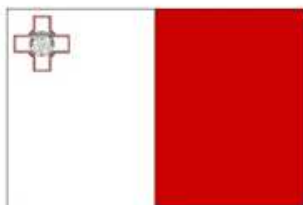




PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT  
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## Monitoring Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019



**Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and Internal Security Fund  
(2014-2020)**

Co-financing rate: 100% EU Funds – Technical Assistance

*Sustainable Management of Migration Flows and Internal Security*



# Update on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund National Programme

## Malta

# Outline:

## Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



# Outline:

## Project Approvals and Commitments Made



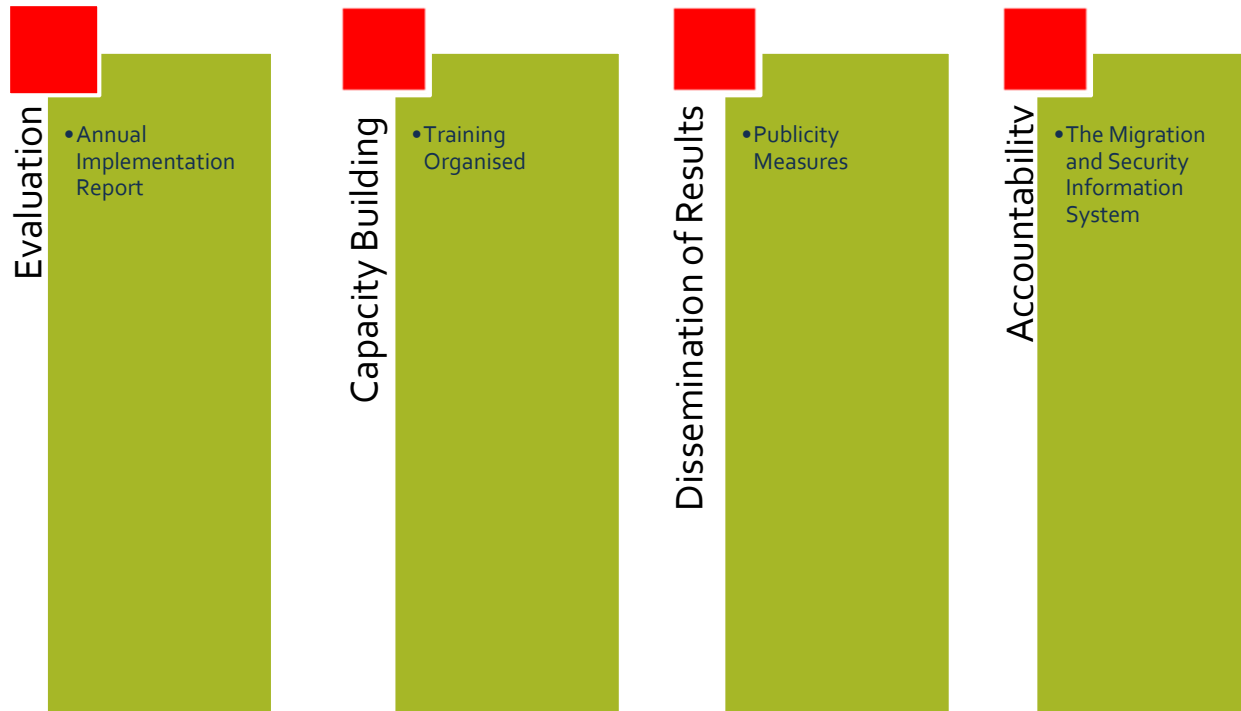
# Outline:

## Project Monitoring Undertaken



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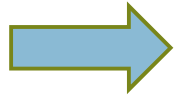
## Horizontal Activities undertaken



# Designation of the Responsible Authority

- Following the opinion issued by the IAID, the RA was officially designated on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 and communication was submitted on the same day to the European Commission.
- By means of communication dated, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Commission requested information on the Management and Control System from the Responsible Authority, the Designating Authority and the Audit Authority. Feedback was submitted on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- Following this information Commission informed the RA on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 that no major issues were found to be present on the management and control systems set up.

