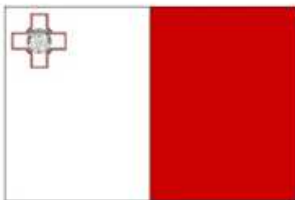




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## Monitoring Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019



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

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*Sustainable Management of Migration Flows and Internal Security*



# **Update on the Internal Security Fund National Programme**

## **Malta**

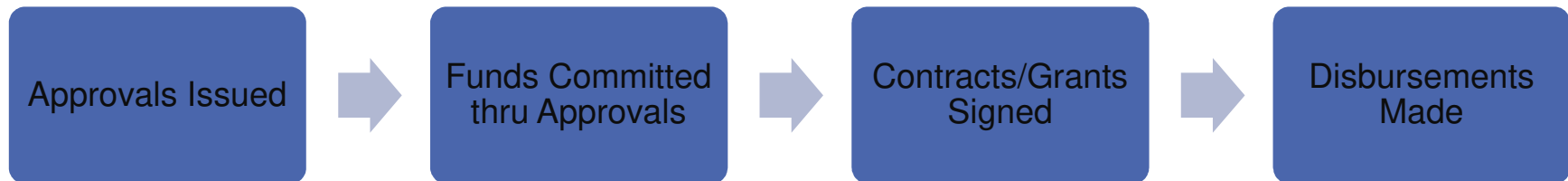
# Outline:

## Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



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## Project Approvals and Commitments Made



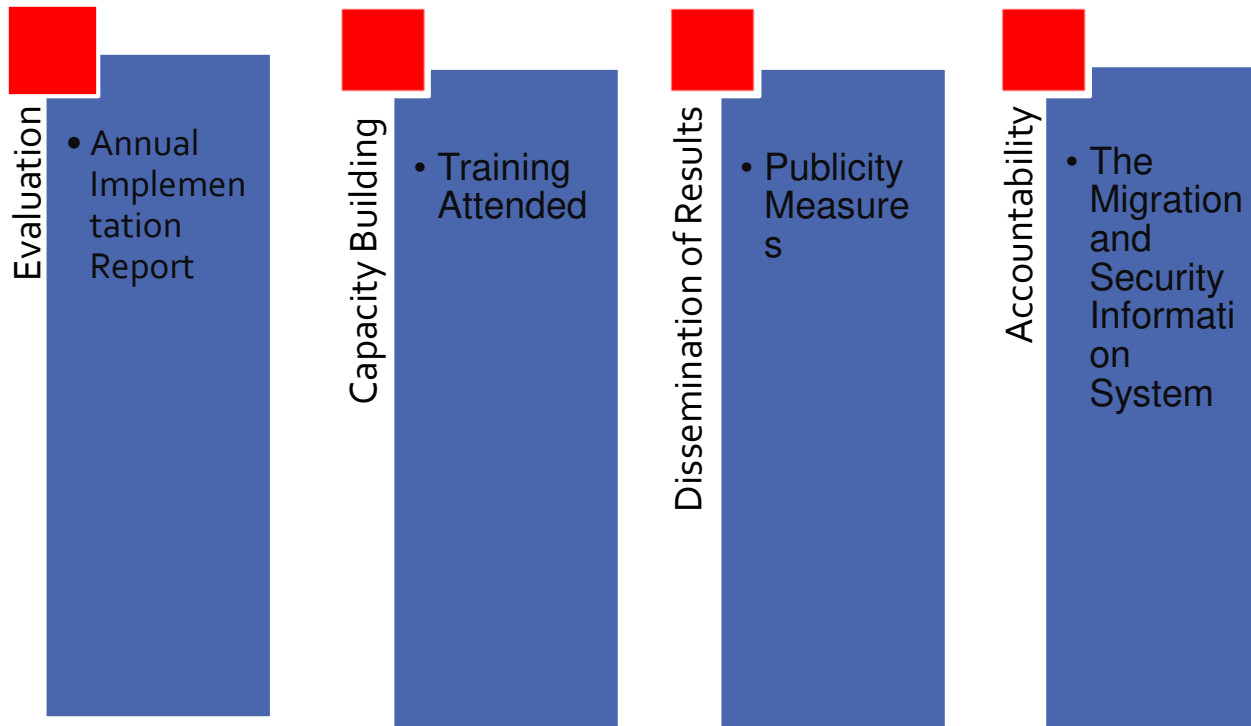
# Outline:

## Project Monitoring Undertaken



# Outline:

## 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, the European 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

In April 2018, the Commission has communicated that additional funds will be made available to the Member States to address the most pressing needs and requirements of the sector of each Member State.

