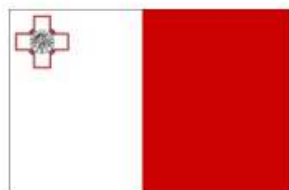




PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT
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Monitoring Committee Meeting

Friday, 6th November, 2020



Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (2014-2020)

Financed by European Union

Co-financing rate: 100% EU Funds – Technical Assistance

Sustainable Management of Migration Flows



Update on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund National Programme

Malta

Outline:

Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



Outline:

Project Approvals and Commitments Made



Outline:

Monitoring, Financials and Reporting



Modification of the NP (1)

➔ 2019

- Modification to revise the funding priorities listed in Specific Objective 3, Return and the 2020 re-pledging exercise featured under Resettlement, in line with EC Communication Ref. Ares(2019)3957059, dated 21st June 2019.
- Revised NP sent to the European Commission on the 12th September 2019.
- Formally adopted on the 16th December 2019.

Modification of the NP (2)

➔ 2020

- During 2020 minor modifications to the NP are required to support the current state-of-play of the migration and integration sector in Malta.

Issuance of Calls

Call (thru award)	Issued direct	Date of Issue	Deadline Submissions	for	No Projects submitted	of
16 th Call Applications	for	2 nd July 2019	30 th July 2019		0	
17 th Call Applications	for	2 nd July 2019	30 th July 2019		1	
18 th Call Applications	for	1 st November 2019	6 th December 2019		1	

Projects Approved since June 2019

17th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Capacity	All Equal: Supporting victims of human trafficking

18th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Return	The procurement of immigration equipment

Evaluation



Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

Date of 1 st Meeting	10 th March 2016
Number of Meetings held	69
Number of Clarification letters issued	47
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	4
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	28

Resettlement and Relocation



Type of Action	Target Group	2016 - 2017
Resettlement from UNHCR camp in Turkey	Syrian Nationals	14
Resettlement 2018 pledging exercise	Regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa (Egypt, Libya)	20
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Greece	24
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Italy	36
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Greece	97
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Italy	31

On the Spot Checks Carried out (1)



Projects	Date of the On the Spot Check
Learning – Exchanging – Integrating (HRID)	22 nd November 2019, 19 th August 2020 and 27 th August 2020.
Improving and strengthening the asylum determination procedure through the training and funds for interpreters.	16 th December 2019 and 2 nd September 2020.
The setting up of a unit that deals with the requests related to regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of 26 th June 2013	16 th December 2019 and 2 nd September 2020
Support Services for Newly Arrived Asylum Seekers	28 th August 2020
Project Refugee Assistance Malta	28 th August 2020
Improving the Cultural Competence of Third Country Nationals	8 th June 2019, 3 rd August 2019 and 10 th August 2020
Provision of Material Aid and Support Services to Assist Asylum Seekers	13 th September 2019, 15 th February 2020, 10 th August 2020 and 31 st August 2020

On the Spot Checks Carried out (2)



Projects	Date of the On the Spot Check
The provision of a sustainable mental health care service to asylum seekers and refugees in Malta	6 th September 2019, 11 th September 2019, 18 th December 2019, 17 th July 2020 and 23 rd July 2020.
Living together - towards understating each other's culture (University of Malta)	7 th August 2019, 23 rd October 2020 and 28 th October 2020
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin- Restart VI (IOM)	8 th November 2019 and 27 th August 2020
Activities of Forced Return (MPF)	6 th November 2019 and 19 th August 2020
Homework aid for TCN Parents enabling them to assist their children (Sliema Local Council)	26 th November 2019 and 16 th September 2020
Training Third country Nationals in Cultural Orientation, language and work related skills for employment. (FSM)	24 th September 2020

On the Spot Checks Carried out (3)



Projects	Date of the On the Spot Check
Employment Support Services for migrants (Jobs+)	18 th November 2019 and 21 st July 2020.
Language Learning and Parental Support for Integration Plus (LLAPSI+)	18 th and 20 th September 2019 14 th and 21 st November 2019 13 th , 24 th January 2020 20 th February, 2020 25 th June, 2020 15 th , 16 th and 17 th July 2020 4 th , 5 th and 6 th August, 2020
Provision of Security Services in AWAS Units	17 th , 23 rd , 26 June, 2020 25 th and 29 th September, 2020 22 nd October, 2020
Renovation of the Hangar Open Centre (HOC) at Hal Far including the Development of a Guard and Boundary Wall	16 th , 17 th June 2020 and 22 nd July 2020
Psychosocial Intervention Services for Beneficiaries of International Protection and Asylum Seekers	18 th November, 2019

