



## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022/CFP/POST/01**

**FOR SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF REINTEGRATION SERVICES TO NON-EU NATIONALS RETURNING TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RESTRICTED TO FRONTEx FRAMEWORK PARTNERS SELECTED UNDER CALL FOR PROPOSALS No 2021/CFP/POST/01**

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## Glossary

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| AO                | Authorizing Officer   |
| Country of origin | A non-EU country where reintegration assistance is provided by reintegration partners         |
| ERRIN             | European Return and Reintegration Network   |
| FPA               | Framework Partnership Agreement   |
| FR                | Forced return   |
| Frontex           | European Border and Coast Guard Agency  |
| JRS               | Joint Reintegration Services  |
| LRP               | Local Reintegration Partner   |
| SA                | Specific Agreement  |
| MS                | European Union Member States and Schengen Associated Countries                                |
| Non-EU country    | A country outside the EU and Schengen Associated Countries                                    |
| Non-EU national   | A person who is not a citizen of one of the EU Member States or Schengen Associated Countries |
| RP                | Reintegration partner   |
| PA                | Post arrival assistance   |
| PR                | Post return assistance  |
| UAM               | Unaccompanied Minor   |
| VR                | Voluntary Return  |

## 1 Introduction

Pursuant to Article 48 (1)(a)(i) and (iv) of Regulation (EU) 1896/2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard (hereinafter referred to as ‘Regulation’)<sup>1</sup>, Frontex is mandated to support Member States and Schengen Associated Countries (hereinafter collectively referred to as Member States or MS) in providing post-arrival and post-return (PA/PR) assistance, also known as reintegration assistance.

On 5 November 2021 the Call for Proposals NO 2021/CFP/POST/01 for a Framework Partnership Agreement to provide reintegration services to non-EU nationals returning to their countries of origin was published on the Frontex website. This open call had the objective to conclude Framework Partnership Agreements with interested reintegration service providers (hereinafter referred to as reintegration partner or RP) for a period of four years.

Following the expiration of the deadline on 17 December 2021, the proposals from 8 applicants were carefully evaluated against the admissibility, eligibility and award criteria. The Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Frontex Executive Director provided on 14 of January 2022 a recommendation to the Authorizing Officer for an award decision wherein out of eight applicants, six applicants were presented that passed all criteria and could be offered a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA). The award decision was signed the same day by the Authorizing Officer, confirming the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee. The successful applicants are Caritas International Belgium, IRARA, IOM, ETTC, WELDO and Life Makers Foundation Egypt. The unsuccessful applicants are BRAC and WISE. All applicants were informed about the decision in writing on 17 January 2022.

Following this decision, the FPA’s were prepared and sent to the applicants for signature on 28 January 2022.

## 2 Objectives and expected results

### 2.1 General objective

According to the strategic objective indicated in section 2.3, Key Activity 2.4.1, of the Single Programming document 2021-2023 to “provide operational and technical assistance for all stages of the return process, from the pre-return stage to (assisted) voluntary and forced returns, and post-arrival/post-return area, including pooling and sharing of information and practices” this call for proposals aims to establish support actions of common interest to be prepared and implemented within the framework of Key Activity 2.4.1.

The general objective of this call for proposals is to **conclude Specific Agreements with Reintegration Partners** for a period of one year to cover specific countries of origin.

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<sup>1</sup> [EUR-Lex - 32019R1896 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

## 2.2 Specific objective

The specific objective of this call for proposals is to ensure the provision of high-quality post-arrival assistance (short-term, covering three days) and post-return reintegration assistance (long-term, up to 12 months) to irregular staying non-EU nationals to the following countries of origin, indicated below in the table, in accordance with the respect for fundamental rights, and taking into account the best interest of a child.

| No.      | Country of origin | No.       | Country of origin | No.       | Country of origin  |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>1</b> | IRAQ<br>1400      | <b>10</b> | BANGLADESH<br>125 | 19        | BRAZIL<br>150      |
| <b>2</b> | RUSSIA<br>800     | <b>11</b> | VIETNAM<br>75     | <b>20</b> | N. MACEDONIA<br>75 |
| <b>3</b> | PAKISTAN<br>600   | <b>12</b> | GHANA<br>125      | <b>21</b> | ETHIOPIA<br>75     |
| <b>4</b> | UKRAINE<br>450    | <b>13</b> | MOLDOVA<br>50     | <b>22</b> | MONGOLIA<br>125    |
| <b>5</b> | GEORGIA<br>375    | <b>14</b> | EGYPT<br>75       | <b>23</b> | GUINEA<br>75       |
| <b>6</b> | MOROCCO<br>150    | <b>15</b> | TURKEY<br>50      | <b>24</b> | ALBANIA<br>50      |
| <b>7</b> | INDIA<br>275      | <b>16</b> | SOMALIA<br>150    | <b>25</b> | THE GAMBIA<br>50   |
| <b>8</b> | ARMENIA<br>375    | <b>17</b> | IRAN<br>75        | <b>26</b> | SRI LANKA<br>25    |
| <b>9</b> | NIGERIA<br>250    | <b>18</b> | ALGERIA<br>50     | <b>27</b> | EL SALVADOR<br>250 |

For details on how to calculate the number of each category of returnee please refer to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

## 2.3 Expected results

The Call for Proposals should result in the following:

- Signature of Specific Agreements with reliable reintegration partners covering the countries of origin highlighted in section 2.2 to provide post-arrival and post-return reintegration assistance.

