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To: Project Leaders

From: Head of Responsible Authority

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Subject: De-commitment of Funds following 15th October 2020 for the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund.

As you have been informed, the new asylum and security National Programmes are subjected to financial de-commitment¹. Consequently, if funds are not spent in line with the disbursement table which is present in the National Programmes, the respective funds can be potentially lost.

The fourth de-commitment process will materialise on the 15th of February 2020, if the amount of €1,991,316 (€1,493,487 EU share and €497,829 MT share) is not processed completely through MSIS by the 15th of October 2020.

In view of this, we strongly encourage you to assess mechanisms in order to hasten the tendering processes and increase the disbursement allocations you have estimated for 2020, especially in cases whereby funds were shifted from 2019 to be disbursed in 2020. This would enable you to contribute as much as possible to the amounts identified above as well as ensuring that the funds allocated to your projects remain available.

A general concerted effort is now crucial in order to keep the funds for the implementation of Malta's projects. Any delays which have not been underlined during the bilateral meetings need to be communicated urgently together with mitigating measures to address the related challenges. The RA is also at your disposal to discuss any other activities which are in line with the objectives of the Funds which could be potentially financed.

Please treat this as urgent, since loss of funds will mean the inability to finance in full your projects and hence the Ministries will need to fork out their funds to cover the costs. I thank you for your co-operation.

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¹ Article 50 of the Horizontal Regulation 514/2014