The Facility for Refugees in Turkey

Background

In 2015, the European Union and its Member States decided to step up their political and financial engagement to support Turkey in its efforts in hosting refugees. Comprehensive cooperation based on shared responsibility, mutual commitments and delivery between the European Union and Turkey was agreed upon within the framework of the 29 November 2015 EU-Turkey Statement¹. The summit of 29 November 2015 activated the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan (JAP)² to help Turkey address the consequences of the Syria conflict. The JAP aims to address the current migration crisis in two ways: (1) by supporting Syrians and their Turkish host communities, (2) by strengthening cooperation to prevent irregular migration. It commits Turkey to continue to protect and support Syrians, including by providing education and health and allowing them to work.

In answer to the call from EU Member States for significant additional funding to support refugees in Turkey, the Commission established the Facility for Refugees in Turkey by means of the Commission Decision of 24 November 2015, amended on 10 February 2016³. The Facility is a mechanism to coordinate the mobilisation of resources made available under both the EU budget and additional contributions from Member States integrated into the EU budget as external assigned revenue.

The functioning of the Facility

The total budget coordinated by the Facility is EUR 3 billion to be contracted in the period 2016-2017. This is made up of EUR 1 billion from the EU budget, and EUR 2 billion in additional funding from the Member States⁴. Member States' contributions are made directly to the EU General Budget in the form of external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation and assigned to the IPA II and HUMA budget lines respectively. Of the EUR 1 billion from the EU budget, EUR 250 million was mobilised in 2016 and EUR 750 million is set aside in the 2017 budget.

In line with Article 3 (2) of the Commission Decision establishing the Facility, the second Steering Committee of 12 May 2016 agreed that the Facility should focus on six priority areas: (1) humanitarian assistance, (2) migration management, (3) education, (4) health, (5) municipal infrastructure and (6) socio-economic support. The key principles guiding Facility implementation are speed, efficiency and effectiveness while ensuring sound financial management. Sustainability of Facility interventions is also important, as is the shared ownership with the Turkish authorities. The identification of priority areas for Facility assistance is based on a comprehensive and independent needs assessment.

More information is available on the website of the Facility:

https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/news corner/migration en

¹ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2015/11/29/

² http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-15-5860 fr.htm

³ Commission Decision C(2016) 60/03 of 10.02.2016 on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey amending Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 of 24 November 2015.

⁴ The total distribution of Member States' contributions is available at http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/02/03-refugee-facility-for-turkey/

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Monthly Report on Facility for Refugees in Turkey

Highlights:

Pledges and contributions

The Facility coordinates a budget of EUR 3 billion for 2016-2017. Member States have pledged EUR 2 billion by way of legally binding contribution certificates acknowledged by the European Commission and the EU budget EUR 1 billion. Member States' contributions are made directly to the EU General Budget in the form of external assigned revenue and implemented under the rules of the EU budget.

Implementation

Implementation is progressing well. To date, 2/3 of the Facility (EUR 2.1 billion) has been committed; slightly over half (EUR 1.54 billion) contracted; and EUR 0.8 billion has been paid from the EU budget.

Funding coordinated under the Facility is implemented as humanitarian and nonhumanitarian assistance, with EUR 1.4 billion and EUR 1.6 billion indicatively allocated to the respective strands (including the funding from Member States' contributions).

To date, the non-humanitarian strand of the Facility, which is mainly implemented under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance and to a lesser degree under the Development Cooperation Instrument and the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, has been almost fully committed (EUR 1.47 billion out of the 1.6 billion), of which EUR 941 million has been contracted and EUR 300 million paid.

Out of the EUR 1.4 billion of the humanitarian strand (Humanitarian Aid), EUR 599 million has been committed and contracted and EUR 475 million paid from the EU budget. Most of the remaining EUR 0.8 billion will be contracted under the upcoming 2017 Humanitarian Implementation Plan (HIP) for Turkey¹.