# Modification of the NP

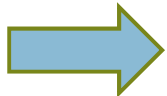


2018

- Modification to take into account a top-up budget allocation for Integration and Return (€359,000)
- Process was triggered on the 30th May 2018
- Revised NP sent to the European Commission on the 30th July 2018
- Formally adopted on the 29th November 2018
- Apart from factoring the top-up, the modification also included a project in relation to victims of human trafficking as well as cooperation with consular officers in Countries of Origin



# Modification of the NP



2019

- Modification to transfer unutilised funds under relocation to a newly established Specific Objective 4
- In line with guidance note Ares (2018) 6617507, dated the 21st December 2018
- Also included additional shifts from Specific Objective 3 to Specific Objective 4
- Human Trafficking project was moved from Specific Objective 1 to Specific Objective 2

# Issuance of Calls



Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
1 <sup>st</sup> Call for Applications	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2015	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Call for Applications	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016	1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Call for Applications	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	1
4 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	1
5 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	1

# Issuance of Calls

Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
6 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	8 January 2017	3 February 2017	10
7 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	23 January 2017	20 February 2017	1
8 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	27 February 2017	27 March 2017	1
9 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	26 May 2017	23 June 2017	5
10 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	3 July 2017	31 July 2017	1

# Issuance of Calls

Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
11 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	1 September 2017	29 September 2017	1
12 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	28 February 2018	5 April 2018	1
13 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	21 July 2018	24 August 2018	1
14 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	21 July 2018	20 September 2018	1
15 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	20 July 2018	24 August 2018	1

# Calls still to be issued

Following discussions with Beneficiary organisations, envisaged calls will be issued in the coming weeks to receive:

- A project to be done by the Foundation for Social Welfare Services which will provide safe and secure residences to accommodate victims of Human Trafficking and to address their needs.

# Projects Approved (1)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Integration	Training Third Country Nationals in Cultural Orientation, Language and work related skills for Employment (FSM)
	Integration of Third Country Nationals into Maltese Community (LCA)
	Homework aid for TCN parents enabling them to assist their children (Sliema LC)
	Bridging Cultures - Integrating People (RMCA)

# Projects Approved (2)

Continued...	
National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Return	Activities of Forced Return (MPF)
	Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin (RESTART VI (IOM))
Reception/Asylum	Improving and strengthening the asylum determination procedure through training and funds for interpreters (REFCOM)
Evaluation	The setting up of a unit that deals with requests related to regulation (EU) No 604/2013 (REFCOM)
Special Cases	Resettlement and Relocation (MHAS)

# Projects Approved (3)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Asylum	Provision of security services in AWAS units (AWAS)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Integration	Learning – Exchanging – Integrating (MEAE)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Integration	LLAPSI+ (Language Learning and Parental Support for Integration PLUS) (MEDE)



# Projects Approved (4)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
Reception / Asylum	Building of Asylum Seekers' Isolation Unit for Highly Infectious Diseases

# Projects Approved (5)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications 6

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum	Improving the cultural competence of Third Country Nationals (CCIF)
	Project Refugee Assistance Malta (ADITUS Foundation)
Cooperation	Cooperation with third countries on return matters (MPF)
Integration	Living Together – Towards understanding each other's culture (UOM)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum	New Open Centre at Hal Far (AWAS)

# Projects Approved (6)



## 8<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum	Renovation & Extension project at two Open Centres at Hal Far

## 9<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum	Support services for newly arrived asylum seekers (Aditus Foundation)
Integration	Facilitating labour market integration of TCN's: Provision of educational services (IOM – Malta)

# Projects Approved (7)

## 10<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

**National Objective  
Addressed**

**Title of Project**

Reception / Asylum

Provision of material aid and support services to assist asylum seekers

# Projects Approved (8)



## 11<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum & Capacity	Employment Support Services for Migrants (Jobs+)

