return process

The interpreters will cover a wide network of nationalities, languages and dialects (e.g. Farsi, Urdu, Pashtu, and Arabic). Their total will reach **60** interpreters who will be allocated as follows:

- In Athens (Aliens' Directorate of Attica and Pre-removal Detention Center of Amigdaleza )
- In the Police Directorate of Orestias (Pre-removal Detention Center of Orestias Fyllakio)
- In the Police Directorate of Drama (Pre-removal Detention Center of Drama)

- In the Police Directorate of Xanthi (Pre-removal Detention Center of Xanthi)
- In the Police Directorate of Rodopi (Pre-removal Detention Center of Komotini)
- In the Police Directorate of Korinthos (Pre-removal Detention Center of Korinthos)

This action finance costs for employment of translators. Furthermore, this action may cover necessary costs for strengthening the coordination office of the action (equipment, p/c, laptops and printers) and the salary costs of the project manager, employed by 100% in this action.

This action implies a continuation of the action included in annual programmes 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. However, this action was not implemented under the 2008 AP since the necessary joint ministerial decision by the Greek legislation was not signed on time due to governmental and legislative changes. For the annual programme 2011 the selection procedure, for the employment of the above mentioned personnel, is under finalisation. The interviews with the candidates are already concluded. It is expected that 73 interpreters / translators will be recruited. For the annual programme 2010 the implementation of action was finished and 21 interpreters / translators were recruited and worked at detention centers holding illegal immigrants for the purpose of return. For the annual programme 2009, 17 interpreters / translators were recruited and performed the same afore mentioned tasks.

In addition, this action is also included in the Greek Action Plan on the management of migration flows presented by the Greek Government in August 2010. It is expected that the implementation of this action will significantly contribute to addressing the needs identified in the Action Plan.

This is a continuation of the relevant action under AP 2011, which is under implementation and will end in June 2013. The following table presents the indicative timeframe for this action under the 2012 AP.

<b>Preparatory Phase and Completion of Specifications</b>	<b>Ministerial decision</b>	<b>Call for interests</b>	<b>Tender Evaluation</b>	<b>Contract Award</b>	<b>Project Execution Period</b>	<b>Project Final Completion Date</b>
14/12/2012	16/8/13	16/8/13	31/1/14	4/2/14	4/2/14 - 30/6/2014	30/6/2014

As mentioned above, the selection procedure for the annual programme 2011 is under finalisation and will cover needs until 30/6/2013. The proposed schedule for 2012 AP is realistic and aims to ensure the continuation of this action immediately after the end of the eligible period of the 2011 AP.

The action implemented under AP 2012 will be a multiannual action, continued under AP 2013, possibly with an increased number of interpreters in additional locations or investing additional resources for particular categories of returnees (vulnerable groups, unaccompanied minors, returnees with special needs). This action will build up on the experience of action which is under implementation. Due to the national legal requirements, the recruitment process will be subject to a new selection procedure. The action will be finished by 30-06-2014.

#### 3.1.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection. In case there are delays with the inter-ministerial decision, the RA may consider an alternative procedure of implementation with the use of the awarding body method. Final beneficiaries will be selected following an open call for proposals. In this case, the expected grant recipients will be NGOs or international organisations capable to implement these actions.

#### 3.1.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co-financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division, Aliens Division and Civil Personnel Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.1.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results from the implementation of the said action will be the following:

- the reduction of the problems caused by the arrested illegal immigrants to be returned, as they will understand their rights, the reasons why they are in detention and the procedures of their return;
- the respect of human rights;
- a quicker dispatch of the various cases and
- the upgrading of the services provided by the Hellenic Police to the persons to be returned.

**Output:** Number of interpreters' employment.

**Outcome:** Upgrade of the provided services to the potential returnees, faster procedures for return management.

**Impact:** Development of the return management's effective application.

### 3.1.1.5. Visibility of EC funding (Pertinent for all proposed actions in the Annual Programme 2011)

The annual programme will be published on the official website of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection as and when it is approved.

Publication of the objectives and instruments of the European Return Fund is designed to:

- inform public opinion in general about the role played by the European Union and the Greek authorities in the programme and the results of its implementation;
- inform the public in general at central and regional level about the objectives, aims, priorities and actions of the Fund and the level of EC co financing through a selection of communication and promotional actions;
- guaranteed actions under the programme are visible by providing a full range of information for all social agencies.

Consequently, the aim of valid and prompt information and publication is to achieve transparent and effective management of National and Community resources.

For the purposes of information and publicity measures concerning the Fund, the responsible authority set up under law 3613/07 (Government Gazette 263/1/23.11.2007) will publish, according to the above mentioned procedure, notices of each scheduled competition in the daily Greek press and in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Each communication action will include clear information on the participation of the EU (mainly in the form of a reference to the contribution of the EU and the percentage of assistance for the actions being promoted) and the European logo will appear alongside every national emblem/logo.

Information plaques or stickers will be attached to all types of equipment for co-financed actions, depending on the type of equipment. One part of the plaque or sticker will be used to advertise the EU contribution (and specifically the External Borders Fund) by including a description in words and the Greek flag and the EU emblem/logo, as stipulated in Article 35 of Commission decision no. E (2008) 796/5-3-2008 on the implementation rules for Decision 575/2007/EC establishing the European Return Fund.

The regulatory framework governing information and publicity of actions under the programme is set out in the above Commission decision (Articles 31-35) and is concerning the Responsible authority and the other final beneficiaries, because **the RA will act both as an executing and awarding body**. The visibility guidelines, which the RA and the final beneficiaries will follow, refer to Chapter 5 of the implementing rules, and will be followed by the competent unit of the Responsible Authority.

### 3.1.1.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate (*Pertinent for all proposed actions in the Annual Programme 2011*)

All the objectives described under the priorities that are planned to be implemented under the Fund, follow on from national actions taken for the same reasons at central, regional and local level.

The actions to be implemented complement and follow on from actions taken under the national ordinary budget of the Hellenic Police as well as under Community Programmes which have been and are being implemented under the European Refugee Fund II, regarding

the implementation of voluntary returns. The knowledge and experience gained from implementing operational programmes under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Framework, INTERREG II and III, EQUAL and ARGO were also applied. Particular attention was paid when drafting the multiannual programme to the results of the implemented actions in the framework of the Community Initiative EQUAL and of the joint European operations, programmed and coordinated by Frontex, in the field of the integrated return management.

Hellenic Police Headquarters has also been implementing various projects co-financed from operational programmes under the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Frameworks since 1995 and particular attention was therefore paid when preparing the multiannual and annual programmes to applying the knowledge and experience gained in order to include the best practices developed when planning the programmes.

As such, and given that the application of the provisions of the European Return Fund depends on cohesion with projects defined mainly in Objectives of the European Social Fund, the strategy developed within the framework of the European Return Fund is compatible with the objectives of the European Union Structural Funds (mainly of the European Social Fund), being pursued through sectorial and regional operational programmes in the 2008-2013 financial period.

As far as action 3.3.2 is concerned, the draft annual programme is complimenting the voluntary return actions implemented under the European Refugee Fund II which aimed at the establishment of effective mechanism for voluntary returns of failed asylum seekers and refugees.

In addition, to the above mentioned elements , for drafting the multiannual program and the annual programme, Greece took into account the general axis of the approved programs for the Structural Funds to be implemented during the period 2008-2013.

3.1.1.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **682.500,00**) and 9 % from national resources (EURO **67.500,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **750.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

3.1.1.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYPOLGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYPOLGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
4. Counselling and information	100 %
	%
	%

**3.1.2. The improvement of the provision of psychological support to potential returnees by employing social workers and psychologists**  
***(Objective 1 under priority 1 of the MAP)***

Year after year our country is facing an increase of migratory flows, in terms of entry and stay of illegal immigrants. After the arrest of illegal immigrants, they should be returned to their countries of origin or to a third country that will accept them. However, the Greek authorities are facing difficulties in the return process. The increasing numbers of illegal immigrants highlight the needs of social workers / psychologists assisting them in during the return process.

**3.1.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

The provision of psychological support to potential returnees as well as the information on the political and financial situation in the countries of origin will be carried out by social workers and psychologists. Their services are meant for all arrested illegal immigrants, who are in the process of being returned (which means that they are not in the asylum procedure), including vulnerable persons, such as minors, unaccompanied minors, disabled and elderly persons, pregnant women and persons who have suffered psychological, physical or sexual violence.

Psychologists will conduct an initial assessment of the **mental health status** and vulnerability of returnees with particular emphasis to the protection of vulnerable groups, unaccompanied minors, children and women. Following the intake of the individual's medical history and the initial physical health assessment the following categories will be referred to the psychosocial support team:

- Vulnerable persons: unaccompanied minors, persons with special needs, etc.
- Patients who experience severe psychosomatic symptoms
- Possible victims of violence, trafficking or torture
- Patients who declare a previous psychiatric disorder

It is expected that **50** social workers and **50** psychologists will be engaged in this work (the allocation will be the same for all specialties) and they will be allocated to the following regions:

- In Athens (Aliens' Directorate of Attica and Pre-removal Detention Center of Amigdaleza )
- In the Police Directorate of Orestias (Pre-removal Detention Center of Orestias Fyllakio)
- In the Police Directorate of Drama (Pre-removal Detention Center of Drama)
- In the Police Directorate of Xanthi (Pre-removal Detention Center of Xanthi)
- In the Police Directorate of Rodopi (Pre-removal Detention Center of Komotini)
- In the Police Directorate of Korinthos (Pre-removal Detention Center of Korinthos)

This action finance costs for employment of social workers and psychologists. Furthermore, this action may cover necessary costs for strengthening the coordination office of the action (equipment, p/c, laptops and printers) and the salary costs of the project manager and the scientific responsible, both employed by 100% in this action.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programmes 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

For the annual programme 2011 the selection procedure, for the employment of the above mentioned personnel, is under finalization. Interviews with candidates are already done. It is expected that 100 psychologists and 60 social workers will be recruited. For the AP 2010, twenty-five (25) social workers and twenty-five (25) psychologists were recruited and worked at detention centers holding illegal immigrants for return. For the annual programme 2009, 27 social workers and 25 psychologists were recruited.