- The provision of a wide range of high-quality post-arrival assistance and post-return reintegration assistance to irregular residing non-EU nationals on the territories of the MS, returning to their countries of origin, both voluntarily and non-voluntarily. To support an efficient service delivery, the selected partners shall be requested to use Reintegration Assistance Tool (RIAT), developed by the Commission. Moreover, the available activities and services by the partners shall meet high standards of delivery and will be monitored in accordance with a quality monitoring framework<sup>2</sup>.

### 3 Timetable

The award of Specific Agreements (SA) for this call for proposals shall be conducted according to the following indicative timetable:

|     | <b>Steps</b>   | <b>Date and time or indicative period</b> |
|-----|--|---|
| (a) | Call for proposals for specific country of origin                | <b>7 February 2022</b>                    |
| (b) | Deadline for submitting proposals for specific country of origin | <b>20 February 2022</b>                   |
| (c) | Evaluation period for proposals for specific country of origin   | <b>21 February 2022<br/>11 March 2022</b> |
| (d) | Award and signatures of Specific Agreements                      | <b>14 March 2022<br/>31 March 2022</b>    |
| (e) | Start of implementation  | <b>1 April 2022</b>                       |

### 4 Budget available

The total budget earmarked for 2022 for the co-financing of projects under this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 14,300,000. This amount will be split between multiple specific agreements with multiple RP.

This amount is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2022 after the adoption of the budget for 2022 by the budgetary authority or provided for in the provisional twelfths.

Frontex reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

<sup>2</sup> According to the EU Strategy on Voluntary Return a Quality Monitoring Framework is being developed by ERRIN and MPI in close cooperation with the MS and Frontex. This Quality Monitoring Framework will be used to ensure the quality of the reintegration services within the FPA.

The total budget for the consecutive years under the FPA will be allocated on a yearly basis.

## 5 Admissibility Requirements

In order to be admissible:

- Proposals must be sent by email to [ECRET.EVALUATION@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:ECRET.EVALUATION@frontex.europa.eu) no later than the deadline for submitting applications referred to in section 3;
- Proposals shall be submitted in electronic form both in PDF and Word/Excel (see section 14), using the application and factsheet;
- Proposals must be drafted in English.

Failure to comply with these requirements will lead to rejection of the proposal.

## 6 Eligibility Criteria

### 6.1 Eligible proposals

Proposals for coverage of specific countries of origin must meet the following criteria:

- Must be submitted by an organisation that has been awarded and signed an FPA with Frontex following the call for proposals no. 2021/CFP/POST/01 for a framework partnership agreement to provide reintegration services to non-EU nationals returning to their countries of origin.
- The countries of origin included in the proposal match the initial coverage specified in the FPA and also matches the requested coverage specified in this call;
- The partner or subcontractor of the partner has been established in the country of origin for at least 3 years prior to the submission of the proposal.

### Supporting documents

In order to assess the proposals' eligibility, the following supporting documents are requested, for each third country included in the proposal:

- A copy of the certificate of official registration or another official document attesting the establishment of the entity or its' subcontractor/partner in the country of origin for at least 3 years;
- Annex II - Factsheet, one for each country of origin covered in the proposal.
- Annex III - Estimated Budget, one for each country of origin covered in the proposal.

## 6.2 Eligible activities to be covered under the Specific Agreement

For details regarding Eligible activities please refer to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>, returning.

## 7. Exclusion Criteria

For details regarding Exclusion criteria please refer to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

### 7.1. Supporting documents<sup>3</sup>

The declaration of Honour submitted under the open call for proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 remains valid unless substantial changes occurred in the meantime and require its re-submission by the partner.

If there is a need to be re-submitted, the model declaration of honour can be found as one of the annexes to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

## 8. Selection criteria<sup>4</sup>

For selection of RP based on Financial and Operational capacity the declaration of Honour submitted under the open call for proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 remains valid unless substantial changes occurred in the meantime and require its re-submission by the partner.

If there is a need to be re-submitted, the model declaration of honour can be found as one of the annexes to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

## 9 Award criteria<sup>5</sup>

### 9.1 Award criteria for the Specific Agreements

The evaluation of the proposals is to be organised as follows:

- During the evaluation of the proposals for SA, the RP will be ranked using the indicators specified in the Factsheet (Annex II). In principle, the highest scoring RP will be selected for each country of origin. There is a minimum threshold of 60% (186 points) of the total maximum points (310 points) that the RP must obtain to be awarded a SA for a specific country of origin. Frontex reserves the right to select one or more RP for the same country of origin based on the capacity to provide services and operational needs. If more than one RP scores above 60%,

<sup>3</sup> Article 137 REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation

<sup>4</sup> Article 198 REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation

<sup>5</sup> Article 199 REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation



the one with the most points will be selected. If there are 2 or more RP with the same amount of points, then the lowest cost option will be selected. The rest of the RP will be put on a reserve list for that particular country of origin.