Projects on the ground



‘Improving the Cultural Competence of Third Country Nationals’ – MT/2017/AMIF/6.05
by Cross Culture International Foundation (CCIF)

English Language Courses & Cultural Orientation Courses



Projects on the ground



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'Living Together - Towards Understanding Each Other's Culture' - MT/2017/AMIF/6.03
by University of Malta (UOM)

url: <https://livingtogether.mt/>

Projects on the ground



'Learning – Exchanging – Integrating' - MT/2016/AMIF/3.01
Turning the Tables Conference (February 2020)
by Human Rights Directorate (HRD)

Targets Reached



Indicator – Asylum (SO 1)	Target Value
C1. Number of target group persons provided with assistance through projects in the field of reception and asylum systems supported under this Fund	20,063 (target value of 16,100)
C3.1. Number of persons trained in asylum-related topics with the assistance of the Fund	94 (target value of 140)
C3.2. That number as a percentage of the total number of staff trained in those topics	172 % (target value of 90%)
C5. Number of projects supported under this Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate asylum policies in Member States	2 (target value of 1)

Targets Reached



Indicator – Integration/Legal Migration (SO 2)	Target Value
C2. Number of target group persons assisted by this Fund through integration measures in the framework of national, local and regional strategies	4,062 (target value of 14,000)
C3. Number of local, regional and national policy frameworks/measures/tools in place for the integration of TCNs and involving civil society, migrant communities as well as other relevant stakeholders, as a result of the measures supported under this Fund	23 (target value of 10)
C5. Number of projects supported under this Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate integration policies in Member States	1 (target value of 1)

Targets Reached



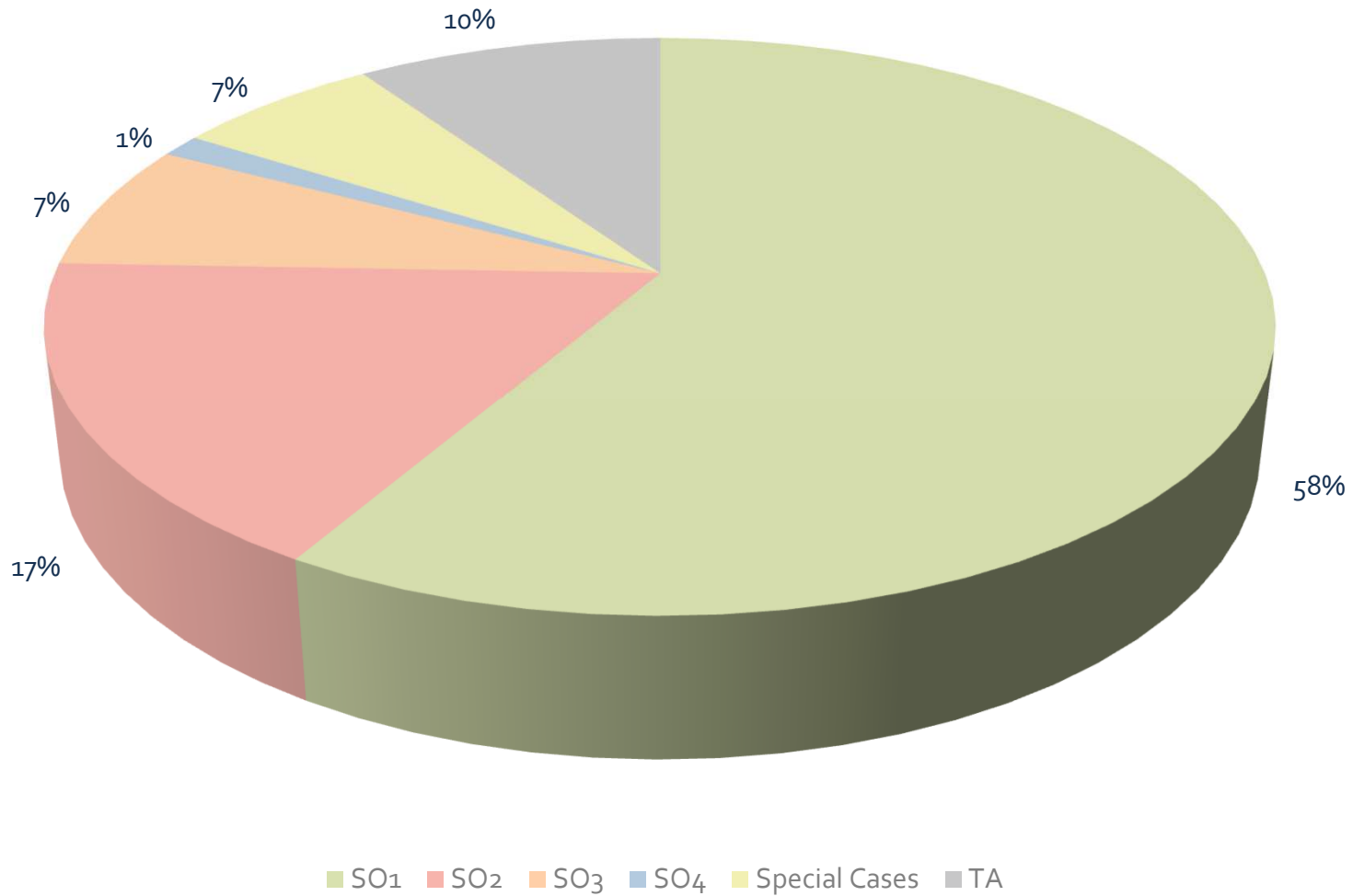
Indicator – Return (SO 3)	Target Value
C1. Number of persons trained on return-related topics with the assistance of the Fund	1,555 (target value of 25)
C2. Number of returnees who received pre or post return reintegration assistance co-financed by the Fund	38 (target value of 5,400)
C3. Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were returned voluntarily	76 (target value of 400)
C4. Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were removed	643 (target value of 400)