In addition, this action is also included in the Greek Action Plan on the management of migration flows presented by the Greek Government in August 2010. It is expected that the implementation of this action will significantly contribute to address the needs identified in the Action Plan.

This is a continuation of relevant action under AP 2011, which is under implementation and will end in June 2013. The following table presents the indicative timeframe for this action under the 2012 AP.

Preparatory Phase and Completion of Specifications	Ministerial decision	Call for interests	Tender Evaluation	Contract Award	Project Execution Period	Project Final Completion Date
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14/12/2012	16/8/13	16/8/13	31/1/14	4/2/14	4/2/14 - 30/6/2014	30/6/2014
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As mentioned above, the selection procedure for the annual programme 2011 is under finalisation and will cover needs until 30/6/2013. The proposed schedule for 2012 AP is realistic and aims to ensure the continuation of this action immediately after the end of the eligible period of the 2011 AP.

The action implemented under AP 2012 will be a multiannual action, continued under AP 2013, possibly with an increased number of interpreters in additional locations or investing additional resources for particular categories of returnees (vulnerable groups, unaccompanied minors, returnees with special needs). This action will build up on the experience of action which is under implementation. Due to the national legal requirements, the recruitment process will be subject to a new selection procedure. The action will finish by 30-06-2014.

#### 3.1.2.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection. In case there are delays with the inter-ministerial decision, the RA may consider an alternative procedure of implementation with the use of the awarding body method. The final beneficiaries will be selected following an open call for proposals. In this case, the expected grant recipients will be NGOs or international organizations capable to implement these actions.

#### 3.1.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co-financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division, Aliens Division and Civil Personnel Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.2.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The development and the materialization of the afore-mentioned action will contribute to the upgrading of the provided services by police authorities to arrested illegal

immigrants, who are going to be sent back, and to the promotion of the respect for their human rights, in order that the return procedures may be more effectively materialized.

**Output:** Number of social workers and psychologists recruited and deployed.

**Outcome:** Upgrade of the provided services to the arrested illegal immigrants-returnees. Better implementation of the obligations arising from the Directive of the European Parliament and the Council concerning common standards and procedures for returning illegally staying third country nationals.

**Impact:** Development of the effective return management.

3.1.2.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.2.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.2.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **1.137.500,00**) and 9 % from national resources (EURO **112.500,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **1.250.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

3.1.2.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
5. Assistance to vulnerable persons	50 %

4. Counselling and information	50 %
	%

**3.1.3. Improvement of cooperation on return with authorities of the partner third countries and with other Member States. (Objective 2 under priority 1 of the MAP)**

**3.1.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

In many cases the immediate materialization of return decisions get delayed, having as a consequence the long detention of illegal immigrants under return and the possible cancellation of their return to their countries of origin or to another country, where they get accepted, on the basis of readmission agreements.

The above problems are mainly due to the difficulties encountered with the Consular Authorities of some third countries. Namely, the delay of issuing travel documents for their nationals regarding return. This is the main reason for the delay and in conjunction with the inability of Consular Authorities to identify the illegal immigrants as nationals of the country in question, it obstructs the work of the competent Hellenic Police Services.

Moreover, some third countries (e.g. Turkey), which have signed readmission agreements, do not enforce them. Also, a large number of third country illegal immigrants come from countries of Asia (e.g. Afghanistan and Pakistan) and from African countries (e.g. Somalia and Nigeria), with which, no readmission agreements have been signed, a fact that creates problems regarding the return of their nationals.

In that context, there is a need to improve the cooperation with third countries in a more strategic manner. Greece will organize bilateral meetings in Greece between Greek experts and corresponding experts from third countries and/or missions of Greek officials to these third countries which aim in delivering long term results as regards :

- The more effective enforcement of readmission agreements,
- The signing of readmission agreements with countries, which present large outflow of illegal immigrants,
- The amelioration of the cooperation with the Consular Authorities, with the view of having their nationals' (illegal immigrants) travel documents issued in time
- Facilitation of identification process, preparation of travel documents, or transferring all documentation needed for return.

The need for the reinforcement of this cooperation was also highlighted during the Workshop on Return held in Athens in October 2012 and organized by the Greek authorities with the participation of Frontex, the European Commission and several experts from Member States.

For AP 2012, 8 bilateral meetings/missions are foreseen with experts from the Aliens Division / Hellenic Police Headquarters and with authorities from third countries such as : Iraq, Turkey, Russia, Moldova, Albania, Morocco, Tunisia, Nigeria, Algeria, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Syria, Georgia, Afghanistan. The list of third countries is indicative and other third

countries may be included if other priorities arise and on the other hand some of the countries may be omitted if the situation has been improved and we no longer face the aforementioned obstacles.

We are envisaging the following options regarding the implementation of the study visits which will take form in either or any of the ways proposed below depending on the situation that will arise at a certain point in the future while we organize the visits and the availability of the staff of the key - actors involved in the study visits:

- Greek officials meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> country's officials in Greece.
- Greek officials meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> country's officials in the 3<sup>rd</sup> country's facilities.
- Greek officials meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup> country's officials in another member State's facilities

The main objectives of these meetings/missions are (1) to evaluate the possibility to sign a readmission agreement with these countries due to increasing number of illegal migrants coming from these countries and the delays in issuing travel documents; and (2) to prepare travel documents or transfer documentation needed for return. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be involved in organizing and co-ordinating the missions.

Furthermore, within this action, it is planned to organize meetings, missions, workshops, events, exchange between Greek authorities involve in the return management and other Member States and others key actors (e.g. FRONTEX), in order to exchange experiences, best practices and share knowledge on the return activities. This will strengthen the development and the improvement of the national capabilities through co-operation with other Member States.

This action implies a continuation of the action included in annual programmes 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and will start after the approval of the 2012 Annual Program and will finish by the 30-06-2014. The action could be continued under the following 2013 annual programme.

#### 3.1.3.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.3.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division and Aliens Division will implement the above-mentioned

action. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be associated and involved in organizing and coordinating the missions.

#### 3.1.3.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results from the development and the implementation of the aforementioned action may be the following:

- the effective implementation of return decisions due to means of signing readmission agreements,
- the signing of readmission agreements with new countries.
- the achievement of a more effective cooperation with the Consular Authorities, which are responsible for the timely issuing of travel documents for their nationals, who are illegal immigrants,
- issuing or transfer of travel documents in view of return

**Output:** Number of meetings/missions, number of third countries with which communication channels and working methods have been established, number of immigration services or other services competent for the readmission agreements with which cooperation is deepened and strengthened, number of travel documents prepared.

**Outcome:** Improved quality of service. Strengthened cooperation with third countries in managing return.

**Impact:** More effective return policy, enhanced credibility of migration policy, reduced costs of return, more effective returns.

#### 3.1.3.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.3.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.3.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 3, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **45.500,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **4.500,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **50.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.1.3.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
9. Cooperation between MS	50 %
10. Cooperation with third countries	50 %
	%

### **3.1.4. Bilateral meetings with the Consular Authorities of the third countries (Objective 2 under priority 1 of the MAP)**

#### **3.1.4.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

A large number of illegal immigrants, coming from countries such as Somalia, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, enter our country. During the return procedure regarding arrested illegal immigrants, many problems arise, which may significantly delay or even, in some cases, cancel the return to the country of origin, for the following reasons:

- The lack of consular representation by some countries (e.g. Afghanistan, Somalia and Bangladesh) in Greece;
- Non-recognition of the travel documents of the arrested immigrants, as nationals of the aforementioned countries;
- Long delays in the issuing of travel documents for immigrants from the aforementioned countries that should be returned.

In order to deal with this situation and the problems arising during the return procedure, new methods of cooperation with the consular authorities of the countries that are not represented in Greece will be developed. To this purpose, bilateral operational meetings with consular representatives of the countries that are not represented in Greece but are based in other countries will be held in Athens and also from Athens in other Greek cities, like at detention centers where they are the immigrants of their origin countries. The objective is to verify the nationality of illegal immigrants from the aforementioned countries who should be returned and to precede to the immediate issuance of their travel documents.

More specifically, the following methods are foreseen:

- Mission of Consuls to different locations in Greece (detention centers, police services, etc.) in order to identify and prepare travel documents for returnees.

- Developing a video-conference system for identification of returnees by their Consular authorities who then will be able to prepare the return documentation.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and will start after the approval of the 2012 Annual Program and will finish the 30-06-2014. Under the 2008 annual program, there were two meetings held in Athens with representatives of the Embassy of Afghanistan based in Brussels since Afghanistan is not represented by consular authorities in Greece. These meetings were held in order to identify the nationality of illegal immigrants whose should return to their countries of origin and the immediate issue of travel documents. In the framework of 2010 AP, one bilateral operational meeting was implemented with consular representatives of Nigeria. For 2011 annual programme the action is under way and three bilateral operational meetings were implemented until now (Iraq, Dominican Republic, Nigeria).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs may be involved in organizing and coordinating the missions.

#### 3.1.4.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.4.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division and Aliens Division will implement the above-mentioned action. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be involved in organizing and coordinating the missions.

#### 3.1.4.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results of the development and implementation of the aforementioned action are the following:

- the development of new methods of cooperation with consular authorities not represented in Greece;
- the establishment of a more efficient cooperation with consular authorities as regards the timely issuance of travel documents for their nationals who are illegal immigrants;

- The reduction in detention time for illegal immigrants and the acceleration of their return to their countries of origin.

**Output:** Number of consular services with which communication channels and working methods are established, number of return cases facilitated, number of identification interviews carried out by third country consuls, number of travel document issues.