## 12<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception and Asylum	Reception Centres Staff Training Programme (AWAS)

# Projects Approved (9)

## 13<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception and Asylum	Psychosocial intervention services for beneficiaries of international protection and asylum seekers (AWAS)

## 15<sup>th</sup> Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception and Asylum	The provision of a sustainable mental health care service to asylum seekers and refugees in Malta (MCH)

# Evaluation

## Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
Number of Meetings held	59
Number of Clarification letters issued	45
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	3
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	26

# Resettlement and Relocation

Type of Action	Target Group	2016 - 2017
Resettlement from UNHCR camp in Turkey	Syrian Nationals	14
Resettlement 2018 pledging exercise	Regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa ( Egypt, Libya)	20
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Greece	24
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Italy	36
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Greece	97
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Italy	31



# On the Spot Checks Carried out

Projects	Date of the On the Spot Check
Learning – Exchanging – Integrating (HRID)	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2019, 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2019, 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
The provision of a sustainable mental health care service to asylum seekers and refugees in Malta (MCH)	23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Material Aid (MHAS)	24th January 2019 (Physical OTS) and 8th February 2019
Living together - towards understating each other's culture (Sliema Local Council)	4th April 2018

# On the Spot Checks Carried out

Projects	Date of the On the Spot Check
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin- Restart VI (IOM)	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 and 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Activities of Forced Return (MPF)	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Bridging Cultures- Integrating People (RMCA)	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019, (planned OTS on 27/05/2019)
Homework aid for TCN Parents enabling them to assist their children (Sliema Local Council)	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Training Third country Nationals in Cultural Orientation, language and work related skills for employment. (FSM)	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018 and 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Resettlement and Relocation (MHAS)	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019

# On the Spot Checks Carried out

Projects	Date of the On the Spot Check
LLAPSI+ (MEDE)	8 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
New Open Centre (MHAS)	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018
Provision of Security Services (AWAS)	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Employment Support Services for migrants (Jobs+)	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019

# Projects on the ground



Homework aid for TCN Parents enabling them to assist their children (Sliema Local Council)

# Projects on the ground



Learning – Exchanging – Integrating (HRID)

# Projects on the ground



Learning – Exchanging –  
Integrating (HRID)

# Targets Reached

Indicator - Asylum	Target Value
C1. Number of target group persons provided with assistance through projects in the field of reception and asylum systems supported under this Fund	9,390 (out of 16,100)
C5. Number of projects supported under this Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate asylum policies in Member States	1 (target is 1)

# Targets Reached

Indicator – Integration/Legal Migration	Target Value
C2. Number of target group persons assisted by this Fund through integration measures in the framework of national, local and regional strategies	1,104 (target is 14,000)
C3. Number of local, regional and national policy frameworks/measures/tools in place for the integration of TCNs and involving civil society, migrant communities as well as other relevant stakeholders	13 (target out of 10)