Financials

- Funds Committed
- Annual Balance of Accounts
- Disbursements Made



National Programme - AMIF

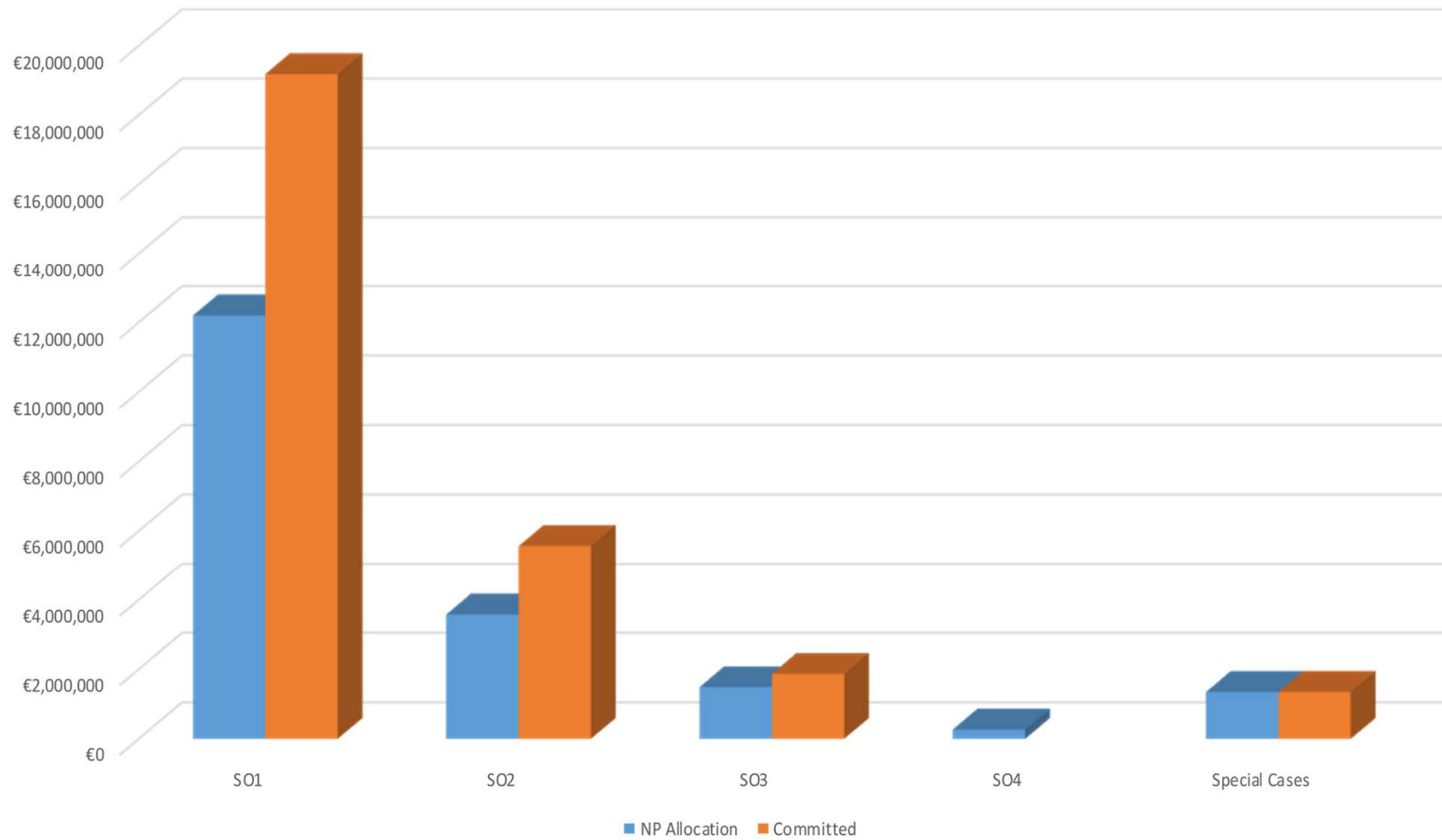


Funds Committed



Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of AMIF Funds committed through approved projects
SO1	€12,198,941	€19,182,492 (157%)
SO2	€3,576,529	€5,566,188 (148%)
SO3	€1,483,404	€1,869,354 (126%)
SO4	€265,683	€0 (0%)
Special Cases	€1,348,000	€1,348,000 (100%)

Funds Committed



Annual Balance of Accounts



Financial Year	Amount cleared by the Commission
2015	Nil
2016	Nil
2017	€3,551,363
2018	€3,775,187
2019	€2,367,664