**Outcome:** Improved quality of service, strengthened cooperation with third country consular services.

**Impact:** More efficient return policy, enhanced credibility of migration policy, reduced costs of return.

#### 3.1.4.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.4.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.4.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 3, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **54.600,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **5.400,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **60.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.1.4.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>

10. Cooperation with third countries	100 %
	%
	%

**3.1.5. The implementation of enforced returns or facilitation of voluntary departure by the Hellenic Police for third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfill the conditions for entry and stay (Objective 3 under priority 1 of the MAP)**

**3.1.5.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

Nationals of third countries who do not meet the conditions for their stay in the Greek territory or their presence pose direct threat against the public order or the national security or their removal is ordered after a decision taken by Administrative or Judicial authorities, they are compulsorily to be removed from the national territory, observing in any case the rules provided for in the international conventions.

A Percentage of irregular migrants being in procedure of return are willing to cooperate with Police authorities and decide to depart voluntarily. Since they do not pose any resistance during return phase, they can be returned unescorted by road, by air (regular flights or charter flights) or by sea. However, there are cases where migrants under return procedure are not willing to cooperate and they strongly resist during removal. Following this, there are escorted returns mainly by air, which could take place by commercial flights or via chartered flights. In both cases, the implementation of this action will be carried out in accordance with Art. 7 and 8 of the Return Directive.

Return procedure on voluntary and enforced basis is described as following:

**A. Voluntary Departure:**

Hellenic Police implements a strategy which focuses in all possible ways to return to their country of origin, facilitating the voluntary way of return. Police program for voluntary departure is targeted (**Category I**) on migrants who do not meet the conditions for their stay in the Greek territory and they are willing to return to their country of origin on a voluntary basis, and (**Category II**) on migrants who are in detention and they decide to fully cooperate with Police Authorities in order to return as soon as possible to their country of origin. Specifically, the processes are described as following:

❖ Voluntary Departure - Category I:

Third countries nationals concerned should visit responsible Police Authorities who are tasked relatively, in order to be registered in the Police Program of voluntary departure. Migrants are informed on the spot regarding the procedure and within short period of time (inside some days), they depart for their country of origin mainly via air (on commercial or chartered flights) but also via land or sea.

The following costs will be covered for this Category:

- Costs of hired aircrafts (charter flights)
- Tickets by commercial flights for returnees
- Costs for travel documents issuing
- 300 Euros financial aid in order to meet their basic initial needs

❖ Voluntary Departure – Category II:

Migrants of Category B should fulfill the declaration form for voluntary departure. Nominated focal points in all Aliens Directorates of Hellenic Republic will convey the forms to the Coordinator Focal Point in Athens, who will proceed with all relevant actions concerning the issuing of travel document, if needed, and the planning of the voluntary return.

The following costs will be covered for this Category:

- Costs of hired aircrafts (charter flights)
- Tickets by commercial flights for returnees
- Costs for travel documents issuing
- 200 Euros financial aid in order to meet their basic initial needs

**B. Forced Return:**

For the cases that migrants do not select the voluntary way of return to their country of origin, Police Authorities implements the Program of forced return. This Program focuses on the migrants who are in detention and they resist complying and cooperating with the Police Authorities during the return process (Category III). After a strong resistance during return procedure, an escorted mission could be decided in order to fulfill the conditions of the return decision.

The following costs will be covered for this Category:

- Costs of hired aircrafts (charter flights)
- Tickets by commercial flights (for returnees and police escort, if applicable)
- Per diem allowance for police escorts, if applicable
- Costs for travel documents issuing,
- 50 Euros pocket money in order to meet their basic initial needs, under specific circumstances that arise from the organization matters of the return and when applicable.

The financial aspects of the above actions will cover expenditures relating to the implementation of enforced returns and voluntary departures organised by the Hellenic Police, such as the issuing of travel documents, the purchase of tickets or chartering of planes, the accommodation and food for returnees during the return operations as well as

the expenditures related to police escorts accompanying the returnees during the return operations (bags for personal belongings of the returnees, first aid kits, tickets, food and accommodation in the third country). However, there are special cases which need special management by the services responsible for their return, since during the process of the forced returns several problems arise impeding the returns and finally, leading to their annulment.

Such cases are:

- 1) Non – existence of communal or bilateral re-admission agreements with third countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, e.t.c. causing serious problem in co-operation in the field of returns.
- 2) The illegal aliens who cause problems during the return process to their countries and their removal is to be carried out by air with police escort.
- 3) Lack of co-operation with consulates of some states in our country, which do not issue travel documents or do not show the necessary interest for co-operation in order to issue the necessary travel documents within a reasonable time.
- 4) Lack of direct air connections with countries of origin of illegal immigrations.  
As a result of the above, the immigrants under return are detained for a long period and, finally, the return is cancelled in some cases.
- 5) Resistance of Diplomatic Authorities of specific Third Countries to issue travel documents because Greece is not providing to the returnees a supporting amount of money to cover the needs of local transportation from the airport in the destination country to their local area where they come from.

Our country, in order to solve the above problems and carry out the scheduled returns will hold flights by hiring aircrafts also for countries which have not signed re-admission agreements in order to increase the execution rates of the issued return decisions.

For 2012, it is scheduled to carry out about ~~twenty (20)~~ five (5) national flights with hired aircrafts, so that the illegal immigrants to be transported to their countries of origin, mainly Egypt, Pakistan and Iraq and eventually to other countries. This action is limited to the forced returns. The number of chartered flights may increase subject to the existing needs and depending on the capacity of the Greek authorities carrying out returns. Furthermore, charter flights will be implemented within the framework of the “Action 3.2.1 The implementation of joint activities with other EU Member States”.

It is expected that out of this action of AP 2012 there would be around **350** returnees with hired aircrafts and around **1.560** individual returns (commercial flights) of illegal immigrants to third countries with or without the police escort. These figures do not take account of illegal immigrants from Albania.

This action covers all the direct costs relatively to the transportation and travel:

- Costs of hired aircrafts (charter flights)
- Tickets by commercial flights (for returnees and police escort, if applicable)
- Per diem allowance for police escort, if applicable
- Costs for travel documents issuing

The action will also cover the purchase of necessary equipment related to return operations as follows:

- Bags for personal belongings of the returnees (10.000 items)
- First aid kits (2 items)
- Prediction for the costs of continuing renewing the portable first aid kits which are used in every operation as soon as these expire.

The supply of these materials will be in accordance with the rules of public procurement (regular procurement procedure) as described in the section 1.4. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES.

Additionally, in order to increase the capacity of the operational Services implementing returns, in particular the Return Coordination Office within the Aliens Department of Attica, it is necessary to increase the number of staff involved in the preparation and coordination of returns. In that context, some staff costs may also be covered in relation to additional operational personnel performing key roles in the implementation of this action.

Given the present limitations in hiring public servant staff, different methods may be envisaged such as outsourcing some operational tasks not related to the Police duties (ticketing, routing etc.) or deploying experts in field of return from other Member States, within a framework agreement.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programmes 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and will start after the approval of the 2012 Annual Program, with a new selection procedure and will finish by the 30-06-2014.

Under the 2008 AP, five (5) charter flights have been implemented and many individual forced returns of illegal immigrants to third countries with or without the police escort took place. The implementation of the 2011 annual programme is in progress. The following table summarizes the results of this action implemented under the 2008, 2009 and 2010 APs.

	<b>2008 AP</b>	<b>2009 AP</b>	<b>2010 AP</b>	<b>2011 AP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Number of charter flights	5	6	17	13	<b>41</b>
Number of returnees by charter flights	384	340	1.144	944	<b>2.812</b>
Number of returnees by commercial flights	1.496	1.679	4.262	3.641	<b>11.078</b>
<b>Total number of returnees</b>	<b>1.880*</b>	<b>2.019</b>	<b>5.406</b>	<b>4.585</b>	<b>13.890</b>

\*The number of returnees for the 2008 AP (1.880) regards returns funded by the RF after the operational startup of the RA in June 2009 until the end of the eligible period 2008 AP(from 1/6/2009 to 30/06/2010). However, there are a significant number of returns to third countries which were performed from the beginning of the eligible period of 2008 AP

until the inauguration of the RA (from 1/1/2008 to 31/05/2009) and which were financed from national resources.

#### 3.1.5.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.5.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division and Aliens Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.5.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results from the development – implementation of the said action, according to its description, will be the following:

- Increase of the rates of the illegal immigrants who return to their countries of origin and decrease of the illegal immigrants in our country and, by extension, in the E.U. countries.
- Return of illegal immigrants in the countries of origin with which there are not direct air connections.
- Reduction of expenses spent for the return of illegal immigrants and their escorts, due to the decrease of their detention period and the less number of escorts who will be needed in relation to the solely escorted return.

**Output:** Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by this AP, number of charter flights, number of returnees returned by commercial flights, number of items (bags, medical kits) purchased

**Outcome:** Enhanced credibility and integrity of immigration policies. Reduced custody period of persons waiting for forced removal.

**Impact:** More efficient return policy.

#### 3.1.5.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.5.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate.

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

Particularly attention will be paid for complementarily with the action of Frontex' Projects in Greece.

### 3.1.5.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **1.961.960,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **194.040,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **2.156.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure for the implementation of the specific action, will be followed according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

### 3.1.5.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TPOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
3. Forced return (including voluntary departure)	100 %
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	%

### **3.1.6. The improvement of the provision of legal services to potential returnees by employing legal advisers (lawyers)**

#### ***(Objective 1 under priority 1 of the MAP)***

##### 3.1.6.1. Purpose and scope of the action

In the light of article 13 of the Return Directive, the legal advice to potential returnees will be provided by social legal counselors. Their services are meant for:

- all arrested illegal immigrants,

- vulnerable persons, such as minors, unaccompanied minors, disabled and elderly persons, pregnant women and persons who have suffered psychological, physical or sexual violence.

The legal support services will be provided by members of bar associations. For this purpose, should sign a memorandum of understanding with bar associations.

Bar associations are Legal Entities of Public Law. Their duties and responsibilities are defined under the Lawyers' Code (3026/1954).

Legal assistance would be provided only for administrative acts against detention or return decisions that are issued from Court of First Instance or from the Council of State. Legal assistance would not be provided to those who have applied for asylum.

