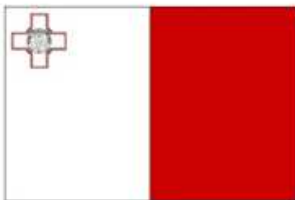




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Update on the Internal Security Fund Programme

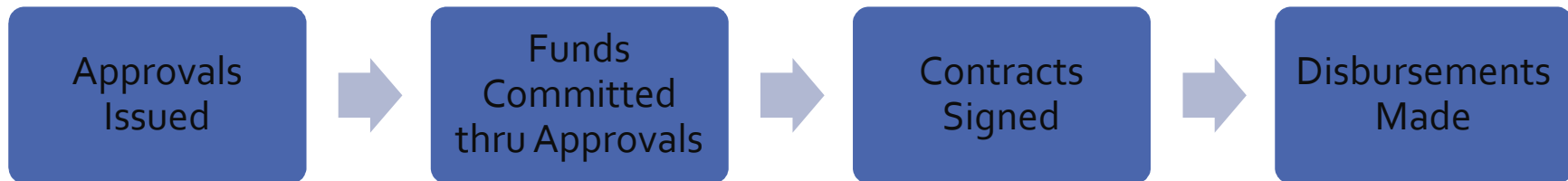
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Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



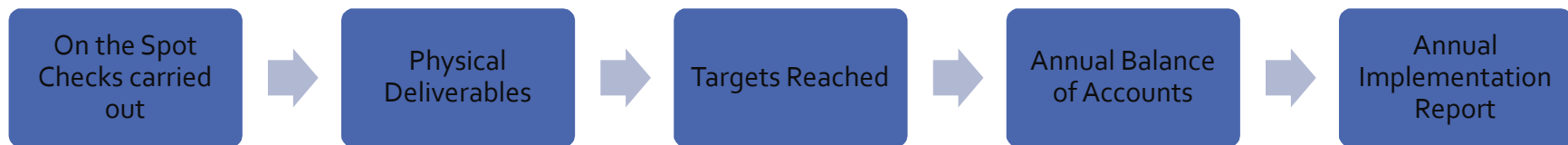
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Project Approvals and Commitments Made



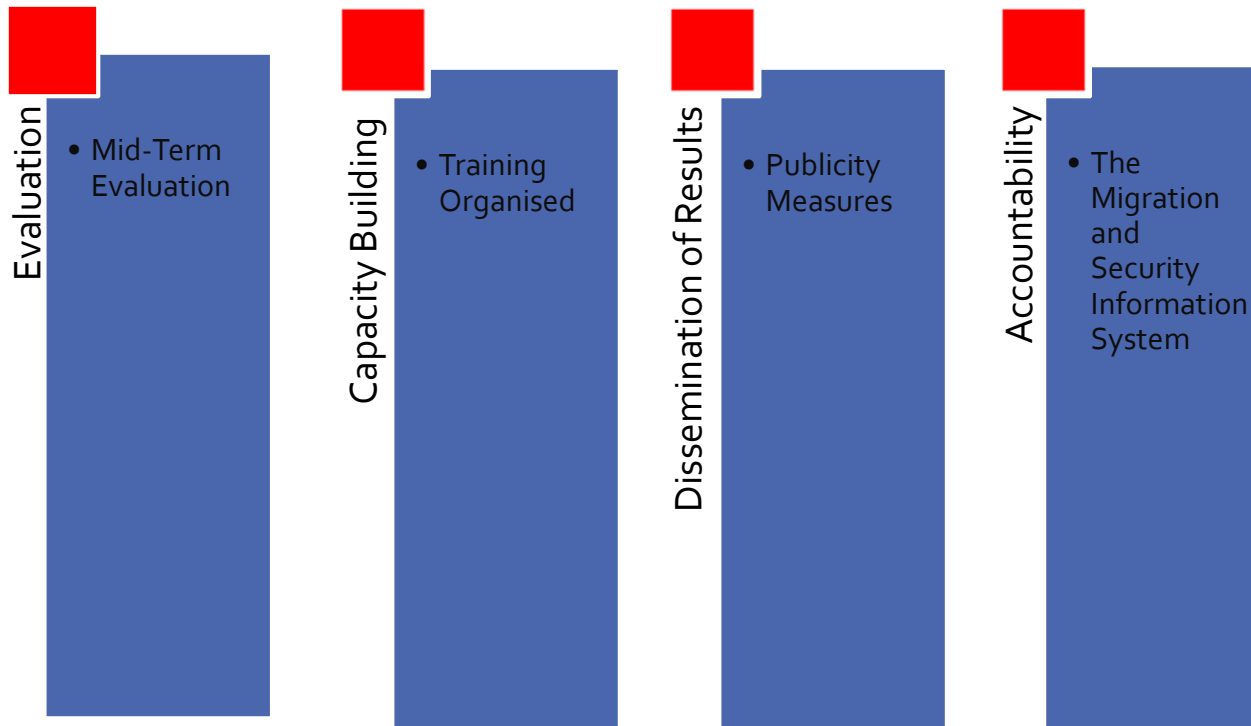
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Project Monitoring Undertaken