The present report includes commitments, contracts and payments by the EU budget (including the contributions received from individual Member States which are booked as external assigned revenue on the budget lines concerned). A detailed financial reporting on the implementation of projects is available at the website of the Facility:

https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/frit_table.pdf

Will be available at http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding-evaluations/funding-decisions-hips_en.

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Since that report focuses on the implementation of projects, the data may be slightly different due to operations implemented by the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis².

² Some of the operations of the Facility are implemented by this Trust Fund, <u>which is outside the EU budget</u>. This is justified notably in order to support a pipeline of smaller-scale bottom-up projects which can be implemented swifter via the Trust Fund. When the EU budget makes a commitment or a payment to the Trust Fund, it is booked as a contract or a payment in the EU budget accounting system and in the present report. However, in the project implementing report referred to above, it is the contracts signed and the payments made <u>by the Trust Fund</u> that are included. As for payments, the EU Trust Fund requests the necessary payment appropriations from the EU budget gradually as payments fall due and only when necessary. If, as is currently the case, the cash balance in the Trust Fund is sufficient due to contributions from other donors, there may be a time-lag before the payments are asked from the EU budget.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE REPORT

Term	Definition						
Amount available for	This amount defines the total amount of legal obligations						
Commitments	(contracts, grant agreements/decisions) that can be incurred.						
Amount available for	Payment appropriations or contributions received to cov						
Payments	expenditure, arising from legal commitments entered in the						
339407	current year and/or earlier years.						
Appropriations	Amount of commitments/payments authorised by Parliament and Council in the annual EU budget.						
Budget item	As far as the budget structure is concerned, revenue and						
Dudget item	expenditure are shown in the budget in accordance with a bindin nomenclature which reflects the nature and purpose of each item						
	The budget nomenclature reflects different levels of						
	disaggregation (title, chapter, article or item)						
Commitment	See Appropriations						
appropriations							
Committed Amount	Amount reserved through a Commission decision or contract conclusion for future legal obligations (contracts, grant agreements/decisions)						
Contracted Amount	Amounts previously reserved, translated into binding contracts						
EDF	European Development Fund						
EUTFs	EU Trust Funds are Trust Funds directly implemented by the European Commission pooling resources from various sources.						
Origin of funding	Amounts available broken down by type of donor						
Implementation rate	Share of available amounts committed or paid						
Paid amount	Disbursement made to honour legal obligations.						
Payment	See Appropriations						
appropriations	8-91-02-12 (21 ft - 10-10-10-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02						
Total Pledge	Total funding for the trust fund as agreed by donors.						
Trust Fund	Fund established for a specific purpose with financial						
	contributions from the EU budget and one or more donors and administered by an administrative agent, the Trustee.						



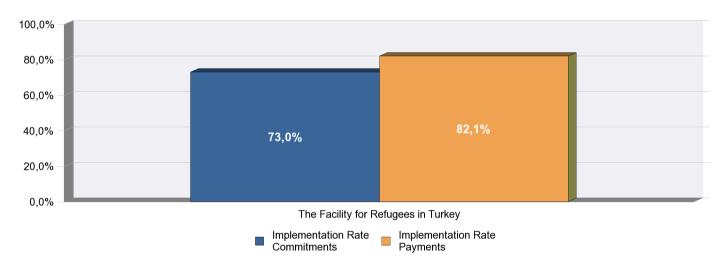
1. Overview on the Implementation of The Facility for Refugees in Turkey 06/04/2017

in '000 euro

Name	Cumulative Amount made available for Commitments	Committed Amount	Implementation Rate Commitments	Cumulative Amount made available for Payments	Paid Amount	Implementation Rate Payments
	(1)	(2)	(3)=(2)/(1)	(4)	(5)	(6)=(5)/(4)
The Facility for Refugees in Turkey	2.842.289	2.074.151	73,0%	944.375	774.933	82,1%

The difference between the pledge of EUR 3 billion and the cumulative amount available for commitments is due to amounts not yet being reserved on the relevant position in the Commission's accounting system.

