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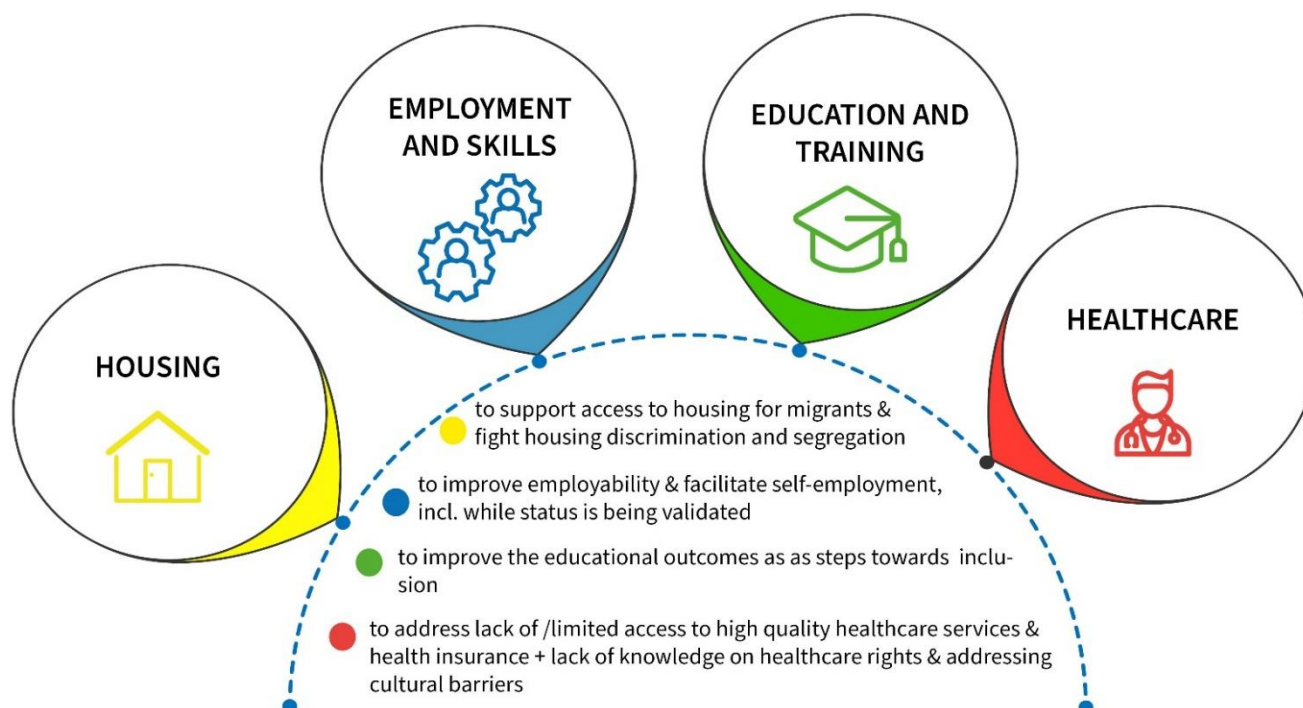
## Partnerships and Financing for Migrant Inclusion (PAFMI)

### What is PAFMI?

PAFMI is a project funded by the European Commission/ DG HOME through the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and managed by the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB).

The project's objective is to improve the inclusion of migrants<sup>1</sup> in the European Union (EU), by supporting the creation of multi-stakeholder partnerships and development of new forms of financing. This will be achieved by distributing grants for entities to implement activities targeting migrant integration. Special emphasis is put on complementing or "bundling" the grants with past, existing, or prospective CEB loans. This aims to stimulate the use of loans for the purpose of integration of migrants.

### What are the sectors of interest & desired outcomes?



### What types of actions can receive funding?

The project aims to support cities and regions in the EU in facilitating the integration and inclusion of migrants. PAFMI's approach is thus to address integration challenges through a "bottom up" approach, where solutions to the integration challenges are proposed by actors in the field. Organizations, applying in partnerships, will be invited to submit proposals. Funds will be distributed through a competitive call for proposals<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Migrants are defined as third country nationals legally staying in the EU.