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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 7th of December 2015 and communication was submitted on the same day to the European Commission.
- By means of communication dated, 15th 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 17th May 2016.
- Following this information, the European Commission informed the RA on the 16th of September 2016 that no major issues were found to be present on the management and control systems set up.

Modification of the NP

On the 8th February 2017, 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.

ISF

- € 949,000 for the PNR System
- € 298,000 for Information Exchange

By end of May the national programmes were sent to the Commission, following a written procedure for approval of the Monitoring Committee Members. This was subsequently approved in September (ISF).

Issuance of Calls

Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
1 st Call for Applications	16 th November 2015	11 th December 2015	8
2 nd Call for Applications	1 st February 2016	29 th February 2016	5
3 rd Call for Applications	29 th July 2016	26 th August 2016	3
4 th Call for Applications	23 rd September 2016	21 st October 2016	1
5 th Call for Applications	28 th October 2016	25 th November 2016	1
6 th Call for Applications	15 th November 2016	14 th December 2016	1

Issuance of Calls

Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
7 th Call for Applications	1 st March 2017	30 th March 2017	3
8 th Call for Applications	28 th April 2017	26 th May 2017	3
9 th Call for Applications	3 rd July 2017	31 st July 2017	1
10 th Call for Applications	31 st July 2017	28 th August 2017	1
11 th Call for Applications	19 th September 2017	16 th October 2017	1
12 th Call for Applications	28 th February 2018	29 th 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;
- Facial Recognition System – MPF;
- Entry Exit System - MPF
- Malta Security Services – Phase 2

Projects Approved (1)

1st 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)

2nd Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
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)

3rd Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
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)

4th Call for Applications

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

5th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Crime Prevention and Combating	Procurement of Forensic Equipment

Projects Approved (5)

6th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
EUROSUR	Armed Forces of Malta Joint Military Operations Centre

Projects Approved (6)

7th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
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)

8th 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

9th 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)

10th 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)

11th 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 undergoing evaluation

12th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
National Capacity	New Aircraft Hanger - AFM

Evaluation

Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

Date of 1 st Meeting	10 th March 2016
Number of Meetings held	48
Number of Clarification letters issued	32
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	3
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	28

Funds Committed

Specific Objective	Approved ISF Fund in the NP	% of ISF Funds Committed thru Approved Projects
SO1 – Support a common visa policy	€4,842,000	€1,017,000 (21%)
SO2 – Borders	€55,091,700	€52,509,543 (95%)
SO3 – Operating Support	€2,610,000	€2,444,719 (93%)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	€6,682,252	€6,445,746 (96%)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	€2,995,750	€1,450,706 (48%)

Disbursements Made

Specific Objective	% of Disbursements Made
SO2 – Borders	€22,705,225 (40%)
SO3 – Operating Support	0%
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	€3,901,721 (59%)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	€157,479 (5%)

On the Spot Checks Carried out (1)

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Procurement of Police Equipment	<p>2nd OTS – 14th February 2017</p> <p>3rd OTS – 8th August 2017</p> <p>Physical OTS – 9th November 2017</p> <p>Physical OTS – 25th January 2017</p>
Enhancement of the operational capabilities of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Platoon	<p>Physical OTS on 1st EOD Robot – 17th January 2017</p> <p>2nd OTS – 1st August 2017</p> <p>Physical OTS on 2nd EOD Robot – 14th November 2017</p>

On the Spot Checks Carried out (2)

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Purchase of covert surveillance van	2 nd November 2017 Physical OTS - 12 th June 2018
Procurement of 3 rd Fixed Wing Maritime Patrol Aircraft	Inauguration date – 22 nd May 2017 Physical OTS – 8 th August 2017 Physical OTS – 19 th December 2017
X-Ray scanning equipment for carrying out non-intrusive controls	1 st June 2017 Physical OTS – 14 th December 2017

On the Spot Checks Carried out (3)

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Improving the reaction capability of OPV P61	3 rd February 2017, 16 th April 2017
Smart Policing – Enhancing the capabilities of the Cyber Crime Unit	7 th November 2017, 5 th December 2017
Passenger Name Record System	30 th October 2017, 6 th December 2018, 1 st March 2018 Physical Check – 19 th April 2018