The legal assistance will be provided once the illegal immigrant have been arrested and driven to the Police Directorate. There, the police officers, with the collaboration of translators, will inform them that they can have access to legal assistance and they can call in a specific phone number in order to come in contact with the local bar association.

This action will be implemented in two phases. Initially, MoU will be signed with bar associations for Police Directorates where there is a great number of detainees for return to third countries (5 or 6 bar associations) and in the next phase will be extended to other Police Directorates with detainees for return to third countries, if required.

All the above legal services will be offered only in detention centers for the benefit of the eligible target group foreseen under article 7 of the Return Fund Decision, and not for other third country nationals and in the context of return procedure only. This will be clearly specified in the MoU and the final beneficiaries have to demonstrate the respect of this condition.

#### 3.1.6.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection. The expected grant recipients will be Greek Bar Associations capable to implement the action.3.1.6.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division, Aliens Division and Civil Personnel Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.6.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The development and the materialization of the afore-mentioned action will contribute to the upgrading of the provided services by police authorities to arrested illegal

immigrants, who are going to be sent back, and to the promotion of the respect for their human rights, in order that return procedures may be more effectively materialized.

**Output:** Number of MoU signed with Bar Associations. Total number of returnees provided with legal assistance.

**Outcome:** Upgrade of the provided services to the arrested illegal immigrants-returnees. Implementation of the obligations arising from the Return Directive.

**Impact:** Development of the effective return management.

3.1.6.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.6.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.6.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 3, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **27.300,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **2.700,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **30.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

3.1.6.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TPOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
5. Assistance to vulnerable persons	50 %
4. Counselling and information	50 %

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**3.1.7. The improvement of the detention conditions for the detainees who are under the procedure of return, especially to vulnerable groups (Objective 3 under priority 1 of the MAP)**

**3.1.7.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

Due to wide functioning problems on buildings of Repatriation Centers and lack of adequate conditions provided to detainees who are under the procedure of return, especially to vulnerable groups, this action will cover operational costs and running costs of detention centers, consumables for returnees and transportation of returnees.

There are severe problems (budget constraints) that have not allowed the continued provision of basic needs in some repatriation centers. This leads to serious humanitarian situations in these facilities. So far the European Return Fund has not supported such costs providing for food, basic consumables such as soap, sheets and blankets would be included in the action for the facilities that are aforementioned.

As mentioned above, due to the economic crisis, there were significant reductions in the costs covered by the national budget. At the same time increased significantly the arrests of illegal immigrants and this has led to increased needs for additional detention facilities and operating costs. Unfortunately, not having the financial ability to cover these costs have created significant problems in the quality of detention conditions. Covering running costs by the Return Fund will help to improve these conditions.

Important number of illegal immigrants from third countries detained in local police departments where there is overlapping capacity limits and the conditions is not suitable for long detention periods (required for issuance of travel documents and completion of return procedures).

The lack of appropriate conditions has reported from both Greek Ombudsman and the Fundamental Rights Agency. By amending the RF implementing rules were given the opportunity to create detention centers and extend the capacity. Without funding running costs from the RF would not be possible to properly operating these detention centers.

The objective of this project is to decrease allegations of human rights violations in the area of return in light of the recommendations presented in the recent report of the Fundamental Rights Agency and it is fully aligned with the Greek Action Plan on Management of Migration Flows.

Running costs of the following detention centres will be included in this action with the aim of improving the living conditions of returnees in detention. Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre,

electricity, maintenance of facilities, equipment that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras et cetera.

In order to ensure the proper operation of the centers and the safety of returnees in detention, this action may cover costs for security services of the Pre-return Detention Centers in Korinthos, Paranesti (Drama) and Fyllakio (Orestiada). These costs will be financed after having address the needs related with the improvement of living conditions, as mentioned above.

Also, the following budget includes costs for transportation of returnees. Until now transportation costs of the returnees have not been included in any previous annual programmes. It is foreseen to cover certain transportation costs related to returnees within Athens i.e. between repatriation centres and consulates, from other regions to detention centres in Athens or to Athens Airport in the view of preparation or implementation of their returns .It is foreseen to cover the transportations costs in the means of tickets (public means of transportation, airplane and naval tickets) and/or fuel and/or rental or leasing of vehicles (car/van/bus/airplane/ship).

The implementation of this action will be centrally managed through the **Attica Aliens Directorate** in cooperation with local police departments of the respective detention centers.

<b>Pre-return Detention Centers</b>	<b>Prefecture</b>	<b>Total projected capacity</b> <i>(based on extending capacity and infrastructure upgrades projected within 2011 &amp; 2012 APs)</i>	<b>Estimated running costs</b> Covering the period 01/01/2013 - 30/06/2014	<b>Category of running costs covered per detention center</b>
Athens (Petrou Ralli Street and Amygdaleza Special holding facility for unaccompanied minors)	Attica	300 Petrou Ralli Street and 40 Amygdaleza Special holding facility for unaccompanied minors	140.000,00 €	Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre, electricity, maintenance of facilities, security services, equipment that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras
Amigdaleza	Attica (Acharnes)	2000	545.500,00 €	Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre, electricity, maintenance of facilities, security services, equipment

<b>Pre-return Detention Centers</b>	<b>Prefecture</b>	<b>Total projected capacity</b> <i>(based on extending capacity and infrastructure upgrades projected within 2011 &amp; 2012 APs)</i>	<b>Estimated running costs</b> Covering the period 01/01/2013 - 30/06/2014	<b>Category of running costs covered per detention center</b>
				that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras
Korinthos	Korinthia	2000	355.000,00 €	Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre, electricity, maintenance of facilities, security services, equipment that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras
Komotini	Rhodope	600	265.000,00 €	Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre, electricity, maintenance of facilities, security services, equipment that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras
Xanthi	Xanthi	700	345.500,00 €	Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre, electricity, maintenance of facilities, security services, equipment that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras
Paranesti	Drama	1200	288.300,00 €	Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre, electricity, maintenance of facilities, security services, equipment that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras

<b>Pre-return Detention Centers</b>	<b>Prefecture</b>	<b>Total projected capacity</b> <i>(based on extending capacity and infrastructure upgrades projected within 2011 &amp; 2012 APs)</i>	<b>Estimated running costs</b> Covering the period 01/01/2013 - 30/06/2014	<b>Category of running costs covered per detention center</b>
Fyllakio	Orestiadas	375	90.000,00 €	
Mytillini	Lesvos	500	127.500,00€	Costs such as food, hot water, clothing, medical supplies, heating, cleaning and other services in the centre, electricity, maintenance of facilities, security services, equipment that are used to process administration decisions such as cameras
<b>Total</b>		<b>7.715</b>	<b>2.156.800,00 €</b>	

\* New detention center as presented in 3.1.8 Action

The above estimated running costs correspond at **5,26%** of the total budget of the 2012 AP.

When implementing this action and using its results, the requirements of the Return directive, notably art. 15 to 17, will be fully respected.

#### 3.1.7.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.7.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division and Aliens Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.7.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results from the development – implementation of the said action, according to its description, will be the following:

- Improve the detention conditions of the illegal immigrants who return to their countries of origin in accordance to the international conventions.
- Separate returnees from ordinary prisoners.
- Create adequate separate accommodation guaranteeing adequate privacy for families and children.

**Output:** Measures about the improving the living conditions of returnees in detention. Availability of food, water, clothing, medical supplies, heating. Improvement of cleaning conditions and maintenance of facilities.

**Outcome:** Improve the detention conditions of the illegal immigrants, especially to vulnerable groups.

**Impact:** More efficient return policy in accordance to the international conventions.

All the above indicators and measures will be revised in the light of the implementation of the 3.4.2 and 3.4.3 Actions in order to fully define Data Collection method, Data Source, Frequency and Reporting.

#### 3.1.7.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.7.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.7.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **1.962.688,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **194.112,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **2.156.800,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure for the implementation of the specific action, will be followed according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.1.7.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>
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<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
3. Forced returns	33.33 %
7. Capacity building -infrastructure and tools	33.33 %
5. Assistance to vulnerable persons	33.33 %

**3.1.8. Creation or upgrading of detention centers for detainees who are under the procedure of return.** (Objective 3 under priority 1 of the MAP)

3.1.8.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The target group for return has been growing steadily. The capacity to detain illegal migrants during the return process has not risen to match the needs. Due to the economic crisis, these needs cannot be covered by the national budget.

The first Initial Reception Center, responsible for screening mixed migration flows, will be operational in 2012. According to Law 3907 of 26.1.2011, migrants who are issued a return decision following the screening process, will be oriented towards a repatriation center in view of organizing their return.

- Renovation of existing centers

The existing facilities need to be improved to comply with the relevant standards (e.g. measures will be taken to improve hygienic/sanitation facilities and adequate access to fresh air/heating). Under the 2011 AP, Greece will refurbish and upgrade several facilities located in the Attica region..

- Creation of additional detention capacity.

Existing repatriation centers are already overburdened, therefore new capacity needs to be created in order to align with standards of the Return Directive. The total existing detention capacity in Greece is evaluated at 4.190, as following:

- Petrou Ralli Athens (Petrou Ralli Street): 300
- Amygdaleza Special holding facility for unaccompanied minors) : 40

- Amigdaleza: 2000
- Korinthos: 750
- Komotini: 500
- Xanthi: 450
- Drama: 150

This capacity is far less than the actual needs. Since the beginning of the year 2012, 65.781 aliens were arrested and detained and 10.818 of them were deported.

The main focus would be to

(1) expand the available capacity of repatriation centers (Korinthos, Komotini, Xanthi, and Paranesti)

(2) provide separate reception for vulnerable returnees, taking into consideration that the last years there has been a significant increase in the number of detainees who belong to vulnerable groups (families and children)(Korinthos, Komotini, Xanthi, Paranesti, Karotis )

(3) create additional centers (Karotis)

The objective of this project is fully aligned with the Greek Action Plan on Management of Migration Flows and in light of the recommendations presented in the recent report of the Fundamental Rights Agency.