# Targets Reached

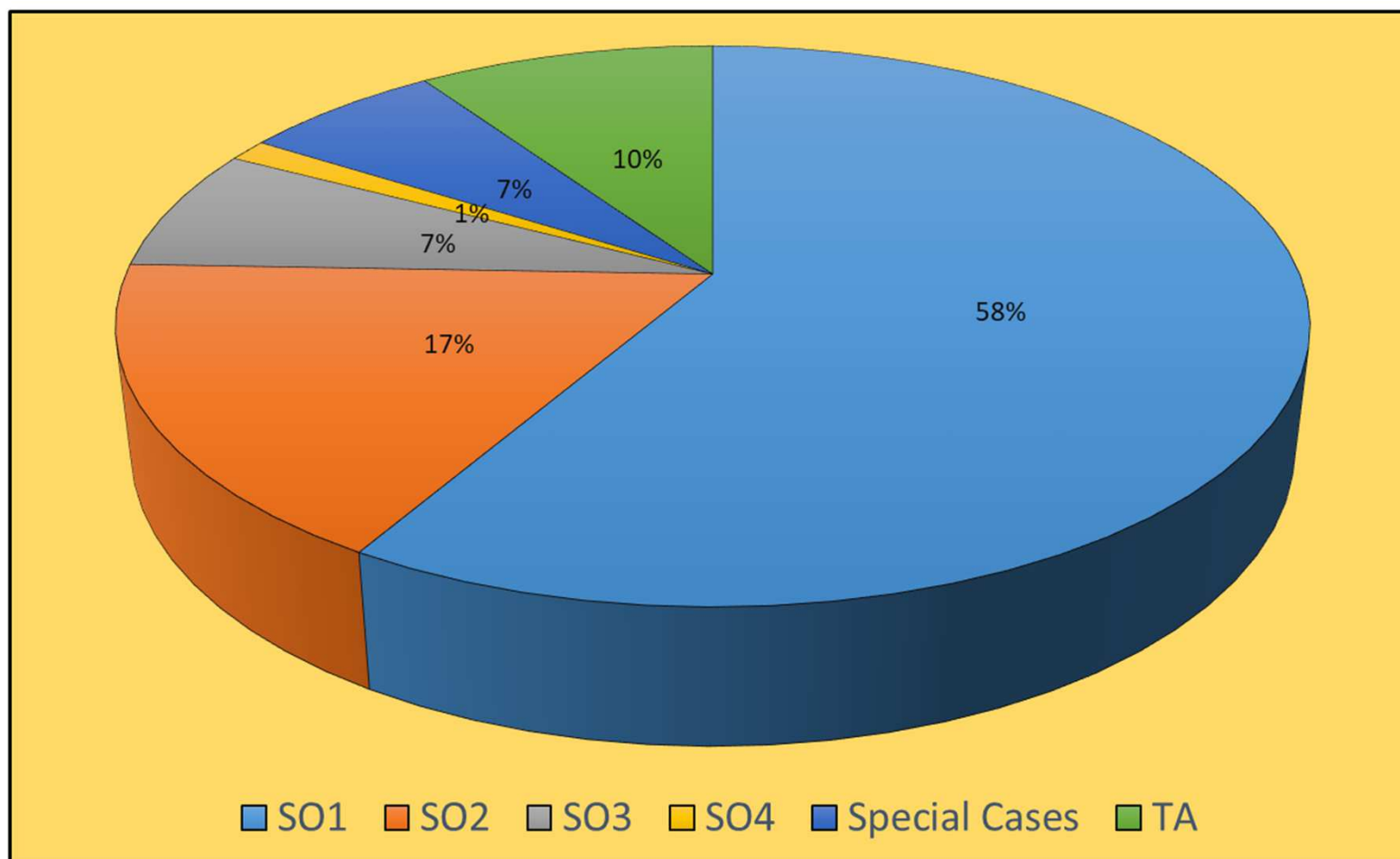
Indicator - Return	Target Value
C1. Number of persons trained on return-related topics with the assistance of the Fund	935 ( out of 25)
C2. Number of returnees who received pre or post return reintegration assistance co-financed by the Fund	30 (out of 5,400)
C3. Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were returned voluntarily	66 (out of 400)
C4. Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were removed	470 (out of 400)
C5. Number of projects supported under this Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate asylum policies in Member States	1 (target is 1)