On the Spot Checks Carried out (4)

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Bolstering the Hazmat Section within the CPD	10 th May 2018
Covert Surveillance system for internal security activities	25 th April 2018
Research on the network of criminal organisations involved in people smuggling	1 st August 2017, 9 th November 2017

Physical Deliverables



Customs cargo scanning operations

Physical Deliverables



Equipping the Cyber-crime Unit at MPF

Physical Deliverables



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Offshore Patrol Vessel P61

Targets Reached

Indicator	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)
C4 Number of national border surveillance infrastructure established/further developed in the framework of EUROSUR	1 (out of 3)
C5 Number of incidents reported by the Member State to the European Situational Picture	172 (out of 20)

Targets Reached

Indicator	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	€6,566,592 (out of €4,261,621)
C4 Number of projects supported by the Fund, aiming to improve law enforcement information exchanges	7 (out of 4)
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)

Annual Balance of Accounts

Financial Year	Cleared Amounts from the Commission
2015	nil
2016	€5,018,706
2017	€14,873,244

Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the Commission on the 27th March 2018 and was considered admissible by the Commission on the 20th April 2018.
- The results as shown in this presentation were reproduced in the Annual Implementation Report and circulated for the Committee's review.

Interim Evaluation

- Following the RA's participation in all the Evaluation Network meetings organised by the European Commission, and the adoption of the Delegated Act, the RA embarked on the procurement of Independent Evaluators in order to fulfil the requirement set out in Article 57 of the Regulation 514/2014.
- MOU between the FPD and the SID was signed on the 30th March 2017
- Report concluded in December, written procedure issued on the 14th of December and closed on the 27th December.
- The report was the submitted on the 28th December

Mid-Term Review

- In line with Article 15 of Regulation 514/2014 of the 16th April 2014, the European Commission and each Member State carried out a review on the current situation of implementation of the national programmes and in the light of developments in Union policies and interim evaluation reports.
- Malta carried out this review in conjunction with the relative stakeholders of the sector and proposed a number of actions to the European Commission for eventual inclusion in the NP.
- This resulted in a ongoing request to update the NP in order to include the actions agreed upon with the European Commission and taking into account the current needs and local context.

Proposed updates to the NP

- Specific Objective 1 – Support a common visa policy

The preparation of the necessary platforms for the ETIAS and the EES;

The establishment of a new consular post and the refurbishment/relocation/upgrading of consular posts;

- Specific Objective 2 – Borders

The installation of the facial recognition system

Equipment to address the possible vulnerabilities identified in the VASE

Capacity Building



Trainings Attended to Abroad	Dates
New Challenges for the Implementation of AMIF & ISF, Berlin	16 th – 17 th March 2017
DG Home information day - EU funding for the integration of Third Country Nationals, Brussels	29 th March 2017
Project Management for AMIF & ISF, Berlin	22 nd – 23 rd May 2017
Public Procurement 2017, Berlin	26 th – 28 th June 2017
Control and Management in ISF and AMIF, Berlin	28 th – 29 th September 2017

Capacity Building (cont.)

Security and Defence Procurement Training



Held on the 17th and 18th of May, the training focused on the specificities and practices in defence and security procurement within the context and scope of the applicable EU legislation and its transposition to Maltese law.

The target audience of the seminar were (apart from all officers of the ISF RA), the IAID, the AFM, MPF, MSS, MFTP, DOC and MHAS

Publicity Measures

Constant updates are made to the RA website www.eufunds.gov.mt as well as the new responsive website <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. A Press Release promoting the achievements of the Fund was also published as part of the 2016 Annual Event.

The 2017 Annual Event took place as planned. Two 4-minute promotional video clips were produced, one on AMIF and one on ISF and were launched in the RA website.

A promotion campaign has also been implemented. A leaderboard advert has been placed on Times of Malta. This has been done to promote ISF and AMIF with a link to the RA website. This campaign ran for a total of 7 weeks and was then also connected with a link to the promotional video clips.

Link:

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

Publicity Measures

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 6th and 9th of May.

These stands were manned by RA officers who distributed leaflets and promotional items to the general public.



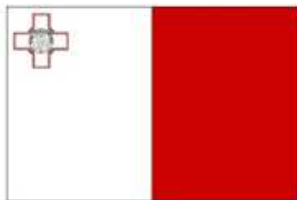


- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 103 active users.
- 547 Payments have already been processed under ISF.
- Further updates to the system are envisaged.



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Thank you for your attention



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