Technical mission are foreseen in the following locations to investigate the possibility of extending capacity in existing grounds:

Pre-return Detention Centers	Prefecture	Today Capacity	Additional Capacity (2012 AP)	Total capacity	Type of construction works	Estimated construction cost (€)	Type of equipment foreseen	Estimated equipment cost	Total 2012 AP cost
Korinthos	Korinthia	750	1250	2000	extending capacity, infrastructure upgrades	5.450.000,00	Offices, washers, dryers, basic medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.	872.000,00	6.322.000,00
Komotini	Rhodope	500	100	600	<i>extending capacity, infrastructure upgrades</i>	0	Offices, washers, dryers, basic medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.	610.000,00	610.000,00
Xanthi	Xanthi	450	250	700	<i>extending capacity, infrastructure</i>	0	Offices, washers, dryers, basic	370.000	370.000,00

Pre-return Detention Centers	Prefecture	Today Capacity	Additional Capacity (2012 AP)	Total capacity	Type of construction works	Estimated construction cost (€)	Type of equipment foreseen	Estimated equipment cost	Total 2012 AP cost
					<i>upgrades</i>		medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.		
<b>Paranesti</b>	Drama	150	1050	1200	<i>extending capacity, infrastructure upgrades</i>	5.340.000,00	Offices, washers, dryers, basic medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.	490.000,00	5.830.000,00
<b>Mytillini</b>	Lesvos	0	500	500	<i>new detention center construction in 2012 AP</i>	5.560.000,00	Offices, washers, dryers, basic medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.	390.000,00	5.950.000,00
<b>Fyllakio</b>	Orestiadas	0	375	375	<i>infrastructure upgrades</i>	0,00	Offices, washers, dryers, basic medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.	400.500,00	400.500,00
<b>Amigdaleza</b>	Attica	2000	0	2000	<i>infrastructure upgrades</i>		Offices, washers, dryers, basic medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.	737.500,00	737.500,00
<b>Athens (Petrou Ralli Street and Amygdaleza Special holding facility for unaccompanied minors)</b>	Attica	340		340	<i>infrastructure upgrades</i>		Offices, washers, dryers, basic medical equipment, pcs, tables, beds, security systems, etc.	80.000,00	80.000,00
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.190</b>	<b>3.525</b>	<b>7.715</b>		<b>16.350.000,00</b>		<b>3.950.000,00</b>	<b>20.300.000,00</b>

Assuming that the RA can obtain fast track procedure, the buildings will be used for the propose of the action within the timeframe of AP 2012. This action will be implemented by procurement procedure. Separate procurement procedures would apply for construction works and equipment. Indicative timetable for the creation of new Pre-return Detention Centers is as follows.

Creation of Pre-return Detention Centers	Final tender Specifications Approval	Call for Bids	Tender Evaluation	Contract Award / Signed	Project Execution Period	Final payment
Korinthos	7/8/13	28/8/13	18/10/13	8/11/13	8/11/13 – 7/5/14	30/9/14
Paranesti	18/9/13	26/9/13	18/10/13	8/11/13	8/11/13 – 7/5/14	30/9/14
Mytilini	28/8/13	18/9/13	18/10/13	12/11/13	12/11/13– 11/5/14	30/9/14

When implementing this action and using its results, the requirements of the Return directive, notably art. 15 to 17, will be fully respected. Also, the action will be implemented for the benefit of the eligible target group foreseen under article 7 of the Return Fund Decision, and not for other third country nationals (notably asylum seekers).

This action is part of a multiannual action also included in the 2011 AP.

#### 3.1.8.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.8.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division and Aliens Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.8.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results from the development – implementation of the said action, according to its description, will be the following:

- Improve the detention conditions of the illegal immigrants who return to their countries of origin in accordance to the international conventions.
- Separate returnees from ordinary prisoners.
- Create adequate separate accommodation guaranteeing adequate privacy for families and children.

Output: Number of detentions buildings created/renovated. Number of additional capacity (number of places) for each facility created/ renovated.

Outcome: Improve the detention conditions of the illegal immigrants, especially to vulnerable groups.

Impact: More efficient return policy in accordance to the international conventions.

### 3.1.8.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

### 3.1.8.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

### 3.1.8.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **18.473.000,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **1.827.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **20.300.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure for the implementation of the specific action, will be followed according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

### 3.1.8.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TPOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
7. Capacity building -infrastructure and tools	50%
3. Forced returns	50%

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### **3.1.9. Organization of trainings for Judicial Bodies** *(Objective 1 under priority 1 of the MAP)*

#### **3.1.9.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

The establishment of a national compulsory training for Judicial Bodies dealing with appeal decisions on returns, or requests for suspension and cancellation. Trainings should be addressed to Judges of Court of Athens-Piraeus, Thessaloniki, Alexandroupolis, Patras, Cyclades and Crete.

These trainings aim at the enhancement of the capacity of Judicial Bodies to more quickly and efficient assess return decisions appealed.

Indicated themes that will be covered during these two-day trainings are below presented:

- The application of the European Directive 2008/115/EC which was incorporated into national law by Law 3907/2011.
- The whole return procedure, from the issuance of the return decision to the accomplishment of the return of the illegal immigrant to his/her country of origin and will be in line with national and community law.
- Best practices and case studies about the appeals decisions on returns.

The final draft and content of the trainings will be decided in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, academics with knowledge of Migration Law, Constitutional Law, Human Rights, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, etc.

In order to support the trainings, manuals and training materials will be created which will include all relevant regulation and laws about the management of migration flows. The manuals will include laws and other best practices (guidelines) for regular cases.

For the AP 2012, **100** persons from Judges of Court of Athens-Piraeus, Thessaloniki, Alexandroupolis, Patras, Cyclades and Crete will be trained in Athens in a two-day course.

#### **3.1.9.2. Expected grant recipients**

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection and the Ministry of Justice.

#### **3.1.9.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body**

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European

Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8, 11 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division, Aliens Division and Training Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.9.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results from the development – implementation of the said action, according to its description, will be the following:

- The efficient training of the Judicial Bodies dealing appeals decisions on returns, adapted to the needs and the standards defined by the European legislation.
- The enhancement of the capacity of judicial bodies to more quickly and effectively assess return decisions appealed.
- The integrated management of returns.

**Output:** Number of and type of training seminars organized. Number and types of topics covered. Number and type of participants

**Outcome:** Enhanced capacity of competent administrative authorities in assessing appealed return decisions.

**Impact:** Effective and uniform application of common standards on return.

#### 3.1.9.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.9.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.9.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 4, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **27.300,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **2.700,00** from the state budget) bringing public spending on this project to EURO **30.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Program (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.1.9.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TYOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TYOLOGY B – Forced Return

LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYOLOGIES)	
Typology (1 to 10)	Share (%)
6. Capacity building of staff	100 %

**3.1.10. Reinforcing the Ombudsman capacity in pre-return and return processes (objective 1 under priority 1 of MAP)**

**3.1.10.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

The main goal of this action is the implementation of the national legislation concerning the provision of an effective forced-return monitoring system. That means that the action aims to:

- a) provide support to the Ombudsman for the establishment of an effective forced - return monitoring system,*
- b) reinforce the Ombudsman’s mandate for the operation of the monitoring system, and*
- c) mediation with local authorities prior to the establishment of repatriation centers*

***a) Support to the Ombudsman for the establishment of an effective forced - return monitoring system***

According to National Law regarding Migration (Law No 3907/2011) and article 8 (6) of Directive 2008/115/EC, Greece should set up a forced - return monitoring system coordinated by the Ombudsman. In that context, under AP 2011 a pre-preparatory action is proposed for a multiannual activity to be implemented as of AP 2012.

During the preparatory phase under AP 2011, a delegation of Police Officers met with the Ombudsman in order to initiate a discussion concerning the planning and set-up of the forced return monitoring system and issues related to their respective competences and mandate concerning the return and removal procedures.

Among the proposed actions are the exchange of knowledge and “good practices” with other MS (e.g. co-operation with competent authorities of other MS, especially concerning technical support and exchange of expertise during the preparatory stage etc. ).

In addition to the above, the GO has proposed the organization of a workshop with the participation of national, European and international stakeholders (e.g. the Ombudsman, the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, experts from other MS, FRA, CPT, etc.).

***b) Reinforcement of Ombudsman's mandate for the operation of the monitoring system.***

When a monitoring strategy has been agreed upon, it will be implemented under the present AP.

A proposal for the organization and operation of the forced – return system could be drafted by the Ombudsman.

Given the uncertainty related to the content of this strategy and the timeframe for implementation, no budget is foreseen to implement return monitoring. Should the implementation phase start under AP 2012, budget will be made available from action 3.1.5.

***c) Mediation with local authorities prior to the establishment of repatriation centers***

The GO considers the involvement of local authorities and civil society as vital in the effective management of the mixed – flows of migrants in repatriation centers. It is therefore, important that, given the local authorities' reaction to the establishment of the repatriation centers, that the GO intervenes as a mediator in order to facilitate the implementation of the new legal framework.(see new law N. 3907/2011).

During the GO's previous visit in the border areas an attempt was made to establish a network of cooperation and exchange of information with local authorities and other stakeholders. A follow-up to this initiative is necessary and could include a number of further visits (2-3) in the area.

The aim is to create a "pilot" for similar networks to be set up in other border areas, or municipalities where repatriation centers are scheduled.

**3.1.10.2. Expected grant recipients**

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with to the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection and the Ombudsman's Office.

**3.1.10.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body**

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8, 11 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I

12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division, Aliens Division and Training Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.10.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results from the development – implementation of the said action, according to its description, will be the following:

- Implementation of the national legislation concerning the provision of an effective forced-return monitoring system.
- Better implementation of the obligations arising from the Directive of the European Parliament and the Council concerning common standards and procedures for returning illegally staying third country nationals.
- Improve the detention conditions of the illegal immigrants who return to their countries of origin in accordance to the international conventions.

**Output:** Number of meetings/ workshops organized. Number of monitoring missions carried out.

**Outcome:** Implementation of the national legislation concerning the provision of an effective forced-return monitoring system.