- €2,412,600 for the Entry Exit System

This triggered the process to update the NPs and on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, the amended programme was submitted to the Commission. This was subsequently adopted by the Commission on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



# 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	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	8
2 <sup>nd</sup> Call for Applications	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2016	29 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Call for Applications	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	3
4 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016	21 <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
6 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	1

# Issuance of Calls

Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
7 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	3
8 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	3
9 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	1
10 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	1
11 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	1
12 <sup>th</sup> Call for Applications	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	1

# Calls still to be issued

Following discussions with Beneficiary organisations, further calls will be issued in the near future under ISF (Borders) to receive:

- Command and Control Room Phase 2 - AFM;

# Projects Approved (1)

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

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
EUROSUR	Improving the Reaction Capability of OPV P61
National Capacity	Procurement of a new offshore patrol vessel
	Strengthening the border control capabilities of the Armed Forces of Malta (AFM) - Procurement of a third twin -engine helicopter
Crime Prevention and Combating	Supply of an EOD/IEDD low emission response vehicle complete with Robot and ancillary equipment
	The Purchase of Four Covert Surveillance Systems with Video Analytics
	Purchase of Covert Surveillance Van
	Procurement of Equipment
Early Warning and Crises	Research on the network of criminal organisations involved in people smuggling

# Projects Approved (2)

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
FRONTEX Equipment	The Procurement of a 3rd Fixed Wing Maritime Patrol Aircraft
Crime Exchange of Information	Improving the Security of the Ammo and Explosives Storage Facilities at Fort Mosta
	Access to INTERPOL and EUROPOL Databases for Competent Law Enforcement Authorities
	Smart Policing - Enhancing the Capacities of the Cyber Crime Unit
Crime Threat and Risk Assessment	Bolstering of the HAZMAT section within the Civil Protection Department

# Projects Approved (3)

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
EUROSUR	Upgrade and integration of the AFM Integrated Communications Systems
Crime Exchange of Information	Consolidation of the NS-SIS Unit IT Operations Room together with respective offices
	Extension of the existing Automated Case Management System

# Projects Approved (4)

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
Crime Prevention and Combating	X-Ray scanning equipment for carrying out non-intrusive controls

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
Crime Prevention and Combating	Procurement of Forensic Equipment

# Projects Approved (5)

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
EUROSUR	Armed Forces of Malta Joint Military Operations Centre



# Projects Approved (6)

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
Union Acquis	Training in Schengen and Immigration Matters
Operating Support for VISA	Operational costs for the administration of Schengen and VISA Matters
National Capacity	Re-engineering and operating costs of the National Visa Information System (N-VIS)

# Projects Approved (7)

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

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Common Union Standards	Automated Border Control (ABC) Gates at the Malta International Airport
Exchange of Information	Passenger Name Record System
Consular Cooperation	Upgrade and Refurbishment of Consular Posts

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

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Prevention and Combating	Upgrade Malta Security Service ICT Infrastructure to improve its information management capabilities

# Projects Approved (8)

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

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Preventing and Combatting Crime	Implement an integrated software platform for managing compliance and supervisory activities in Malta (FIAU)

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

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Early warning and crises	New and complete infrastructure to house the command and control room (MFP)

# Projects Approved (9)

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
National Capacity	New Aircraft Hanger - AFM

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
National Capacity	Optronic Devices for the AFM – Maritime Assets - AFM

# Projects Approved (10)

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

### National Objective Addressed

### Title of Project

Exchange of Information

Upgrade Malta Security Service ICT Infrastructure to improve its information management capabilities – Phase II

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

### National Objective Addressed

### Title of Project

National Capacity

Entry Exit System for the Malta Police Force at the National Maltese Borders

# Projects under Evaluation

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

<b>National Objective Addressed</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>
Common Union Standards	Facial Recognition System for the Malta Police Force