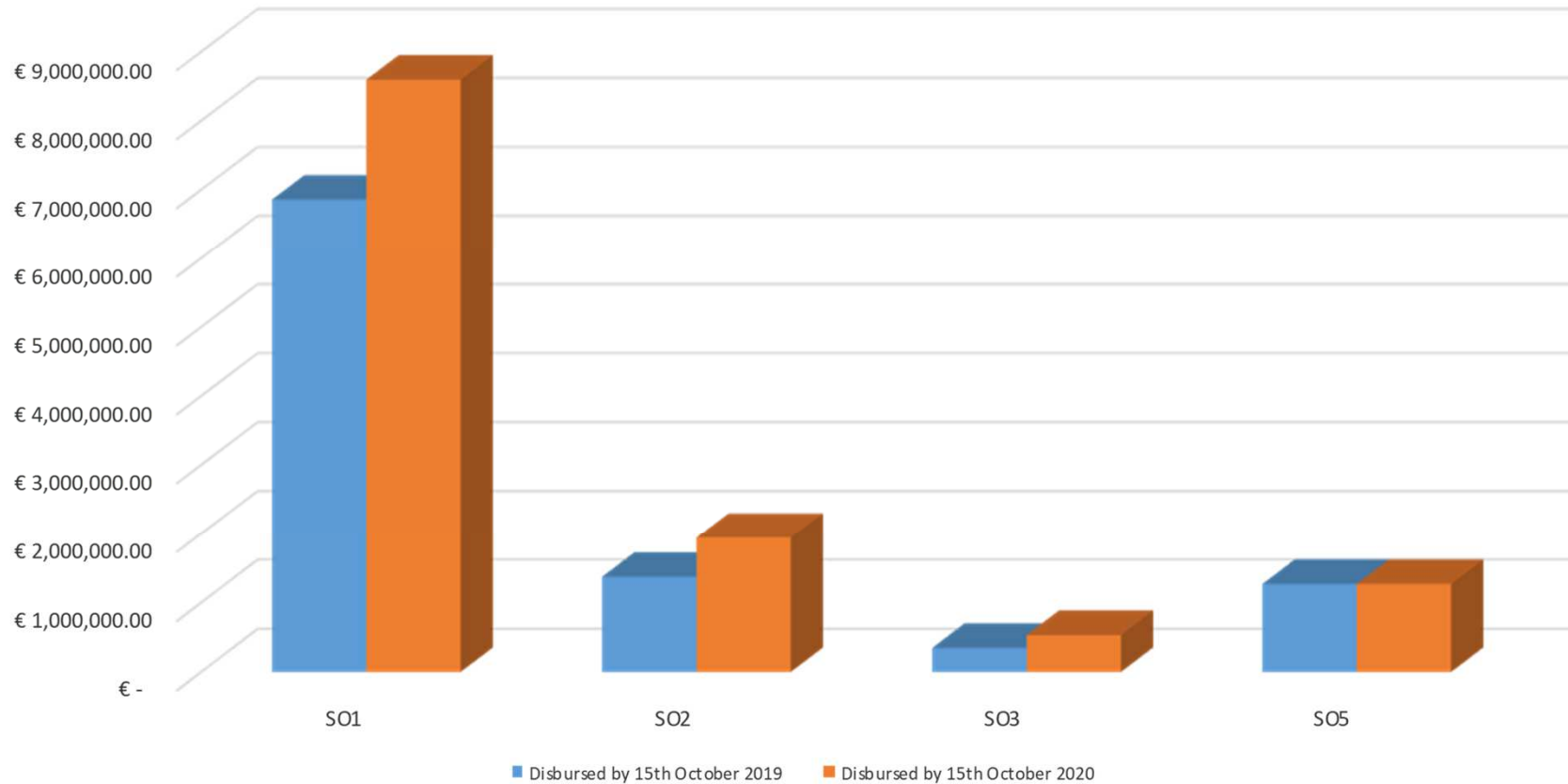
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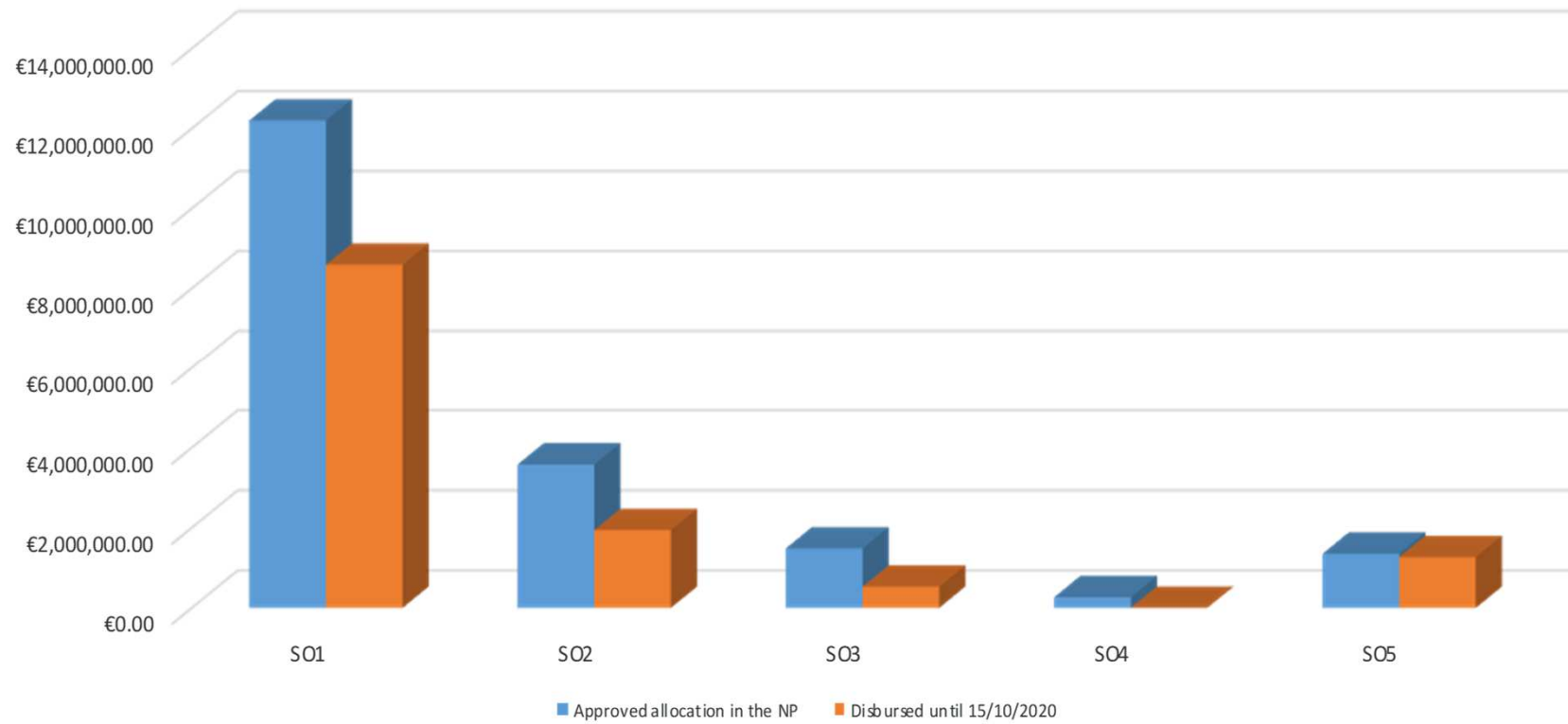
Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid during this financial year *	Total Union contribution Paid till 15 th October 2020	% Disbursed from NP Allocation
SO1	€ 1,737,164.75	€ 8,593,670.18	70.45
SO2	€ 568,769.20	€ 1,940,040.56	54.24
SO3	€ 185,351.93	€ 530,108.52	35.74
SO5	€ 0.00	€ 1,266,500.00	93.95