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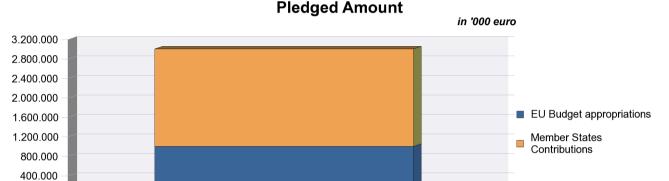
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2. The Facility for Refugees in Turkey - Origin of Amount Available at 06/04/2017

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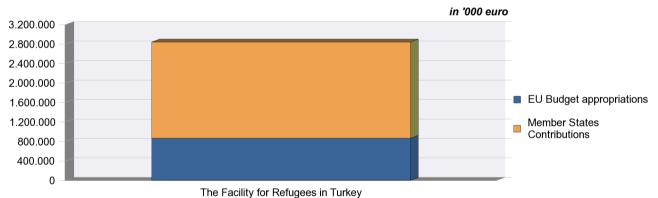
Name	Origin of funds	Total Pledge	Cumulative Amount made available for Commitments	Cumulative Amount made available for Pavments
The Facility for Refugees in Turkey	EU Budget appropriations	1.000.000	865.025	232.134
	Member States Contributions	2.000.000	1.977.265	712.241
	Sum:	3.000.000	2.842.289	944.375

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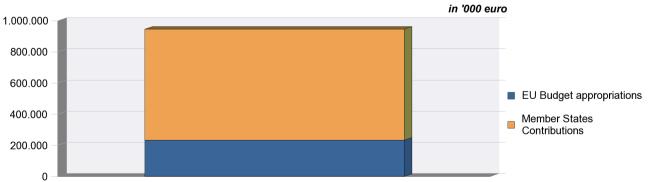


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Cumulative Amount made Available for Commitments



Cumulative Amount made Available for Payments



The Facility for Refugees in Turkey



in '000 euro

Program	Description	Cumulative Amount made available for Commitments	Committed Amount	Contracted Amount	Cumulative Amount made available for Payments	Paid Amount	%
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)=(5)/(1)
4.0.1	Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA II)	1.458.399	1.440.182	921.182	300.319	292.354	20,0%
4.0.3	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)	10.000	10.000		0		
4.0.6	Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)	40.000	20.000	20.000	7.240	7.240	18,1%
4.0.7	Humanitarian aid	1.333.890	603.968	599.074	636.816	475.339	35,6%
		2.842.289	2.074.151	1.540.256	944.375	774.933	27,3%

The commitments to be considered for the Facility are EUR 5 million lower, due to a 2015 global commitment of EUR 40 million under Humanitarian Aid of which only EUR 35 million were for the Facility.

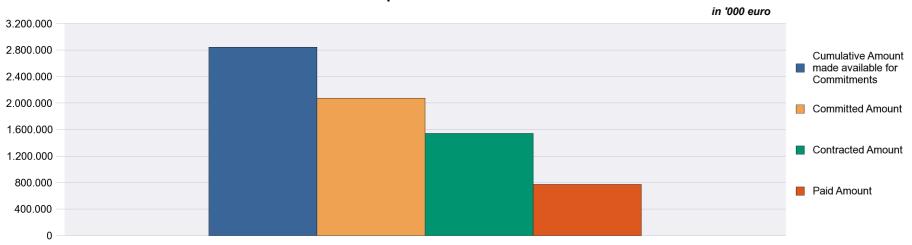
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Program	Description	Financial Year	Committed Amount	Contracted Amount	Paid Amount	%
			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(3)/(1)
4.0.7	Humanitarian aid	2015	40.000			
4.0.1	Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA II)	2016	939.047	915.047	290.000	30,9%
4.0.3	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)	2016	10.000			
4.0.6	Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)	2016	20.000	20.000	7.240	36,2%
4.0.7	Humanitarian aid	2016	562.853	522.603	443.319	78,8%
4.0.1	Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA II)	2017	501.136	6.136	2.354	0,5%
4.0.3	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)	2017	0			
4.0.6	Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)	2017	0	0		
4.0.7	Humanitarian aid	2017	1.115	76.470	32.020	2.871,2%
		Sum:	2.074.151	1.540.256	774.933	37,4%

An amount of EUR 35 million out of a global commitment of EUR 40 million was frontloaded for the Facility under Humanitarian Aid in 2015.