**Impact:** Improve the detention conditions of the illegal immigrants, especially to vulnerable groups. More efficient return policy in accordance to the international conventions.

All the above indicators and measures will be revised in the light of the implementation of the 3.4.2 and 3.4.3 Actions in order to fully define Data Collection method, Data Source, Frequency and Reporting.

#### 3.1.10.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.10.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.10.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **9.100,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **900,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **10.000,00**. Should the implementation phase of return monitoring (3.1.10.band 3.1.10.c) start under AP 2012, budget will be made available from action 3.1.5.

#### 3.1.10.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
8. Capacity building -research / best practices	50 %
3. Forced return	50%

### **3.1.11 Provision of medical aid in repatriation centers during the process of return (objective 1 under priority 1 of MAP)**

#### 3.1.11.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Illegal immigrants issued with a return decision can be detained in repatriation centers awaiting return to their country of origin. Health care provision in repatriation centers are an essential part of improving living conditions in detention, as underlined by MSF in its monitoring reports.

The scope would be curative as well as preventing outbreaks and protecting public health. Mobile medical units were successfully deployed to detention centers at the external borders under the ERF emergency measures programme. A similar methodology would be used for pre-removal detention centers.

This measure, also, concerns addressing basic needs of the target group, such as hygiene needs, pharmaceutical treatment and clothing.

This action will be implemented through the following activities:

#### **a) Creation and operation of a central monitoring system and administration**

This activity will ensure the administrative and scientific responsibility for the proper functioning of the healthcare network supporting in the Pre-return Detention Centers. Coordination will be ensured via headquarters in facilities of the National Health Operations Centre (NHOC) Maroussi, Attica where there are available spaces and several necessary infrastructures.

## **b) Creation equipment and manning health structures providing primary care services in Pre-return Detention Centers**

It is planned to create Medical Station of three types (Type A, B and C) in each Pre-return Detention Center.

- A. Medical Station for Pre-return Detention Center over 1,000 detainees.
- B. Medical Station for Pre-return Detention Center over 500 detainees.
- C. Medical Station for Pre-return Detention Center under 500 detainees.

Each Medical Center will have a doctor on 16-hour basis, nurse on 24-hour basis hour and administrator for 16-hour basis. Medical Center will be created in appropriate places with full support telephone, electricity (heating - cooling), water and autonomous sanitation.

## **c) Measures of prevention and health care of third country nationals in Pre-return Detention Centers**

The actions include:

- Checks diagnosis for diseases and appropriate vaccination.
- Medical monitoring and referral to treatment.
- Preservation of hygiene (disinfect, wash clothing).
- Conducting examinations (radiographs - MANTOUX - HBsAG - HCV - HIV – MALARIA).
- Creation and maintenance of medical records for third country nationals in Pre-return Detention Centers.
- Actions awareness of all people living and working in Pre-return Detention Centers.

## **d) Training activities and preparation of personnel working in Pre-return Detention Centers.**

Implementation of integrated training operations and preparation of personnel working in the Pre-return Detention Centers (doctors, nurses and administrative staff) in order to cope quickly and effectively to the demands of the project.

### **Hospitals at points of great accumulation:**

In addition, emphasis will be put on the strengthening of existing hospitals in Attica and Thessaloniki. This action aims to provide medical care and medication, preventive care and health education to returnees.

To ensure the quality of the provided medical services and to enhance the local capacity it is important to train staff which will be recruited for the mobile units as well as staff of the local health care services on the specific needs of the target population. Indicative topics of their training include: working with interpreter service, basic principles of intercultural psychology, basic counselling principles, information on the epidemiologic profile in countries of origin, and basic cultural characteristics of the main nationalities among the target population. In total four three-day seminars are provisioned.

All the above health services will be offered only in pre-removal detention centers for the benefit of the eligible target group foreseen under article 7 of the Return Fund Decision, and not for other third country nationals. This will be clearly specified in the call for proposals and the final beneficiary has to demonstrate the respect of this condition.

#### 3.1.11.2. Expected grant recipients

This action will be implemented by the National Health Operations Centre (NHOC) in association with other public organisations of the Ministry of Health and collaboration with NGOs with large previous experience such as Médecins du Monde and Medical Intervention. The National Health Operations Centre (NHOC) is an agency founded by the Ministry of Health. It serves as a major supervising and coordinating organization for the healthcare system. The fields of action of NHOC are:

- Management of emergency medical services' system
- Health crises due to major disasters
- Public Health
- CBRN threats
- Health crises due to climate changes
- Humanitarian approach to victims of natural or manmade disasters
- Health coverage of major events (athletic, social)
- European cooperation
- Education of health crisis managers

The implementation of the action will take place after the signature of a MoU between the Responsible Authority and the NHOC.

#### 3.1.11.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

n/a

#### 3.1.11.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The development and the materialization of the afore-mentioned action will contribute to the upgrading of the provided services by police authorities to arrested illegal immigrants, who are going to be sent back, and to the promotion of the respect for their human rights, in order that return procedures may be more effectively materialized. Health care provision in repatriation centers are an essential part of improving living conditions in detention, as underlined by MSF in its monitoring reports.

**Output:** Number of Mobile Medical Units deployed. Number of Expert teams deployed. Number of training seminars organized. Number of authorities trained.

**Outcome:** Upgrade of the provided services to the arrested illegal immigrants-returnees. Better implementation of the obligations arising from the Directive of the European

Parliament and the Council concerning common standards and procedures for returning illegally staying third country nationals.

**Impact:** Development of the effective return management.

#### 3.1.11.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.11.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.11.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **1.365.000,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **135.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **1.500.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.1.11.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
3. Forced return	70%
5. Assistance to vulnerable persons.	30 %

### **3.1.12 Upgrading of the Deportation Departments of Attica and Thessaloniki Aliens Divisions** (Objective 3 under priority 1 of the MAP)

#### 3.1.12.1. Purpose and scope of the action

In our country, immigration problem and the simultaneous development of actions by the Hellenic Police, financed by European funds leads to higher requirements in human resources, better technology, computer equipment and other relevant services.

The Aliens Division Departments of Attica and Thessaloniki deals with treatment of migratory flows in terms of entry and stay of illegal immigrants coming from third countries and consequently the implementation of compulsory returns of illegal immigrants.

Given the proximity to the International Airports, Departments of Deportation of the Aliens Divisions of Attica and Thessaloniki play a central role in the management of returns in Greece. These Departments holds the responsibility of carrying out the returns of illegal immigrants from Greece who were apprehended in Attica, Thessaloniki and other Police Divisions in the whole country.

Departments of Deportation manage daily a huge number of illegal migrants and returnees and in particular are in charge of the following procedures/activities:

- recording and control of any earlier decisions,
- further examination of it (referred to municipalities, judicial authorities etc.) and then proposing a deportation decision
- custody - expulsion - entry extensions beyond the six months period,
- registration and examination of any asylum claims,
- transfer of detained immigrants to the respective Consulates for the recognition and the issuing of travel documents,
- flight planning to return to their origin country,
- transfer of detained immigrants to the airport escorts by the policemen of Deportation Department.

Similar action has already been implemented under the 2010 AP. Since the needs of the above mentioned Department has been increased as the number of arrested illegal immigrants increased. For 2012 and 2013 APs, it is expected that the number of arrested illegal immigrants will increased as new pre-return detention centers will be created. Furthermore, it is worth adding that the number of illegal immigrants being effectively returned has risen sharply as presented in the relevant table in **3.1.5** action.

So, for faster and effective implementation of all return procedures need better organization of the department and the following equipment:

- P.Cs with appropriate software because the existing electronic devices are 10 years old and the daily use has begun to exhibit serious technical problems.
- Server with UPS
- Laptops
- Multi machines (Laser printers, fax, scanner etc.).
- Digital Cameras that will help identify the illegal immigrants

- Telephone machines.
- Police vehicles and vans for returnees transportation

The installation of new equipment will reduce the delays in processing the documentation related to the return (notably the procurement of indispensable travel documents) and consequently should reduce the period of custody of persons waiting for removal. The new equipment will also enhance the integrity and credibility of the process (since storing of information in one place and communicating it quickly should reduce the risk of error or miscommunication between different departments as well as international partners). In particular, better communication and cooperation between the Aliens Division of the HPHQ and other relevant Departments of Immigration in Athens, Thessaloniki and in the whole country would be improved. It should also enable better cooperation and communication with consular authorities and immigration services of third countries, since the new equipment (e.g., multi-machines, digital cameras and telephones) should enable swifter and more comprehensive exchange of information and enable to obtain travel documents more easily.

#### 3.1.12.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.12.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division and Aliens Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.1.12.4. Expected quantified results and Indicators to be used

The expected results from the development and implementation of the abovementioned action are:

- Faster processing of extradition procedures
- The significant increase in the number of forced returns and reducing the time spent in places of detention for illegal immigrants.

**Output:** Number of purchased pcs, multi machines and printers, communication equipment for the efficient and faster communication between the regional services and divisions. Number of police vehicles and vans for returnees' transportation

**Outcome:** Improving the organization and operation of the service

**Impact:** Improving the organization and operation of the service between Aliens Division of the HPHQ and the regional services and divisions and increasing the number of returnees to their home countries.

#### 3.1.12.5.. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.12.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.12.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 2, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **473.200,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **46.800,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **520.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance and of Economy, Competitiveness and Mercantile Marine through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure for the implementation of the specific action, will be followed according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.1.12.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYPOLGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYPOLGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
3. Forced return	50%
7. Capacity building -infrastructure and tools	50%

### **3.2. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 2**

### **3.2.1. The implementation of joint activities with other EU Member States (Objective 1 under priority 2 of the MAP)**

#### **3.2.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

For the development and the implementation of an integrated return management, Greece will seek to enhance the cooperation on returns with the competent authorities of other States through implementation of different actions such as:

- joint flights coordinated or organized via FRONTEX or bilaterally,
- bilateral operational cooperation (meetings, study visits, missions etc.) in implementing return.