# 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	34

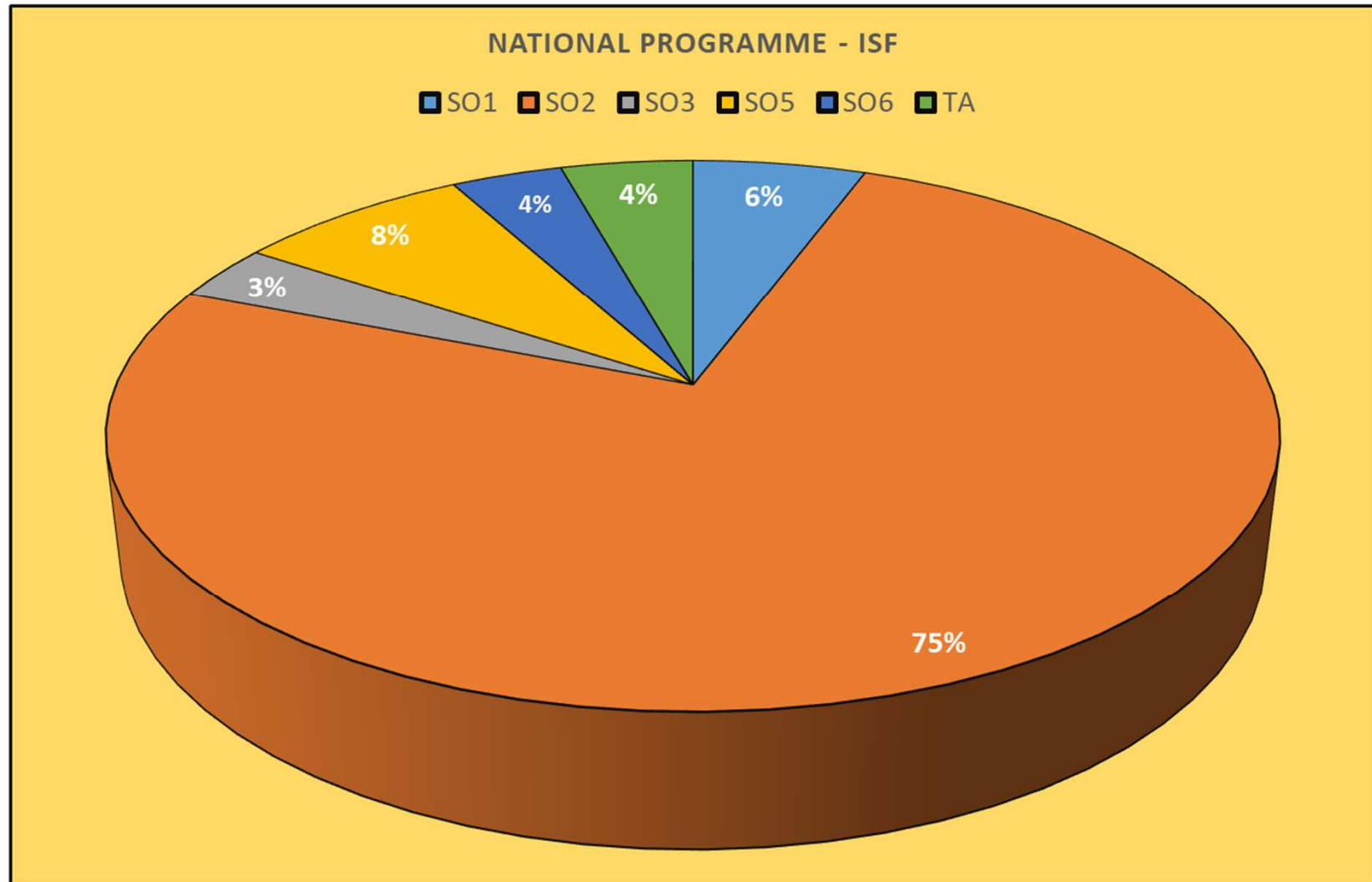
# Financials

- Funds Committed
- Annual Balance of Accounts
- Disbursements Made





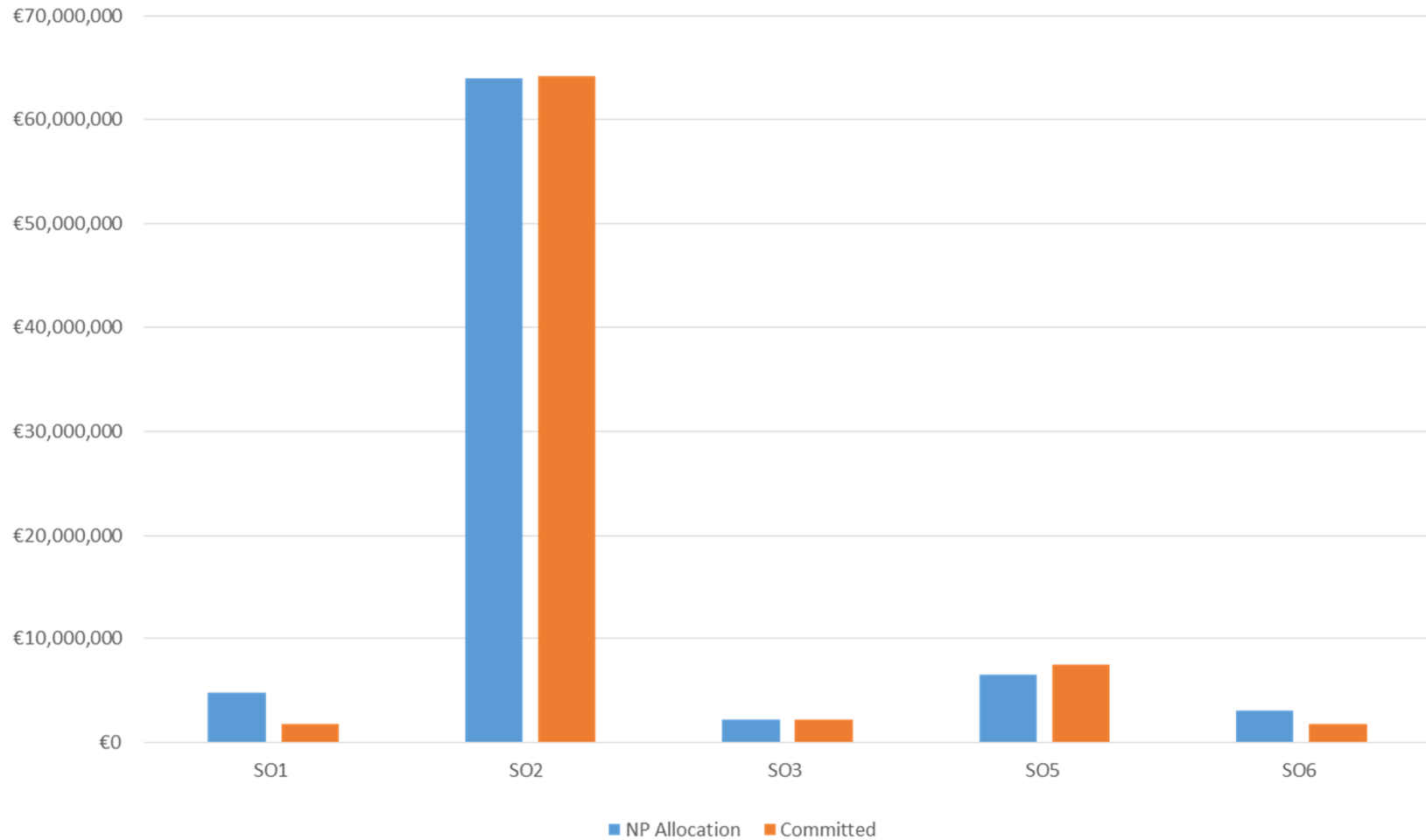
# National Programme



# Funds Committed

Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of ISF Funds Committed through Approved Projects
SO1 – Support a common visa policy	€4,842,000	€1,751,745 (36%)
SO2 – Borders	€63,976,788	€64,179,327 (100%)
SO3 – Operating Support	€2,185,000	€2,184,719 (100%)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	€6,566,592	€7,541,058 (115%)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	€3,111,410	€1,738,646 (56%)

