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Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on:

European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 26/2024 entitled: “Integration of third-country nationals in the EU – Relevant support from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund but its impact could not yet be demonstrated”,

approved by the Council (Environment) at its 4089th meeting held on 27 March 2025.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 26/2024 entitled:

"Integration of third-country nationals in the EU – Relevant support from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund but its impact could not yet be demonstrated"

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1. TAKES NOTE of the Special Report 26/2024 of the European Court of Auditors (hereafter referred to as “the Court”).
2. STRESSES the importance of ensuring the effective use of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, particularly in supporting integration measures for third-country nationals and addressing socioeconomic challenges within the EU.
3. TAKES NOTES of the findings of the report, in particular that:
 - The Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund played a relevant role in the integration of third-country nationals in the EU, but that its impact could not yet be demonstrated.
 - The Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund provides a clear legislative framework for third-country nationals integration but faces administrative complexity.
 - Coordination between the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund and the European Social Fund was limited in 2014–2020 but improved for 2021–2027.
 - The Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund supports relevant integration activities, though tailoring for specific groups varies by Member State.
 - Limitations in monitoring and data collection hinder a full assessment of the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund impact on integration in the EU.

4. WELCOMES the allocation of increased budget for integration measures under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund for 2021-2027, acknowledging its importance in addressing the socioeconomic gaps faced by third-country nationals and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of related projects.
5. TAKES NOTES of the recommendations of the Court and INVITES the Commission, in particular, to:
 - Analyse how to identify the financing gaps and streamline the programming of Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund support for the integration of third-country nationals and to report on its findings to the Council.
 - Collect, analyse and disseminate best practices on Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund support for integration measures.
 - Improve the reliability of data and monitoring and reporting of Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund support for integration.
 - Analyse how to improve the reporting framework to enable the assessment of the performance of Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund support for the integration pathways of third-country nationals.