The implementation of joint flights with other EU Member States aims at pooling the different skills, experiences and resources of the Member States' Authorities involved in implementing joint flights.

In the framework of this action for 2012 AP, it is scheduled to carry out about nine (9) joint flights in collaboration with another Member States. Each flight will return approximately - sixty (60) escorted returnees from Greece and a respective number of returnees from other Member States.

Greece will try to implement and/or participate in joint flights with other member States as well.

#### **3.2.1.2. Expected grant recipients**

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### **3.2.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body**

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division and Aliens Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### **3.2.1.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used**

The expected results from the development – implementation of the said action, according to its description, will be the following:

- The implementation of returns, to countries which are not accessible with regular flights from our country and present difficulties.
- The achievement of an integrated return management.
- The exchange of best practices with the competent services of the other EU Member States.
- The reduction of the enforced or assisted returns’ expenses.
- More efficient return procedures.

**Output:** Number return flights implemented. Types of resources, skills and experiences pooled. Number of immigrants returned in the context of joint return flights

**Outcome:** Improved co-ordination and efficiency in EU return policies. Reduced cost at EU level and increased cost efficiency of return policies.

**Impact:** Enhanced administrative capacity of MS in return policies.

#### 3.2.1.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.2.1.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.2.1.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 2, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **1.574.300,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **155.700,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **1.730.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure for the implementation of the specific action, will be followed according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.2.1.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TYOLOGY B – Forced Return</b>

<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
3. Forced return	50%
9. Cooperation between MS	50 %

### 3.3 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 3

#### **3.3.1. The implementation of assisted voluntary returns including reintegration measures (Objective 1 under priority 3 of the MAP)**

##### 3.3.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The implementation of the above mentioned action may include several components, in particular:

- **Information campaigns on the possibilities of voluntary returns** for the target groups. The campaigns will be carried out by means of brochures, posters and radio spots. Posters and brochures will be printed in the most common languages spoken by immigrants residing in Greece. Approximately 1.000 posters and 16.000 brochures will be distributed largely in public places and services and NGOs. The messages in these languages will be broadcasted by the state radio and/or private radio stations. In addition, information activities will be carried out locally in regions with larger populations of potential returnees.
- **(Optional) Re-integration measures before or after the return to the country of origin.** This may include optional participation in a re-integration program, which will facilitate the stay in their countries of origin and the kind of the above measures, like household supplies-technical training-installation first steps etc., will be described in detail in the call for proposals.
- **Preparation and implementation of voluntary return operations.** This component includes measures relevant for the preparation and implementation of voluntary returns such as the issuing of travel documents, where needed, the ticketing, escorting to the airport, rendering of services at the transit airports, when there is no direct flight, and transfer to another plane for the final destination. It is expected that approximately between six thousand and seven thousand (6.000-7.000) immigrants will be voluntarily returned to their countries of origin. This component may also result in the development of dedicated activities for voluntary returns tailored for the groups with specific needs (ie. unaccompanied minors).
- **Reception in the country of origin.** This could include the reception of the returnees in their countries of origin, the provision of a small re-integration allowance or reintegration packages for specific categories of returns.
- **Capacity building measures. This can include** Some capacity building activities aiming at strategic improvement of the use of voluntary returns in Greece at policy and operational measures. This may also involve activities aiming at the larger involvement of NGOs in the process.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme 2009, 2010 and 2011. It will start after the approval of the 2012 Annual Program and finish by the 30-06-2014. It will be implemented through the *call for proposals* procedure.

In the framework of the 2009 annual programme, 1097 people were voluntary returned (target of 900 voluntary returns). The information campaign has been launched in summer 2010 with TV and radio spots, information in newspapers and meetings addressed to potential returnees.

In the framework of the 2010 annual programme, 3.200 people were approximately voluntarily returned (the target was approximately estimated between 2.000-3.000 voluntary returns). The objective for 2011 AP is 7.000.

For the 2011 AP, the Grant Agreement was signed on the 31/7/2012 with IOM and the action is under implementation. The following table presents the timeframe for 2011 and 2012 APs.

AP	Completion of Specs from Responsible Authority	Final Specifications Approval	Call for Proposals	Proposals Evaluation	Contract Award	Grant Agreement Signed	Project Execution Period
2011	10/4/2012	10/4/2012	11/4/2012	21/7/2012	24/7/2012	31/7/2012	31/7/2012 - 30/6/2013
2012*	10/5/2013	10/5/2013	15/5/2013	15/6/2013	20/6/2013	30/6/2013	1/7/2013 - 30/6/2014

\* The existing grant agreement (2011 AP) with IOM could be extended following evaluation of the results and agreement.

In addition, this action is also included in the Greek Action Plan on the management of migration flows presented by the Greek Government in August 2010. It is expected that the implementation of this action will significantly contribute to addressing the needs identified in the Action Plan.

### 3.3.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The expected grant recipients will be NGOs or international organisations capable to implement the action.

3.3.1.2. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

n/a

### 3.3.1.3. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The expected results of the development and implementation of the aforementioned action are the following:

- information campaign on voluntary return possibilities among the larger population (in order to reach the potential returnees) and individual counseling to those interested to return in their countries of origin,

- the implementation of voluntary return operations (logistical preparation of the operation, transport to the countries of origin etc.) and
- the short term support measures aiming at the re-integration of returnees.
- the increased number of the voluntarily returnees, in relation to the forced returns.

#### 3.3.1.4. Indicators to be used

**Output:** Number of voluntary returns implemented, number of persons voluntary returned and benefiting from reintegration measures,

Number of posters and the brochures produced, number of information events organized, number of capacity building measures implemented

**Outcome:** Increased effectiveness and sustainability of returns.

**Impact:** More effective return policy.

#### 3.3.1.5. Visibility of EC funding

In action that R.A. acts as an awarding body in the relevant article of Grant Agreement sets out the obligations of the final beneficiaries regarding their responsibilities of information and publicity in accordance with E (2008) 796 Decision of the European Commission which is binding:

**(a)** accept to be included in the list of Final Beneficiaries which is posted on the website of the Fund and where there will be reference to the name of the Final Beneficiary, the title of the Action and the amount of the funding allocated for the implementation of the Action

**(b)** follow publicity requirements as per article 34 of the said Decision.

Specifically, the Final Beneficiary shall:

(i) place a permanent sizable sign in a visible area at the latest three months after the completion of the Action provided that the total community contribution exceeds the 100.000 Euros and refers to amount given for assets purchase. The sign makes reference to the type and name of the Action.

As the Action is financed in the framework of the Annual Program that is co-funded by the Fund, the Final Beneficiary ensures that the participants in the activity have been informed on the funding.

In each document, including certificates of participation or other certificates, as far as this Action is concerned, it is mentioned that the project is co-funded by the Fund.

(ii) The information and explanatory signs will specifically have:

- the logo of the European Union and reference to the European Union according to Regulation 2008/796/EC (Annex 10)
- the Fund and its logo
- the title of Action and the total budget ( co-funded at 75% by European Fund and at 25% by National Funds).

#### 3.3.1.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.3.1.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 3, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **9.100.000,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **900.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to EURO **10.000.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure for the implementation of the specific action, will be followed according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

3.3.1.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

<b>LAYER 1 – ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN OR FORCED RETURN</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TPOLOGY A – Assisted Voluntary Return</b>
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<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
2. AVR (assisted voluntary return)	85%
4. Counseling and information	15 %

**3.4 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 4**

**3.4.1. Trainings of the Hellenic Police personnel (Objective 1 under priority 4 of the MAP)**

**3.4.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

The establishment of a national compulsory training of police personnel who are under task to escort illegal immigrants back to their country of origin are deemed necessary. The key to successful and safe escorted returns, inside the frame of respect of human rights and human dignity, as well as to act on escorted return operations inside the frame of the high-standard best EU practices, is to hold an annual training focused and oriented to legal, practical, psychological, social and intercultural aspects of returns from well qualified police trainers-instructors.

This action includes the following trainings:

- **Trainings on return procedures of the illegal immigrants.**

These trainings aim at the training and the continuous education of police personnel from all regional services on issues regarding the procedure of return of illegal immigrants arrested in our country. The trainings will cover the whole return procedure, from the issuance of the return decision to the accomplishment of the return of the illegal immigrant to his/her country of origin and will be in line with national and community law.

A two-day training of 200 persons (in Athens (120) and Veroia (80) persons) from various co-competent police authorities has been scheduled for 2012 AP.

- **Trainings on escorted return procedures of the arrested illegal immigrants.**

The aforementioned trainings aim at:

- The training and information of police personnel on issues regarding escorted return procedures;
- The dealing with and the remedy of problems arising during the return procedure;
- The modernization of methods and practices used during the return procedure.

A two-day training of 200 persons (in Athens and Veria) from various co-competent police authorities has been scheduled for 2012 AP.

- **Trainings on re-admission procedures**

The mentioned training aims at training the police personnel involved in the implementation of the readmission agreements. More specifically, information and training will be provided on the existing agreements, the problems arising during their implementation and the ways of resolving them, while at the same time training will be provided on the implementation of efficient practices for their realization.

For 2012 AP, 50 persons from various co-competent police authorities (Dodecanese, Samos, Chios, Lesbos, Alexandroupoli, Cyclades, and Airport of Athens) will be trained in Athens in a two-day course.

- **Training on the issues related to the protection of potential returnees' human rights**

The training of police personnel on guaranteeing and respecting the human rights of the immigrants in detention is of highest importance. On the one hand, our country will be harmonized with the Community legislation, on the other hand the established right of each person and more specifically of the immigrants in detention as to the safeguarding and protection of their rights will be guaranteed. These training courses will provide for the information of the police personnel in charge of guarding the arrested persons and the illegal immigrants to be returned, on issues of their obligations arising from national and community legislation.

For 2012 AP, a two-day training of 250 persons from various co-competent police authorities in Athens, Thessalonica, Patras, Ioannina and Alexandroupoli has been scheduled.