# Financials

- Funds Committed
- Annual Balance of Accounts
- Disbursements Made



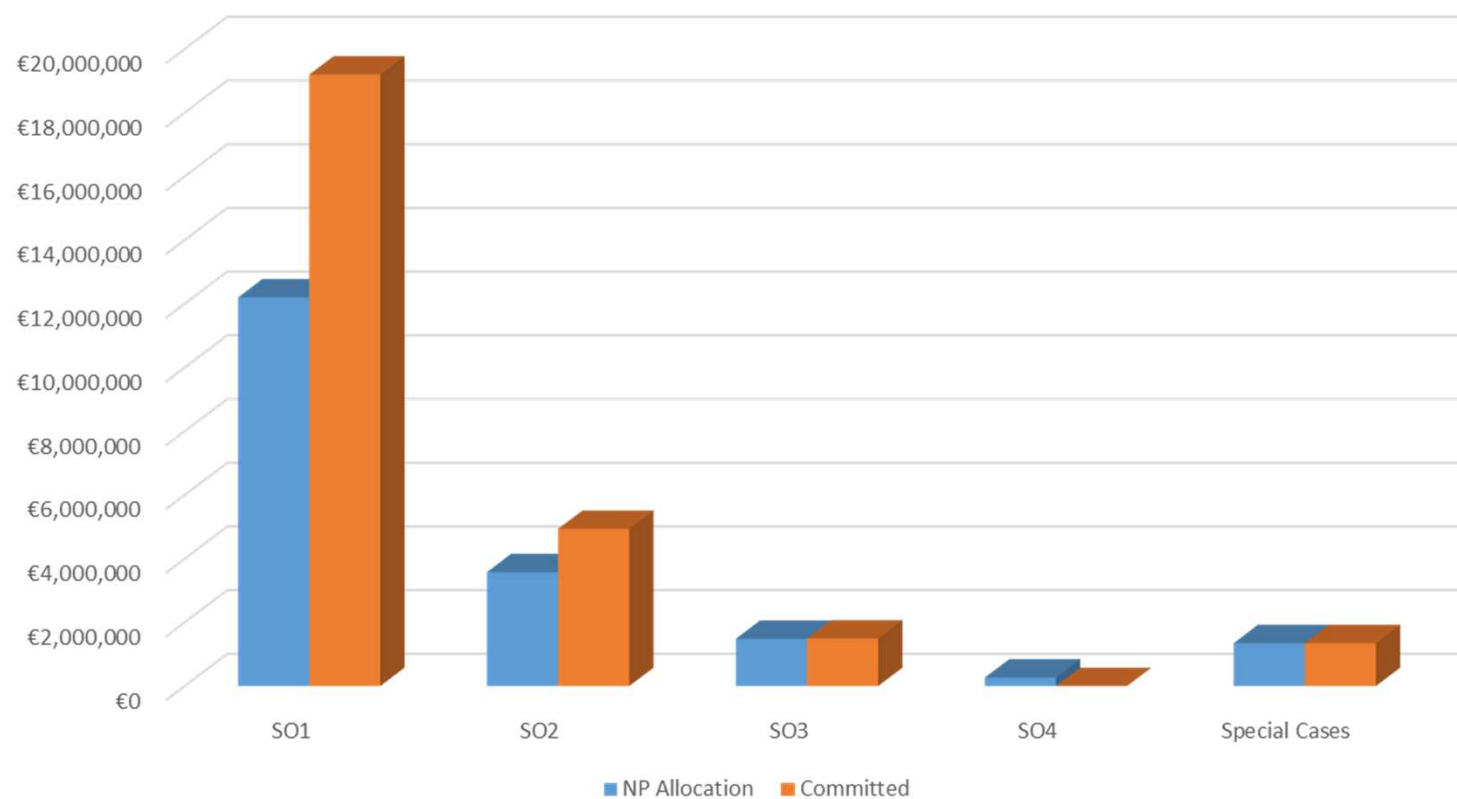
# National Programme - AMIF



# Funds Committed

Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of AMIF Funds committed through approved projects
SO1	€12,198,941	€19,194,312 (157%)
SO2	€3,576,529	€4,933,766 (138%)
SO3	€1,483,404	€1,494,354 (100%)
SO4	€265,683	€0 (0%)
Special Cases	€1,348,000	€1,348,000 (100%)

# Funds Committed



# Annual Balance of Accounts

Financial Year	Amount cleared by the Commission
2015	nil
2016	Nil
2017	<b>€3,551,363</b>
2018	<b>€3,564,155</b>