Implementation Overview



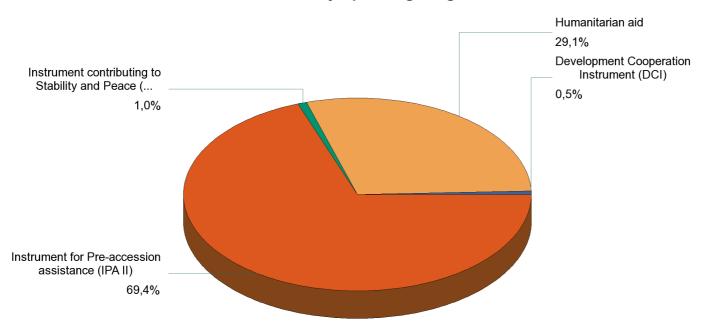
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Budgetary Execution - 2/4



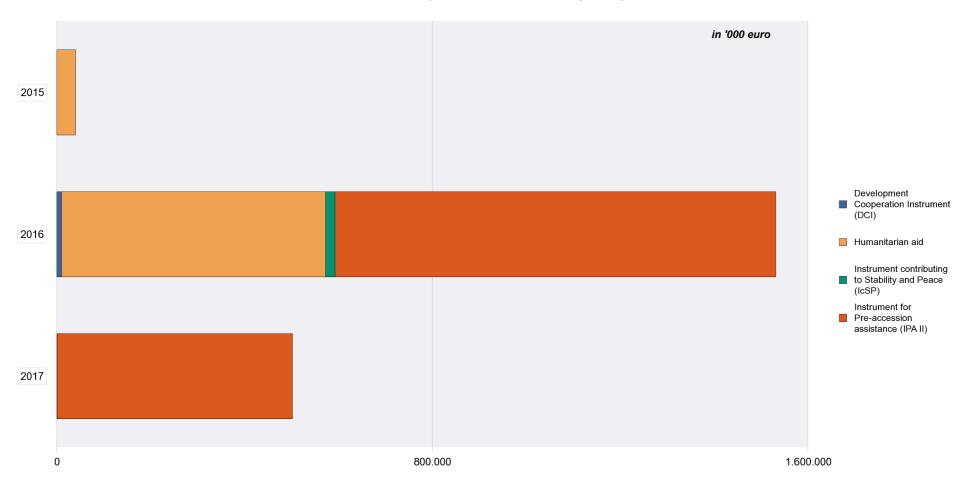
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Commitments by Year and Spending Programme



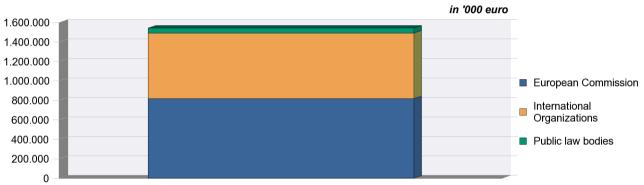


4. The Facility for Refugees in Turkey - Breakdown of Contracted Amounts by Implementing Actor at 06/04/2017

in '000 euro

Name	Implementing Actor	Contracted Amount	%
	European Commission	815.956	53,0%
The Facility for Refugees in Turkey	International Organizations	674.300	43,8%
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	Total	1.540.256	100,0%

Breakdown of Contracted Amount by Implementing Actor



The Facility for Refugees in Turkey