<sup>2</sup> In line with [CEB General Rule 01/2020 laying down the CEB's competitive procedure to award grants](#)

Organizations, applying in partnerships, can request funding for the following actions:

- **Small (Pilot) Projects** – consisting of soft measures in the sectors of interest listed above. The available budget is between EUR 500,000 to EUR 1,000,000 per small (pilot) project.
- **Project Preparatory Activities** – consisting of technical assistance for the preparation of new projects to be potentially financed with a CEB loan. The available budget is maximum EUR 235,000 per activity.
- **Small (Pilot) Projects in conjunction with Project Preparatory Activities for the development of new projects** – consisting of a combination of the two actions listed above. The available budget is between EUR 500,000 to EUR 1,000,000 per combination of small (pilot) project and new project preparatory activities.

The total budget available for the Call is close to €2,800,000.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

- The call will be open to entities based in: *Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.*
- Proposals should be submitted by applicants who apply in partnerships. Each applicant can apply in only one partnership.
- Applicants should be: a public administration, public body (including publicly-owned enterprises), non-governmental organisation, financial institution, or financial intermediary, operating at the local, regional, or national level (in which case they need to partner with a local/regional entity to implement the action).
- Partnerships must consist of *at least one* applicant that is a public administration/ public body.
- Partnerships for Small (Pilot) Projects or for Small (Pilot) Projects in conjunction with Project Preparatory Activities must consist of *at least one* applicant that has a prospective<sup>3</sup>, existing, or past<sup>4</sup> CEB loan in support of vulnerable groups, inclusive growth, or any of the sectors of interest to this project.
- To be eligible for standalone Project Preparatory Activities, at least one of the applicants should express and substantiate, in the form of a commitment letter, a high degree of interest in utilizing CEB loans for the inclusion of migrants.

### **What is the timeline and expected duration of the actions?**

- Launch of the Call for Proposals: Spring 2022.
- Call will be open for 2 months; information session with interested applicants to be organized by CEB.
- Starting date of activities: tentatively September 2022.
- Duration of activities: 24 months from the starting date.

### **What types of activities can be proposed? – Examples:**

#### **Housing**

- Development of innovative housing models, including autonomous housing, for migrants and vulnerable groups;
- Training, development of tools and awareness raising on fighting discrimination in the housing market, especially tackling of territorial segregation;

<sup>3</sup> Prospective CEB borrowers are defined as those entities that have an ongoing advanced dialogue in the sense of an initiated and ongoing appraisal with CEB on a new loan in the sectors of interest to this project.

<sup>4</sup> Past CEB borrowers are defined as those entities that have completed CEB-financed infrastructure and/or are underway of repaying a CEB loan for a project in the sectors of interest to this project.

- Development and support of incentive schemes for housing of migrants;

### **Employment and Skills**

- Non-formal Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), business skills, and entrepreneurship/mentorship initiatives targeting specific vulnerable migrant groups, implemented in cooperation with private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs);
- Establishment of social inclusion one-stop-shops to educate and assist migrants' social integration challenges, operating businesses, participation in recruitment processes, etc.;
- Facilitation of access to finance for migrants by supporting Micro Financial Institutions (MFIs) in creating/launching products tailored to their needs and providing capacity building to MFIs;

### **Education and Training**

- Support to early childhood education for migrant children, including by covering enrolment costs, introducing programs tailored to them, purchase of learning supplies etc.;
- Provision of advanced civic, language and digital skills training to migrants;
- Provision of language and cultural training to case handlers to facilitate communication and integration;
- Facilitating conversion of educational credits appropriated in home countries by linking third-country nationals to respective central level authorities; etc.

### **Healthcare**

- Awareness raising activities targeted at migrants on their healthcare rights, including those related to health insurance;
- Provision of training to health care workers on diversity management and the needs of women migrants and vulnerable migrant groups;
- Activities to improve migrants' health literacy and facilitate their access to general health services, including mental health, by providing services adapted to their needs and tackling discrimination, setting up/running of intercultural mediation schemes, etc.

### ***Who can be contacted for further information?***

CEB would be happy to answer your questions on PAFMI. Please contact the [Country Manager](#) responsible for your country or send your requests for clarification to [L&D-GO@coebank.org](mailto:L&D-GO@coebank.org).