* Financial Year - 16th October, 2019 to 15 October, 2020 , 2020

Disbursements Made 2019 - 2020



Disbursements Vs. NP Allocation



Challenges Encountered



Procurement

- Planning
- Execution



Risk analysis

- Undefined and unplanned risks



Capacity

- Skills and expertise
- Voluminous and fragmentation of claims



Target Group



Covid-19 Pandemic

Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the European Commission on the 27th March, 2020 and was subsequently found admissible by the Commission on 28th May, 2020.
- The results as shown in this presentation will be reproduced in the Annual Implementation Report 2020 and circulated for the Committee's review.

Capacity Building

➔ RA staff attended the following training event:

- Public Management Toolkit Courses, organised throughout the year by the Institute of Public Services.
- Training on Common Errors in Public Procurement and Determining Financial Corrections for Non-Compliance with EU Regulations.
- Training and Networking Seminar on Migration Annual Event 2019 – AMIF and ISF (organized by the RA).
- The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges and to that effect, training courses which were to be carried out in 2020 had to be reworked and in some instances such courses did not materialize.

Publicity Measures

- Constant updates are made to the RA website www.eufunds.gov.mt and 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.
- Training and Networking Seminar on Migration Annual Event 2019 – AMIF and ISF
- Promotional items were distributed with stakeholders during meetings.
- Due to restrictions imposed by the Maltese Health Authorities the RA had to rethink its plans for alternative publicity measures. It is envisaged that the publicity measures will take form either in a visual or written medium.

Link:

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

Publicity Measures



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FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES DIVISION

The Funds and Programmes Division (FPD) was set up in July 2011 as part of an administrative structure required to handle the management of EU Funds (with the exception of Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund) and other Funds allocated to Malta and to provide guidance and support to the focal points of the EU and other Programmes that are managed directly by the European Commission or other EU institutions.

FUNDS OPEN CALLS



ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND
INTEGRATION FUND (AMIF) 2014-2020
€ 20,514,146



EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2014-2021
€ 8,000,000



ENI CBC MED PROGRAMME 2014-2020
€ 234,000,000



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND
FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)
2014-2020
€129,767,197

EU Funds Website – www.eufundsmalta.gov.mt

Publicity Measures



Training and Networking Seminar on Migration Annual Event 2019 – AMIF and ISF & Promotional Items

Publicity Measures



Promotional items in connection with COVID-19: face visor, antibacterial pen, hand sanitizer, face mask and hygiene pointer.



- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 136 active users.
- 2,024 claims for payment have already been processed under the AMIF. These do not include payments processed through Technical Assistance.
- Further updates to the system are envisaged.

Updates of the AMIF National Programme 2014 - 2020

Updates of the AMIF National Programme



- **Legal Basis – Regulation 514/2014**

Article 14 (9) states that in the light of new or unforeseen circumstances, at the initiative of the Commission or the Member State concerned, an approved national programme may be re-examined and, if necessary revised for the rest of the programming period.

The 2020 update reflects the sectorial needs and the Maltese context in term of asylum and migration

Updates of the AMIF National Programme



The changes are as outlined:

- A shift of funds amounting to EUR 627k from SO1 NO2 Evaluation to SO1 NO1 Reception/Asylum
- Correcting the name of the Authority for the AMIF delegated authority
- Some minor wording changes under the description of Specific Objective 1 Asylum text, mainly as regards the refurbishment and construction of Open Centres.
- All actions foreseen under SO1 NO2 will be implemented and the shift of €627k will not have any impact on the projects being carried out on the ground.

Updates of the AMIF National Programme



- Section 7 of the National Programme – Financial Plan

Specific objective / national objective / specific action	Total
SO1.NO1 Reception/asylum	11,566,325.58
SO1.NO2 Evaluation	632,616.00
SO1.NO3 Resettlement	
TOTAL SO1 Asylum	12,198,941.58
SO2.NO1 Legal migration	
SO2.NO2 Integration	2,641,640.62
SO2.NO3 Capacity	934,889.32
TOTAL SO2 Integration/legal migration	3,576,529.94
SO3.NO1 Accompanying measures	
SO3.NO2 Return measures	1,483,404.32
SO3.NO3 Cooperation	0.00
TOTAL SO3 Return	1,483,404.32
SO4.NO1 Relocation	265,683.68
TOTAL SO4 Solidarity	265,683.68
Technical assistance	2,000,676.48
TOTAL Special Cases	1,348,000.00
TOTAL	20,873,236.00



Programming 2021 - 2027

**Asylum, Migration and
Integration Fund**

Monitoring Committee

6th November 2020

Programming Phase



Strategy and Implementation Division (SID) within MFEA

- Coordinating the drafting of all EU funded plans and programmes, including JHA, for next Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2021 – 2027, to ensure synergies, complementarity and demarcation.

Progress thus far:

- Between 2019 and 2020, SID carried out consultations across Government and relevant entities regarding the possible types of actions and policy developments related to the 2021-2027 period.
- A list of investment priorities for Malta were also identified by the European Commission in the AMIF programming fiche published in December 2019.

Indicative Financial Overview

2021 – 2027 Programme	Indicative Financial Allocation (EU Share in current prices) ¹
Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	€ 43,000,000*

- *1 Source: Ministry of Finance estimates on the basis of latest ClON proposals and/or Fiches.*
- * In line with Article 8 of the proposed AMIF Regulation, additional funds shall be allocated for thematic facility.

AMIF Policy Objective:

- Article 3 -To contribute to an efficient management of migration flows in line with relevant Union acquis and in compliance with the Union's commitments on fundamental rights.

Enabling conditions: State of Play

- Enabling conditions are a pre-requisite for supporting projects through EU funding.
- 3 horizontal enabling conditions are applicable for AMIF programme.
- As present, Ministries are actively working on ensuring fulfilment of conditions.
- Another round of consultations with relevant entities is currently underway in particular to take stock of the fulfilment of the outstanding enabling conditions.
- All three enabling conditions are envisaged to be completed by end of 2020.

Next steps (Q4 2020 – Q2 2021)

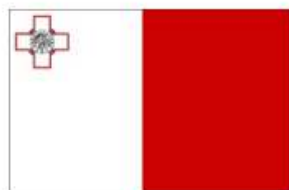


- Finalising the first consolidation AMIF Programme for Government consideration;
- Engaging in informal dialogue with the European Commission on the draft AMIF programme;
- Finalising the Strategic Environmental Assessment on the AMIF programme;
- Updating the Monitoring Committee and carrying out wider consultations, as necessary; and
- Officially submitting the programme to the European Commission.



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Thank you for your attention



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