# Disbursements Made

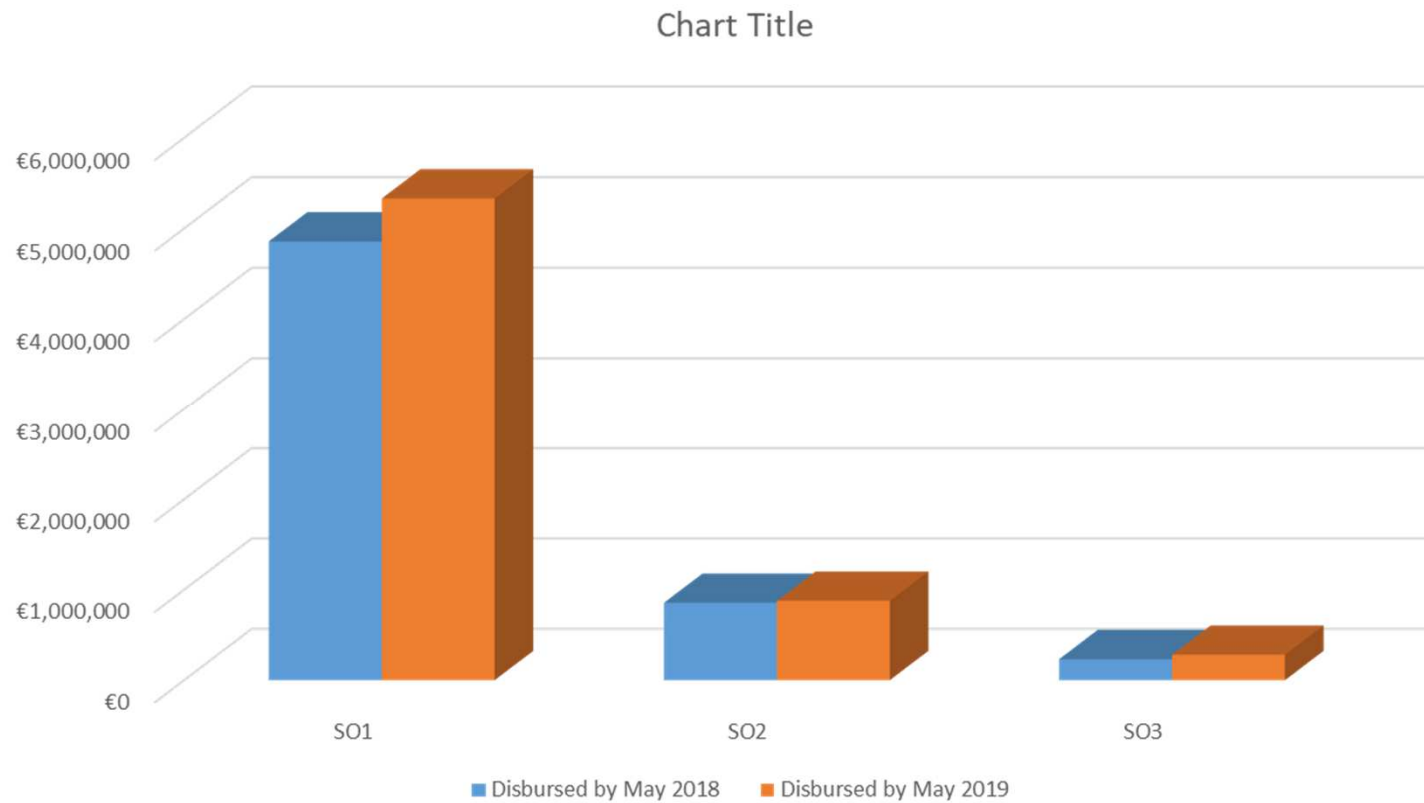
Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid in 2018	Total Union contribution Paid until 15th October 2018	Total Union contribution paid until May 2019
SO1	€2,616,371	€4,856,950	€5,329,633
SO2	€715,664	€855,729	€876,732
SO3	€232,120	€232,120	€281,184