- **Trainings on the treatment of vulnerable potential returnees**

The specific training aims at the best possible treatment of the vulnerable groups as for example elderly people, pregnant women, disabled persons, etc. by guaranteeing and protecting their human rights at the same time.

The a-m problems are foreseen to be accomplished through trainings which will improve and modernize the existing methods concerning the treatment of the vulnerable groups.

For 2012 AP, the training of 240 persons from various co-competent police authorities in Athens, Thessalonica, Dodecanese, Samos and Lesvos will be provided in a two-day course.

- **Escort officers' training on escorted returns operational procedures**

This training will build on the results of the action annual program 2011. Well experienced EU Member-States in the field of returns, like Germany and Netherlands, have established training models on their national level, under which they provide to their police escort officers all the necessary expertise on such a specialized field as the escorted returns.

In order to achieve the goals of the training, we will implement a comprehensive technical training program which will include:

- Visits to other Member States
- Inviting experts
- Inviting instructors and speakers
- Obtaining a model of an aircraft cabin seats to train the escorts

Costs related to the training sessions include transportation for trainers and trainees, training material, accommodation and catering, rental of premises and equipment, interpretation if needed et cetera.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and will start after the approval of the 2012 Annual Program and will finish by the 30-06-2014.

However, the trainees will **not** be the same, among the A.P. 2009, 2010 and 2011.

The procedure for the implementation of the above mentioned action for the annual programmes 2010 and 2011 is ongoing and has not been yet finished.

To support the trainings, an integrated handbook will be created which will include all relevant regulation and laws about the management of migration flows. The handbook will include laws and other best practices (guidelines) for regular cases.

#### 3.4.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will implement this action in association with to the appropriate Divisions of the Hellenic Police Headquarters of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

#### 3.4.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the European Return Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8, 11 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters / Finance Division, Aliens Division and Training Division will implement the above-mentioned action.

#### 3.4.1.4. Expected quantified results and indicators to be used

The results regarding the a-m action being developed and realized are expected to be the following:

- The efficient training of the police personnel on issues of returns, adapted to the needs and the standards defined by the European legislation.
- The efficient performance of the police personnel duties on return issues.
- The integrated management of returns.

**Output:** Number of and type of training seminars organized. Number and type of authorities trained. Number and types of topics covered. Number of participants, number of study visits.

**Outcome:** Increased knowledge of international standards regarding return. Enhanced capacity of competent authorities to deliver high quality decisions. Changes in national legislation and practices as a result of knowledge gained in the trainings.

**Impact:** Effective and uniform application of common standards on return. Decrease in allegations of human rights violations in the area of return.

#### 3.4.1.5. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.4.1.6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.4.1.7. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 4, will receive 91% financing from Community resources (EURO **127.400,00**) and 9% from national resources (EURO **12.600,00** from the state budget) bringing public spending on this project to EURO **140.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministries of Finance and of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport & Networks through the Public Investment Program (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the

specific action according to our national legislation and the article 11 of the implementing rules.

#### 3.4.1.8. Categorisation of the action according to the typology for the Fund

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<b>LAYER 2 (THE TEN TYPOLOGIES)</b>	
<b>Typology (1 to 10)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
6. Capacity building of staff	100 %

**Action 3.4.2.: Developing common indicators (outcome indicators, policy indicators) to monitor and evaluate voluntary and /or enforced return programs at national and Community levels**

*This action will be implemented in 2013 AP.*

**Action 3.4.3.: National data collection in the area of return (with particular attention on the appropriateness of the reference sources and the method of data collection with a view to improving the quality of data sources and the speed of data collection) and comparisons with other Member States**

*This action will be implemented in 2013 AP.*

## **4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

### **4.1 PURPOSE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Technical assistance is a valuable tool and is vital if the projects described above are to be developed/implemented effectively. It focuses mainly on the organisation of the Responsible Authority and on the programming, design, preparation, evaluation, management, monitoring, publicity, application and control of the actions integrated under the European Return Fund and co-financed from Community and national resources.

The Technical Assistance will finance measures of publicity, such as preparation of the Responsible Authority's web site and publication of relevant data, the preparation of the procedure manuals by a consultant company, translations of programmes (Greek to English and vice versa) by authorized private offices, trainings of the Responsible Authority's personnel, books and scientific magazines for RA's personnel to increase the knowledge of the RA staff on issues related to contracts, planning, evaluation, testing, implementation of EU legislation, etc., on spot checks by Unit C of the Responsible Authority and the Audit Authority, travelling expenditures of the personnel of all the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority) and purchase of electronic computers (personal computers), relevant technical equipment and consumables for the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority).

Additionally, an information activity will be organized to present the achievements of the 2011 annual programme (Art. 33 (2) (a) of the Decision E (2008) 796). The implementation trail of the 2008, 2009 and 2010 APs' actions will be presented with the references to the budget and the purpose and scope of each action. The following stakeholders will be invited to the above mentioned presentation: the leadership of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, the political leadership of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, representatives of other Ministries and international organizations and NGOs.

The Technical assistance has been calculated to be financed only (100% EC Contribution) under the Community contribution, giving the sum of **EUR 336.265,00** for 2012.

### **4.2. EXPECTED QUANTIFIED RESULTS**

The results expected from the use of Technical Assistance are faster implementation of the actions planned and a better standard of management, monitoring and implementation, in order to make the best possible use of Community and national resources. This will be achieved by improving the administrative and technical capacity of those involved in the management, monitoring and control system at all stages of design, programming, evaluation, management, selection, monitoring, publicity, application and control.

### **4.3. VISIBILITY OF EC FUNDING**

As described in point 3.1.1.6.

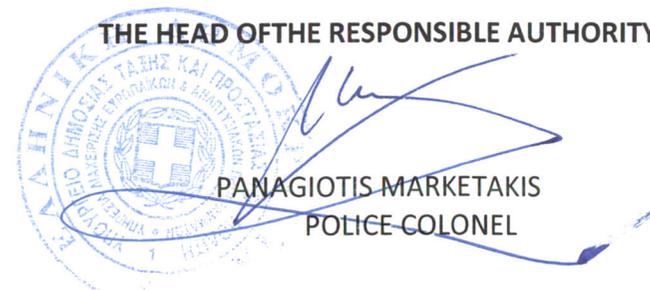
## 5. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

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<b>Member State:</b>		<b>GREECE</b>						
<b>Annual programme concerned:</b>		<b>2012</b>						
<b>Fund:</b>		<b>EUROPEAN RETURN FUND</b>						
<i>(all figures in euro)</i>	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority (1)	Community Contribution (a)	Public Allocation (b)	Private Allocation (c)	TOTAL (d= a+b+c)	% EC (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)
<i>Action 3.1.1.: The improvement of the information provided to potential returnees, by the employment of interpreters and translators of their languages</i>	1		682.500,00	67.500,00	-----	<b>750.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	1,83%
<i>Action 3.1.2.: The improvement of the provision of psychological support to potential returnees by employing social workers/psychologists.</i>	1		1.137.500,00	112.500,00	-----	<b>1.250.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	3,05%
<i>Action 3.1.3.: Improvement of cooperation on return with authorities of the partner third countries and with other Member States</i>	1		45.500,00	4.500,00	-----	<b>50.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,12%
<i>Action 3.1.4.: Bilateral meetings with the Consular Authorities of the third countries</i>	1		54.600,00	5.400,00	-----	<b>60.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,15%
<i>Action 3.1.5.: The implementation of enforced returns or facilitation of voluntary departure by the Hellenic Police for third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfill the conditions for entry and stay</i>	1		1.961.960,00	194.040,00	-----	<b>2.156.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	5,26%
<i>Action 3.1.6.: The improvement of the provision of legal support to potential returnees by employing legal advisers.</i>	1		27.300,00	2.700,00	-----	<b>30.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,07%
<i>Action 3.1.7.: The improvement of the detention conditions for the detainees who are under the procedure of return, especially to vulnerable groups</i>	1		1.962.688,00	194.112,00	-----	<b>2.156.800,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	5,26%
<i>Action 3.1.8.: Creation or upgrading of detention centers for detainees who are under the procedure of return.</i>	1		18.473.000,00	1.827.000,00	-----	<b>20.300.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	49,49%
<i>Action 3.1.9.: Organization trainings for Judicial Bodies</i>	1		27.300,00	2.700,00	-----	<b>30.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,07%
<i>Action 3.1.10.: Reinforcing the Ombudsman capacity in pre-return and return processes</i>	1		9.100,00	900,00	-----	<b>10.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,02%

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<i>Action 3.1.11.: Provision of medical aid in repatriation centers during the process of return</i>	<b>1</b>		1.365.000,00	135.000,00	-----	<b>1.500.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	3,66%
<i>Action 3.1.12.: Upgrading of the Deportation Departments of Attica and Thessaloniki Aliens Divisions</i>	<b>1</b>		473.200,00	46.800,00	-----	<b>520.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	1,27%
<i>Action 3.2.1.: The implementation of joint activities with other EU Member States</i>	<b>2</b>		1.574.300,00	155.700,00	-----	<b>1.730.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	4,22%
<i>Action 3.3.1.: The implementation of assisted voluntary returns including reintegration measures</i>	<b>3</b>		9.100.000,00	900.000,00	-----	<b>10.000.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	24,38%
<i>Action 3.4.1.: Trainings of the Hellenic Police personnel</i>	<b>4</b>		127.400,00	12.600,00	-----	<b>140.000,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,34%
<i>Action 3.4.2.: Developing common indicators (outcome indicators, policy indicators) to monitor and evaluate voluntary and /or enforced return programs at national and Community levels</i>	<b>4</b>		0,00	0,00	-----	<b>0,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,00%
<i>Action 3.4.3.: National data collection in the area of return and comparisons with other Member States</i>	<b>4</b>		0,00	0,00	-----	<b>0,00</b>	<b>91%</b>	0,00%
<b>Technical assistance</b>			336.265,00	0,00	-----	<b>336.265,00</b>	<b>100%</b>	0,82%
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>37.357.613,00</b>	<b>3.661.452,00</b>		<b>41.019.065,00</b>	<b>91,07%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

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