

Open letter on funding cuts and their impact on asylum

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We signed up to an open letter ECRE (<https://ecre.org>) just published relating the challenges posed by recent US aid cuts. The letter (https://ecre.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Open-Letter_Funding_April-2025.pdf) urges institutional and private donors to increase their support and collaborate with civil society to maintain effective asylum systems in Europe.

"The impact of the funding cuts will be significant, also on asylum systems in Europe. First, cuts to support for displaced people in countries such as Ukraine or Türkiye will likely lead to more people arriving in EU Member States in search of protection.

Second, the European asylum sector, which in many countries is heavily dependent on funding from institutional or private donors, is directly affected."

ECRE has already published the open letter (https://ecre.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Open-Letter_Funding_April-2025.pdf) in websites and social media, and it is ready for distribution and circulation.

"Given this new reality, it is imperative that all relevant actors – the European Commission, Member States and private funders – reassess their priorities and address the shortfalls to prevent a crisis of asylum, reception and inclusion in Europe."

If you want to join the letter as signatories, the sign-up form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14VvD5GhAd5DYUOB6ubQTeq4oIXWFuXorvPyMV4o-E4/viewform?edit_requested=true) will be kept open for another week, until 29 April. Please do consider signing up as the funding cuts are already having an impact on asylum in Europe, and beyond.

<https://aditus.org.mt/2016/04/20/letter-to-eu-commission-member-states-and-private-funders-to-reassess-their-priorities-and-address-the-shortfalls-to-prevent-a-crisis-of-asylum-reception-and-inclusion-in-europe/>

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