# Disbursements Made

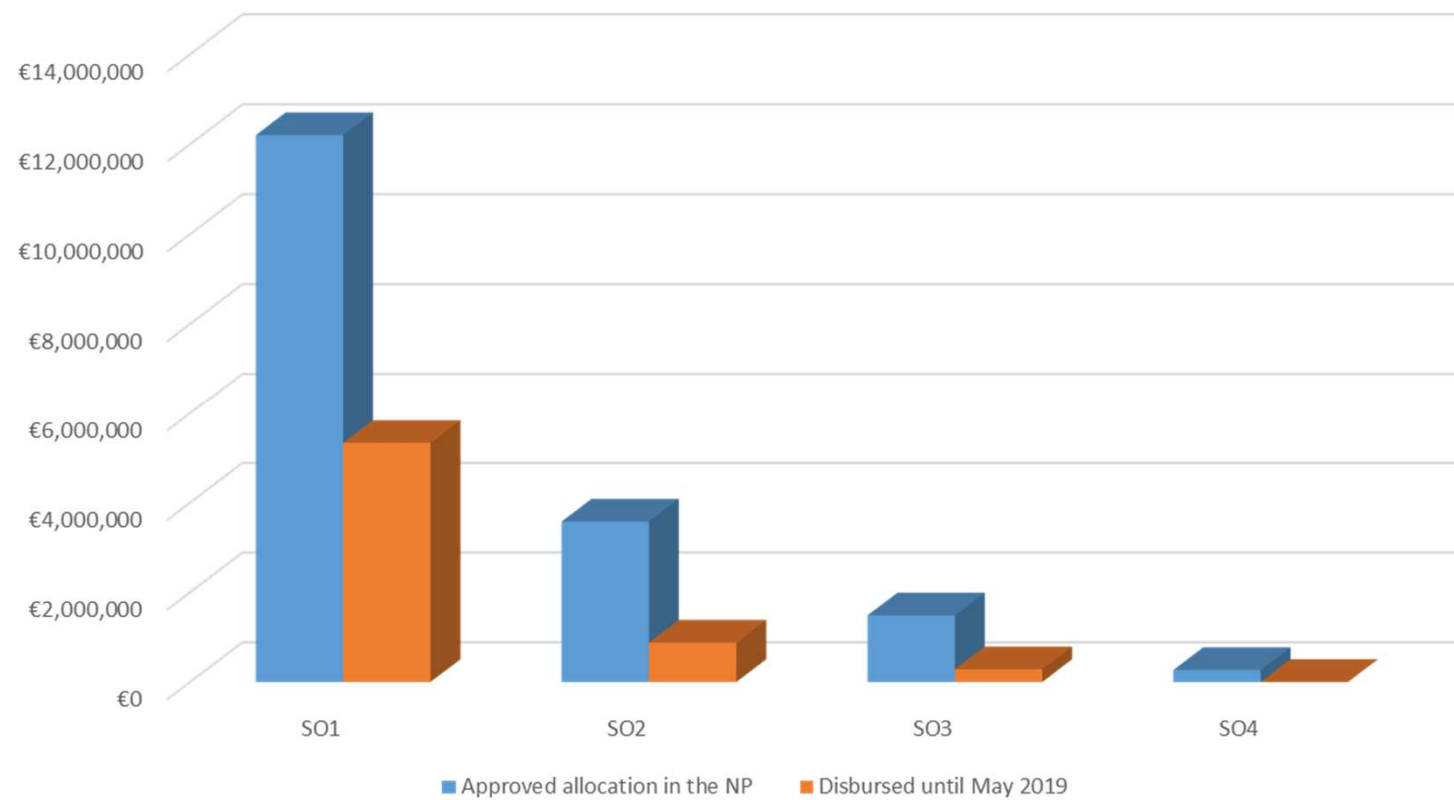
Specific Objective	% of Disbursements Made
SO1 – Asylum	€5,329,633 (44%)
SO2- Integration	€876,732 (25%)
SO3 – Return	€281,184 (19%)
SO5 – Special Cases	€1,126,500 (84%)



