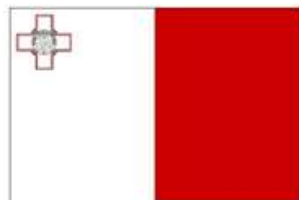




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# Update on the Internal Security Fund Programme

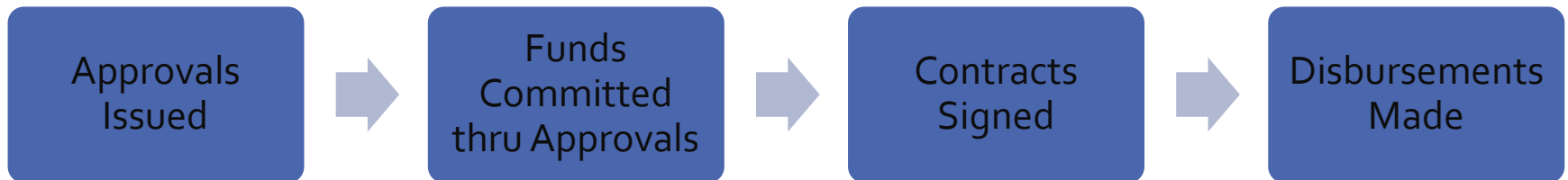
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## Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



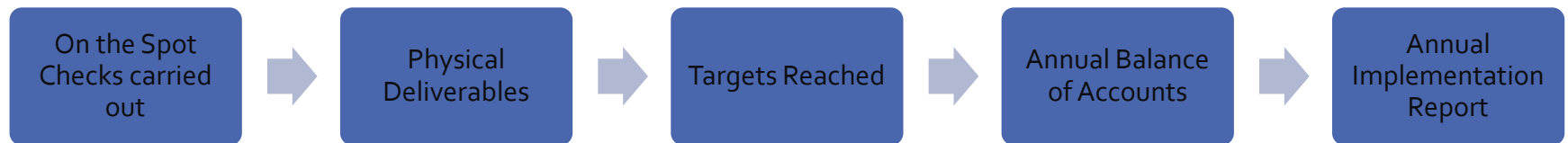
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## Project Approvals and Commitments Made



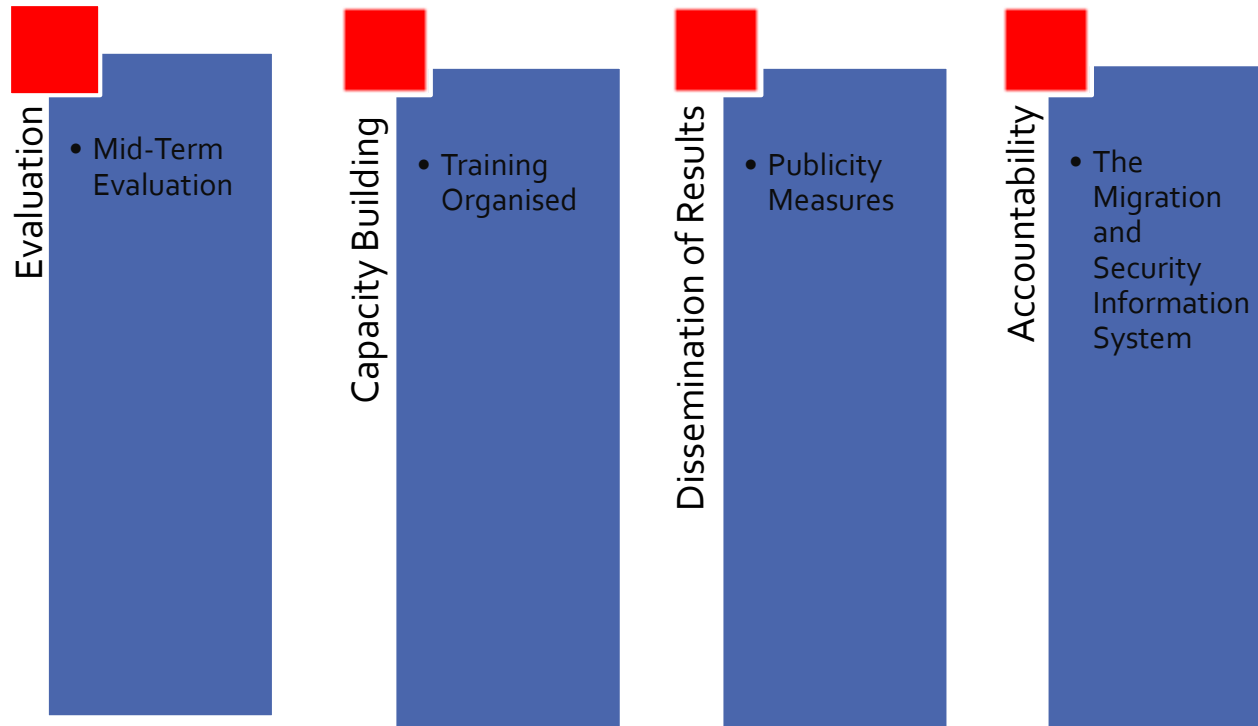
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## Project Monitoring Undertaken