# Funds Committed



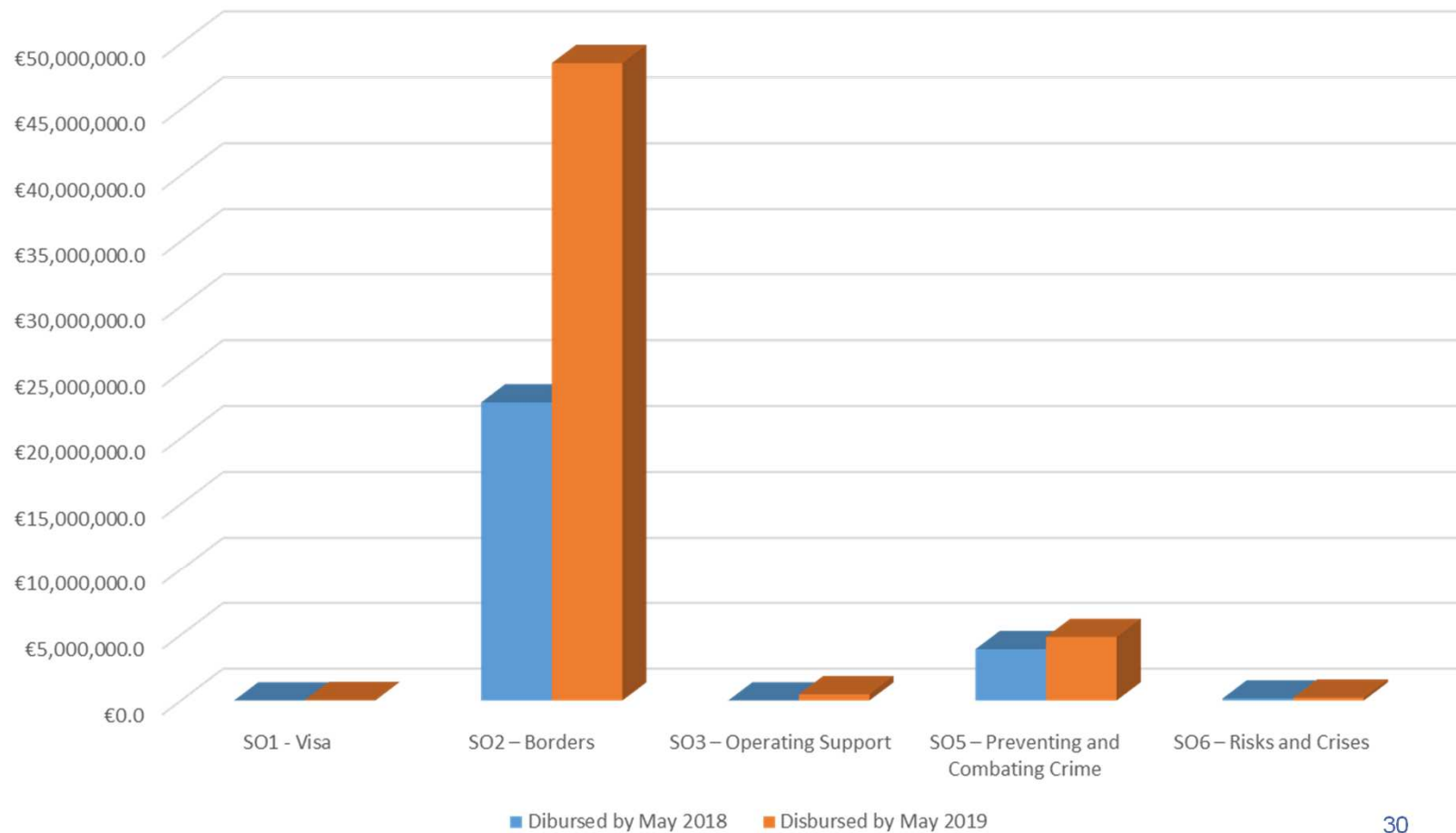
# Annual Balance of Accounts

Financial Year	Amounts declared to the Commission	
	ISF Police	ISF Borders
2015	nil	nil
2016	€5,018,706	Nil
2017	€14,873,244	€1,600,377
2018	€18,470,742	€2,537,955

# Disbursements Made

Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid in 2018	Total Union contribution Paid until 15th October 2018	Disbursements made up to May 2019 (ISF Share)
SO1 – Support a common Visa P.	€0	€0	€33,840
SO2 – Borders	€17,882,812	€37,510,809	€48,503,902
SO3 – Operating Support	€472,709	€472,709	€476,342
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	€2,517,902	€3,989,099	€4,835,161
SO6 – Risks and Crises	€0	€0	€215,746

# Disbursements Made 2018 - 2019



# On the Spot Checks Carried out (1)



Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Implement an integrated software platform for managing compliance supervisory activities in Malta (MPF)	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2018, 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Automated Border Control Gates at the Malta International Airport (MPF)	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 and 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
New and Complete Infrastructure to House the Command and Control Unit (MPF)	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
The purchase of four covert surveillance systems with video analytics (MPF)	5 November 2018 and 21 March 2019
Extension of the existing Automated Case Management System (MPF)	25 October 2018

# On the Spot Checks Carried out (2)

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Re-engineering and operating costs of the national visa information system (FIAU)	21st January 2019
Access to EUROPOL/INTERPOL databases (MPF)	6th May 2019
Consolidation of the NS-SIS Unit IT Operations Room (MPF)	5th August 2018, 16th January 2019 6th February 2019 and 13th May 2019
Passenger Name Record System	17th January 2019