# Disbursements Made 2018 - 2019



# Disbursements vs. NP Allocation



# Challenges Encountered



## Procurement

- Planning
- Execution



## Risk analysis

- Undefined and unplanned risks



## Capacity

- Skills and expertise
- Voluminous and fragmentation of claims

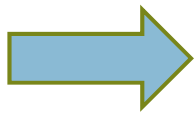


## Target Group

# Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the European Commission on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 and was subsequently admissible by the Commission on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- The results as shown in this presentation will be reproduced in the Annual Implementation Report and circulated for the Committee's review.

# Proposed updates to the NP

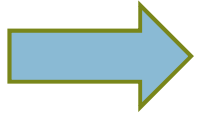


The update of the NP will reflect the demands of the sector, and of the stakeholders

So far, the envisaged updates concern the introduction of one additional action:

- The strengthening of the migration unit within the MPF, in terms of tools and equipment.

# Capacity Building



RA staff attended various training events, including:

- Public Management Toolkit Courses, organised throughout the year by the Institute of Public Services;
- Capacity Building for the Ex-Ante Evaluation of Investment Projects, January/February 2019;
- New Challenges for the Implementation of AMIF & ISF, Berlin, February 2019
- DG Home Expert group Committees

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raphael, we can insert any training you took as well

Camilleri Abigail at MEAE, 30/05/2019

# Publicity Measures

- Constant updates are made to the RA website [www.eufunds.gov.mt](http://www.eufunds.gov.mt) and [www.eufundsmalta.gov.mt](http://www.eufundsmalta.gov.mt)
- The List of Approved Projects is published on the website.
- Press Releases have been issued whenever a project has been approved. Various press meetings were held, especially when linked to launches of projects as well as the achievements of milestones.
- The 2018 Annual Event this year took place in conjunction with the AFM day, which was held in October 2018.
- Europe Day participation in Valletta and Victoria, Gozo

Link:

<https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/EU%20Funds%20Programmes/Migration%20Funds/Pages/AMIF-2014-2020.aspx>



# Publicity Measures



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## FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES DIVISION

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FUNDS OPEN CALLS



ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND  
INTEGRATION FUND (AMIF) 2014-2020  
€ 20,514,146



EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2014-2021  
€ 8,000,000



ENI CBC MED PROGRAMME 2014-2020  
€ 234,000,000



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND  
FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)  
2014-2020  
€129,767,197

EU Funds Website

# Publicity Measures



ISF and AMIF Annual Event  
2019



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- Europe Day Event
- The RA also took part in the Europe Day event, organised by the European Commission Representation in Malta. The event consisted of stands in prominent areas in Gozo and in Malta on the 5th and 9th of May.
- These stands were manned by RA officers who distributed leaflets and promotional items to the general public.





- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 138 active users.
- 1615 AMIF Payments have already been processed
- Further updates to the system are envisaged

# Programming of the AMF Operational Programme 2021-2027

## Programming set-up at the National level

- Appointment of Chief Coordinator (Strategy & Programming) within the Strategy & Implementation Division.
- Responsibility for programming all funds (including the AMF)

## State of Play

- Identification of relevant expertise to support in the programming process, including consultations with key stakeholders;
- Active engagement across Government to determine national priorities and how EU funds may be mobilised for such purposes.



## Next steps

- Participating at the Technical Seminar on Programming organised by the Commission, to be held on 14 June 2019;
- Engagement of expertise to support in the programming process;
- Drafting of the AMF programme for Malta 2021-2027;
- Consultations with all relevant stakeholders; and
- Close collaboration with the European Commission in the coming months.

## **Any ideas on the future priorities for Malta under AMF?**

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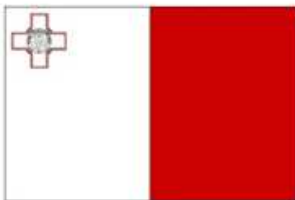
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# Thank you for your attention



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