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The Commission is aware of the precarious living conditions in the informal settlements of San Ferdinando¹. Protecting migrant workers from exploitation and ensuring that they enjoy adequate working and living conditions is a priority for the Commission. The EU legal migration Directives² and the Charter of Fundamental Rights provide that they shall live in dignified conditions, and the Seasonal Workers Directive³ provides for a right to accommodation that ensures an adequate standard of living. Working with Member States to support access of migrants to adequate and affordable housing is a priority of the Commission's Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion for 2021-27⁴.

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)⁵ contributes – among other things – to the socio-economic inclusion of third-country nationals. For instance, the AMIF Emergency Assistance programmes Su.Pr.Eme and Su.Pr.Eme 2⁶, included in Italy's AMIF National Programme 2021-2027 (EUR 30 million), target specific areas, including San Ferdinando, by providing assistance to victims of labour exploitation and promoting alternative housing solutions. Likewise, the ESF+⁷ within the National Programme for Inclusion and the fight against poverty 2021-2027 (EUR 15 million) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)⁸ in Italy support the integration of non-EU workers and access to quality housing. San Ferdinando also benefits from Italy's EU-funded National Recovery and Resilience Plan to overcome abusive settlements⁹.

¹ A survey conducted by Italy on the housing conditions of migrant workers employed in the agri-food sector, identified more than 10 000 migrant workers living in such informal settlements in 2022, including San Ferdinando, <https://www.anci.it/wp-content/uploads/Sintesi-Rapporto-INCAS.pdf>.

² Notably the Seasonal Workers Directive (2014/36/EU) and the Single Permit Directive (2011/98/EU).

³ Directive 2014/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers, OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/36/oj>.

⁴ COM(2020) 758 final.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, OJ L 251, 15.7.2021, p. 1–47, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1147/oj>.

⁶ Su.Pr.Eme stands for 'Sud Protagonista nel superamento delle Emergenze in ambito di grave sfruttamento e di gravi marginalità degli stranieri regolarmente presenti nelle 5 regioni meno sviluppate'. More information available here: <https://www.integrazionemigranti.gov.it/it-it/Dettaglio-progetto/id/62/SuPrEme2>.

⁷ Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013, OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1057/oj>.

⁸ Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund, OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1058/oj>.

⁹ <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/strumenti-e-servizi/attuazione-interventi-pnrr/pagine/m5c2-inv-2-2>.