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Significant developments happened in Ireland and Switzerland related to the funding of integration projects. The Minister for Justice in Ireland announced the launching of the National Integration Fund 2020, which provides around EUR 750,000 yearly for a period of 3 years for projects fostering migrant integration.[1083] In addition, the Minister of State with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration announced EUR 500,000 for community integration projects under the Communities Integration Fund.[1084]

The Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and cantonal authorities signed amendments to the convention on cantonal integration programmes for the implementation of the Swiss Integration Agenda, which includes more funding for cantons to carry out their plans.[1085] Asylex reported about a discussion on the management of cantonal reception centres for recognised beneficiaries and the proposed integration programmes. Media sources presented some of the irregularities in centres with outsourced, private management and found that there was no financial incentive for these centres to facilitate the integration of beneficiaries.[1086]

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