

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL HOME AFFAIRS

Directorate B: Immigration and Asylum - Unit B4: Financial support- Immigration and Asylum Directorate C: Migration and Borders – Unit C4: Financial support- Migration and Borders

Brussels, **1 3 JAN. 2011** HOME B4/C4 (2011)

Dear Members of the SOLID Committee,

<u>Subject</u>: Publication of the public consultation on EU funding in the area of home affairs under the next Multiannual Financial Framework (post 2013)

I would wish to inform you that on 10 January 2011, the Commission published the public consultation on EU funding in the area of home affairs under the next Multiannual Financial Framework (post 2013).

The consultation is available on the "Your Voice in Europe" page on Europa (<u>http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index en.htm</u>) and it will be open until 6 March 2011. It contains two documents: a questionnaire and a background document. At this stage in time, the questionnaire is available in English but translation to all the official languages of the EU (except for Gaelic) will follow in the second half of January. The background document will remain available only in English.

The public consultation forms part of the reflection process on the future spending priorities and mechanisms in the area of home affairs. It gives an opportunity to a wide range of stakeholders to present their views to the Commission about how well the existing programmes meet the needs of the home affairs policy area, how efficient they are and how they can be improved to meet future needs and bring more added value.

In this respect, your contribution is essential. I would therefore like to encourage you to complete the questionnaire on-line within the requested time span.

Yours sincerely,

Chiara GARIAZZO

Chair of the Committee

To the Members of the common Committee Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows

Copy to the Permanent Representations - JHA Counsellors

.

Enclosure: Background document + questionnaire

Commission européenne, B-1049 Bruxelles / Europese Commissie, B-1049 Brussel - Belgium. Telephone: (32-2) 299 11 11. Office: LX46 2/121. Telephone: direct line (32-2) 2964678. Fax: (32-2) 2980306.