- In order to be considered each applicant should complete and submit one Factsheet (Annex II) and a proposed budget (Annex III), for each country of origin they have been invited to submit proposals for.
- The same process of evaluation will take place before the award of each subsequent grant.
- If during the period of the validity of the FPA the selected RP, that was also awarded a SA, falls under the score with which they were selected, they must take swift action to remedy the situation. If the situation has not been remedied by the expiration date of the grant they were already awarded, Frontex may not award a subsequent SA to that partner and may choose the next one on the reserve list to continue providing reintegration services in that particular country of origin.

In addition to the above-mentioned indicators, the RP will be required to provide answers to 5 questions in the Factsheet (Annex II). The answers will be evaluated by the selection committee and given a value of between 0 and 20 points each. These points are integral part of the final scoring. Please keep the answers as short as possible without detriment to the quality of the answer (max 100 words).

If there is a need for more information, during the evaluation process of the proposals for SA, Frontex may invite the project manager/country director responsible for every specific TC for an interview. A CV and contact details of project manager/country director for each country of origin covered in the proposal must be submitted.

**Together with Annex II - The Factsheet for each third country covered, the proposal must include a 1-year budget (Annex III) for that respective country or origin that includes a very detailed break-down for each proposed Unit Cost (Operating Cost, Handling Fee for the Post Arrival package and Handling Fee for the Post Return package).**

## 10. Legal commitments<sup>6</sup>

For details regarding Legal Commitments please refer to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

## 11. Financial provisions

For details regarding Financial provisions please refer to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

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<sup>6</sup> Article 201 REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation.

### 11.1. Balanced budget<sup>7</sup>

This budget refers to the implementation of the Specific Agreement.

The estimated budget for 1 year, broken down by each country of return must be attached to the application form. The budget must be detailed and must clearly indicate the eligible costs of the action.

The budget must be drawn up in euros.

Applicants for whom costs will not be incurred in euros should use the exchange rate published on the Infor-euro website available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts\\_grants/info\\_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm)

## 12. Publicity

For details regarding Publicity please refer to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

## 13. Processing of personal data

For details regarding the Processing of personal data please refer to the Call for Proposals 2021/CFP/POST/01 available at <https://frontex.europa.eu/about-frontex/grants/>.

## 14 Procedure for the submission of proposals

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline set out under section 3.

No modification to the proposal is allowed once the deadline for submission has elapsed. However, if there is a need to clarify certain aspects or to correct clerical mistakes, Frontex may contact the applicant during the evaluation process<sup>8</sup>.

Applicants will be informed in writing about the results of the selection process.<sup>9</sup>

### **Submission by email:**

Applications must be submitted in the electronic form, duly completed and dated, both in PDF (application must be signed) and in Word/Excel.

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<sup>7</sup> Article 196(1)(e) [REGULATION \(EU, Euratom\) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation](#)

<sup>8</sup> Articles 151 and 200(3) [REGULATION \(EU, Euratom\) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation](#)

<sup>9</sup> Article 200 [REGULATION \(EU, Euratom\) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation](#)

Where applicable, all additional information considered necessary by the applicant can be included on separate sheets.

Applications must be sent to the following email address<sup>10</sup>:

[ECRET.EVALUATION@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:ECRET.EVALUATION@frontex.europa.eu)

Applications delivered on paper or hand-written applications will not be accepted.

## 15 Contacts

Questions regarding the call for proposals, indicating the reference number of this call for proposals (2022/CFP/POST/01), can be sent to the functional mailbox address [HoU.POST@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:HoU.POST@frontex.europa.eu).

The last day for submission of questions on the call for proposals will be 3 working days before the deadline for submitting applications. Frontex will reply to inquiries as soon as possible.

The record of the questions and given replies will form integral part of the Evaluation Report made by the Evaluation Committee. Any questions received after the deadline will not be accepted. Any further contact concerning the grant application procedure between members of the Evaluation Committee and the applicants are not allowed and cannot serve as an exchange of information on the evaluation of individual case.

At the initiative of the members of the Evaluation Committee, contact is allowed to clarify issues concerning the application (proposal) which the Evaluation Committee is not able to assess properly. This contact is allowed as long as it is in line with the principle of equal treatment and does not give rise to legitimate expectations on the part of the applicants contacted. Such contact will be recorded in writing and included in the Evaluation Report.

Frontex will send the reply directly to the email address from which the inquiry was sent.

## 16 Annexes

- Annex I - Application
- Annex II - Factsheet
- Annex III - Estimated Budget
- Annex IV - Model Specific Agreement

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<sup>10</sup> Article 149(5) [REGULATION \(EU, Euratom\) 2018/1046 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 July 2018 as referred to in Article 91 of MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 19/2019 of 23 July 2019 adopting the Frontex Financial Regulation](#)