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Update on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund Programme

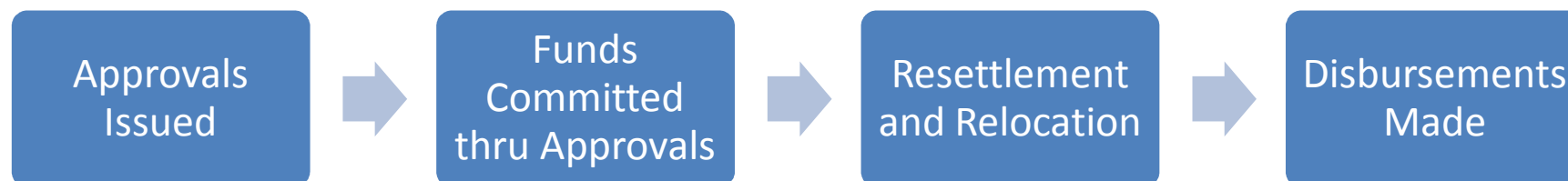
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Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



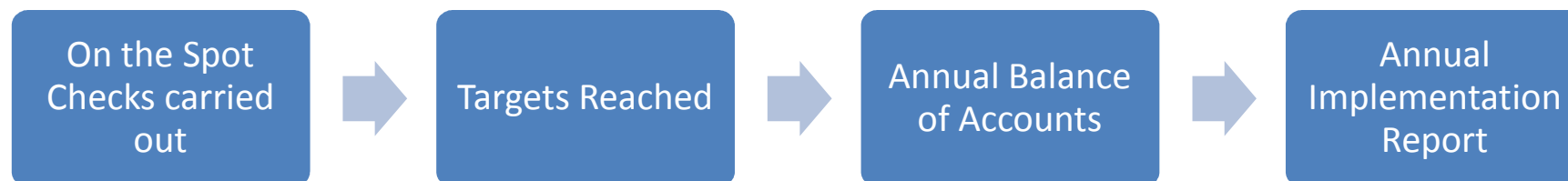
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Project Approvals and Commitments Made



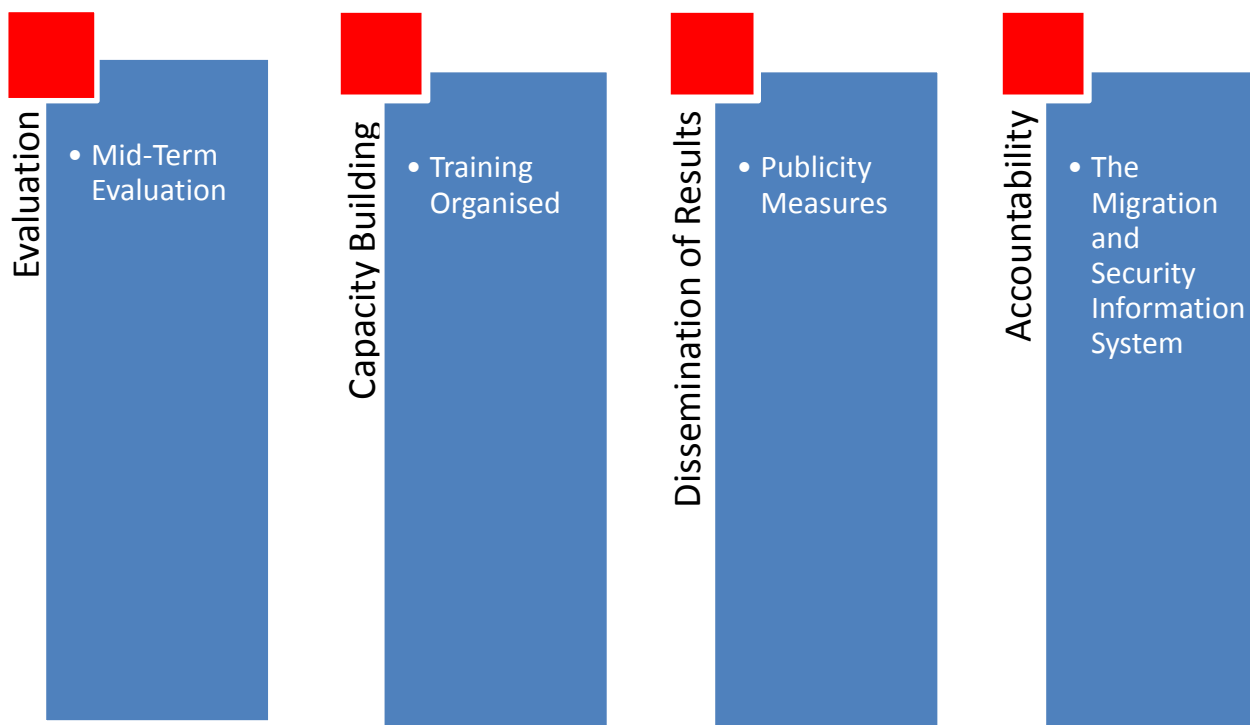
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Project Monitoring Undertaken



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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 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.