# On the Spot Checks Carried out (3)

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Procurement of new OPV (AFM)	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
MT/2016/ISF/6.01 – Joint Military Operations Centre (AFM)	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
MT/2016/ISF/1.04 – Improving the reaction capability of OPV P61 – inauguration event (AFM)	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2018

# Physical Deliverables



Improving the reaction capability of the  
OPV 61  
AFM

# Targets Reached

Indicator – SO 2 Borders	Target Value
C 2 Number of border control (checks and surveillance) infrastructure and means developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund	2 (out of 4)
C3.2 Number of border crossings	6,721,518 (out of 1,260,000)
C4 Number of national border surveillance infrastructure established/further developed in the framework of EUROSUR	2 (out of 3)
C5 Number of incidents reported by the Member State to the European Situational Picture	191 (out of 20)

# Targets Reached

Indicator – SO 5 Preventing and Combatting Crime	Target Value
C3.1 Number of projects in the area of crime prevention	13 (out of 10)
C3.2 Financial value of projects in the area of crime prevention	€6,561,872 (out of €4,261,621)
C4 Number of projects supported by the Fund, aiming to improve law enforcement information exchanges	6 (out of 7)
C2 Number of projects relating to the assessment and management of risks in the field of internal security supported by the Fund	3 (out of 2)

# Targets Reached

Indicator – SO 6 Risks and Crises	Target Value
C2 Number of projects relating to the assessment and management of risks in the field of internal security supported by the Fund	4 (out of 3)

# Challenges Encountered



## Procurement

- Planning
- Evaluation
- Execution



## Risk analysis

- Undefined and unplanned risks



## Capacity

- Skills and expertise

# Annual Implementation Report

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

# Proposed updates to the NP

- ETIAS

ETIAS Regulation adopted late last year (entry into force in OCT 2018). ETIAS top-up, distributed to MS at equal shares, to cover very specific costs (Art. 85(1)). As for EES top-up, the necessary Commission Delegated Regulation is required.

- SIS

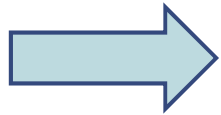
The relative Regulation was adopted late last year and MS will be distributed equal shares to cover the specific costs laid out in Art. 5. The revision of the NP will be carried out once the ETIAS delegated Regulation is adopted.

- IT Systems

This allocation will probably be distributed according to the key and will aim at financing the development of IT tools.



# 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

# 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

Link:

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

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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.





# Publicity Measures



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## Inauguration of the Passenger Information Unit

Reference Number: PR182276, Press Release Issue Date: Oct 19, 2018

PRESS RELEASE BY THE MINISTRY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL SECURITY AND BY THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT FOR EUROPEAN FUNDS AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE

Minister for Home Affairs and National Security Michael Farrugia and Parliamentary Secretary for European Funds and Social Dialogue Aaron Farrugia presided over the inauguration of the Passenger Information Unit held at the Police Headquarters.

Minister Michael Farrugia said that the European Union felt the need to implement this directive after the European Union experienced an influx of irregular entrance through its borders in the last three years, and also the continuous threat to internal security. "European citizens expect that there is effective control through the EU entrance and exit systems, and through the Schengen areas. Thus, the European Union has developed an information system for further security, border management and migration. The implementation of the Passenger Name Record (PNR) is a system that is used in member states in reaction to terrorism threats and criminality in the European Union".

Minister Michael Farrugia stated the Malta was one of the first member states that implemented this directive. The purpose of the directive is to process, detect, investigate and prosecute persons associated with terrorism and organised crime. The directive collects and transfers PNR data received from air carriers for flights intra-EU and from third countries. The procedure is based on two push methods—24 hours before the departure and after the closure of the flight.

Minister Michael Farrugia maintained that the passengers are evaluated according to a list of criteria determined beforehand and consequently are evaluated in various databases such as the SIS (Schengen Information System), NSL (National Stop List), and EIS (Europol Information System). Competent authorities which include the Police Force, the Customs Department, and Europol, can request such data.

Press conference inaugurating the projects under SO1 Support a common VISA Policy.



- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 138 active users.
- 1163 Payments have already been processed under ISF.
- Further updates to the system are envisaged.

# **Programming of the ISF and BMVI Operational Programmes 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 ISF and BMVI)

## 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 ISF and BMVI programmes 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 BMVI and ISF?**

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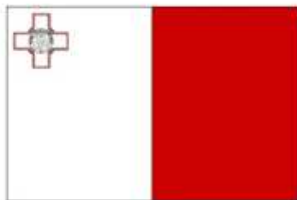
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# Thank you for your attention



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