# 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

On the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **AMIF**

- €1,000,005 under Integration
- € 861 000 under Return

## **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. These were subsequently approved in August (AMIF) and September (ISF).



# 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

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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

# Calls still to be issued

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

- the Malta Security Services Project under the national objective Crime Exchange of Information;
- the Hangers project under the National Capacity National objective.

# 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

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)

## 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

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

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

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

# Projects Approved (5)

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

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



# Projects Approved (6)

## 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

## 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 (MIA)
Exchange of Information	Passenger Name Record System

## 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

# Evaluation

## Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
Number of Meetings held	38
Number of Clarification letters issued	26
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	1
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	25

# Funds Committed

Specific Objective	% of Funds Committed thru Approved Projects
SO1 – Support a common visa policy	21% (€ 1,017,000)
SO2 – Borders	94% - (€ 51,829,543.25)
SO3 – Operating Support	56% - (€ 1,473,364)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	98% - (€ 6,544,911.88)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	21% - (€ 625,000)

# Disbursements Made

Specific Objective	% of Disbursements Made
SO2 – Borders	40% - (20,652,055.50)
SO3 – Operating Support	0%
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	34% - (2,224,023.44)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	16% - (100,000)

# On the Spot Checks Carried out (1)



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

# On the Spot Checks Carried out (2)

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

# On the Spot Checks Carried out (3)

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Improving the reaction capability of OPV P61	2 <sup>nd</sup> OTS - 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017
Smart Policing – Enhancing the capabilities of the Cyber Crime Unit	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Passenger Name Record System	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017



# Physical Deliverables



Third Twin Engine Helicopter

# Physical Deliverables



3<sup>rd</sup> Fixed Wing Maritime Patrol Aircraft

# Physical Deliverables



Bullet Proof Vests

# Physical Deliverables



EOD Response Vehicle

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EOD Robot

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Riot Gear Kit

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# 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 12)
C3.2 Financial value of projects in the area of crime prevention	€1,923,227.23 (out of €5,299,401)



# Targets Reached

Indicator	Target Value
C3.1 Number of projects in the area of crime prevention	9 (out of 10)
C4 Number of projects supported by the Fund, aiming to improve law enforcement information exchanges	5 (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	2 (out of 2)
C1 Number of tools put in place or upgraded with the help of the Fund to facilitate the protection of critical infrastructure	2 (out of 2)

# Annual Balance of Accounts

Financial Year	Amount put forward to Commission
2015	nil
2016	€5,018,706
2017	€18,622,991

# Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the Commission on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and was approved by the Commission on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 .
- The results as shown in this presentation will be 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

# Interim Evaluation

- Time-line of deliverables:

November 2017 – Draft Report

November 2017 – Presentation to the MC

December 2017 – Final Report and upload on the SFC

# Capacity Building

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

# Publicity Measures

Constant updates are made to the RA website [www.eufunds.gov.mt](http://www.eufunds.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

Preparations for this year's Annual Event are at an advanced stage. Two 4-minute promotional video clips are being produced, one on AMIF and one on ISF. These will be launched on the RA website on 18<sup>th</sup> December, which is the International Migrants Day.

A promotion campaign is also underway. A leaderboard advert has been placed on Times of Malta; Malta's most visited website. This has been done to promote ISF and AMIF with a link to the RA website. This campaign will run for 7 weeks and will then be connected with a link to the promotional video clips.



## MIGRATION AND SECURITY INFORMATION SYSTEM 2014-2020

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- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 87 users have been provided access to the system.
- 430 Payments have already been processed under ISF.
- Further updates to the system are envisaged.

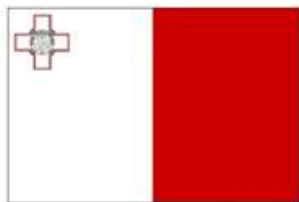




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