Issuance of Calls

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

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Call Issued (thru open call)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
1 st Call for Applications	2 nd November 2015	27 th November 2015	8

- The call was published on the RA website and featured in all newspapers on Sunday 8th November 2016
- An information session was organised on the 11th November 2016
- 36 participants attended the information session

Calls still to be issued

Following discussions with Beneficiary organisations, further calls will be issued in the near future under AMIF to receive:

- The construction of the new open centre and ancillary renovations;
- Provision of material aid,
- Training measures on asylum and return management,
- Measures for the Cooperation with third countries on return management.

Funds Committed

Specific Objective	% of Funds Committed thru Calls issued
SO1 – Asylum	22% - (€2,131,616)
SO2- Integration	90% - (€3,082,483.12)
SO3 – Return	94% - (€1,869,354.32)

Project Submissions

1st Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Evaluation	Setting up of an office that deals with requests related to REGULATION (EU) No 604/2013 of 26/06/2013
	Improving and Strengthening the asylum determination procedure
Integration	Training Third Country Nationals in Cultural Orientation, Language and work related skills for Employment (FSM)
	Improving the Cultural Competence of Third Country Nationals (CCIF)
	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)

Project Submissions

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National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Integration	Making Friends (MEDE)
	LLAPSI+(language learning and parental support for integration plus) (MEDE)
	Mobile Language Hub for Social Integration (SOS Malta)
Return	Activities of Forced Return (MPF)
	Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin - RESTART VI (IOM)

Project Submissions

2nd Call for Applications

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

3rd Call for Applications

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

Project Submissions

4th Call for Applications

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

Evaluation

Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

Date of 1 st Meeting	4 th April 2016
Number of Meetings held	12
Number of Clarification letters issued	15
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	1
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	9

Approvals issued

Projects Approved till to date

1st Call for Applications

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2nd Call for Applications

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Funds Committed

Specific Objective	% of Funds Committed thru Approved Projects
SO1 – Asylum	10% - (€1,006,615.85)
SO3 – Return	94% - (€1,869,354.32)

Resettlement and Relocation

Type of Action	Target Group	2016 - 2017
Resettlement from UNHCR camp in Turkey	Syrian Nationals	14
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Greece	24
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Italy	36
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Greece	54
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Italy	11

Disbursements Made

Specific Objective	% of Disbursements Made
SO 3 – Return	1% - (€22,000)
Special Cases (Relocation)	10% -(€90,000)

On the Spot Checks Carried out

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Activities of Forced Return	4 th July 2016
Provision of security services in AWAS units	29 th September 2016
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin - RESTART VI	31 st October 2016

Targets Reached

Indicator	Target Value
Number of target group persons provided with assistance through projects in the field of reception and asylum systems supported under this Fund	200 (out of 16,100)
Number of returnees who received pre or post return reintegration assistance co-financed by the Fund	8 (out of 5,400)
Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were returned voluntarily	8 (out of 400)
Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were removed	50 (out of 400)

Annual Balance of Accounts

Financial Year	Amount to put forward to Commission
2015	nil
2016	nil

Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the Commission and these were approved by the Commission on the 28th of June 2016.
- The results as shown in this presentation will be reproduced in the Annual Implementation Report and circulated for the Committee's review.

Mid-Term Evaluation

- Preparation has commenced for the undertaking of the mid-term Evaluation.
- The RA has participated in all the Evaluation Network meetings organised by the Commission and has also participated in the sub-group meetings which were undertaken.
- The draft delegated act on the Evaluation to be undertaken is being finalised and is envisaged to be adopted by end of year.
- Guidelines with respect to the evaluation questions that will be put in place for the mid-term review will be discussed in the next Evaluation network meeting on the 23rd of November.

Capacity Building

Trainings Organised	Dates
An induction Training was organised to the RA desk officers and the Audit Authority	18 th April 2016
Seminar on Project Selection	10 th June 2016
Training on Anti-Fraud Policy and Anti- Fraud Strategy	27 th July 2016
Seminar on Performance Auditing	26 th & 27 th September 2016
Three training sessions were organised on the use of the Migration and Security Information System	28 th September 2016, 3 rd October 2016 and 9 th November 2016

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Trainings Attended to Abroad	Dates
European Interactive seminar: Managing AMIF & ISF 2014-2020 and closing SOLID, Berlin	21st-22nd January 2016
European Conference: Best practice for the final implementation of the EU Public Procurement & Concessions Directives, Brussels	14th-15th March 2016
Seminar on Financial Corrections, Payment Applications and Annual Accounts on ESI Funds 2014-2020	14th-15th April 2016
Intensive Workshop: How to most effectively use Technical Assistance for ESI Funds 2014-2020	12th-13th May 2016
Reinforced Financial Control Requirements of EU Funds 2014-2020: Sampling, System Audits & On the spot checks	23rd-24th May 2016

Publicity Measures

- Constant updates are made to the RA website 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.
- The first launch events of the projects started to be organised, the first one being of IOM on voluntary return on 31st October 2016.
- A three gate leaflet containing information on the Fund is being prepared for distribution to the general public by end of year.

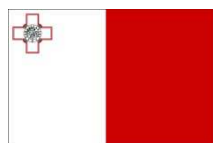


MIGRATION AND SECURITY INFORMATION SYSTEM 2014-2020

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- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 48 users have been provided access to the system.
- 95 Payments have already been processed.
- Further updates to the system are envisaged to be completed by end of year.

Thank You for your attention



Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
Co-Financing Rate: 75% EU Funds 25% Beneficiary's
Funds

Sustainable Management of Migration Flows

