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Update on the Internal Security Fund Programme

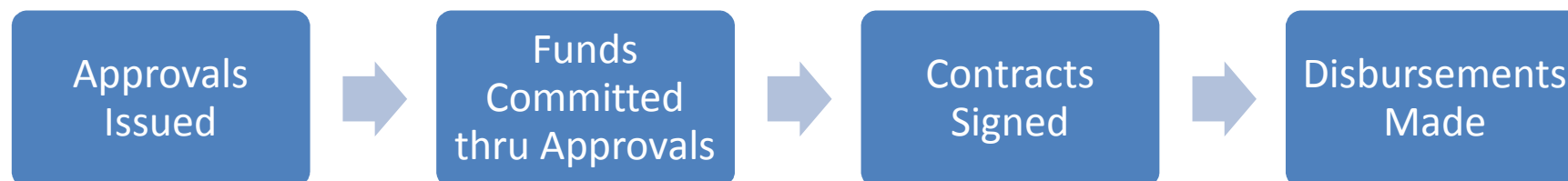
Outline:

Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



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Project Approvals and Commitments Made



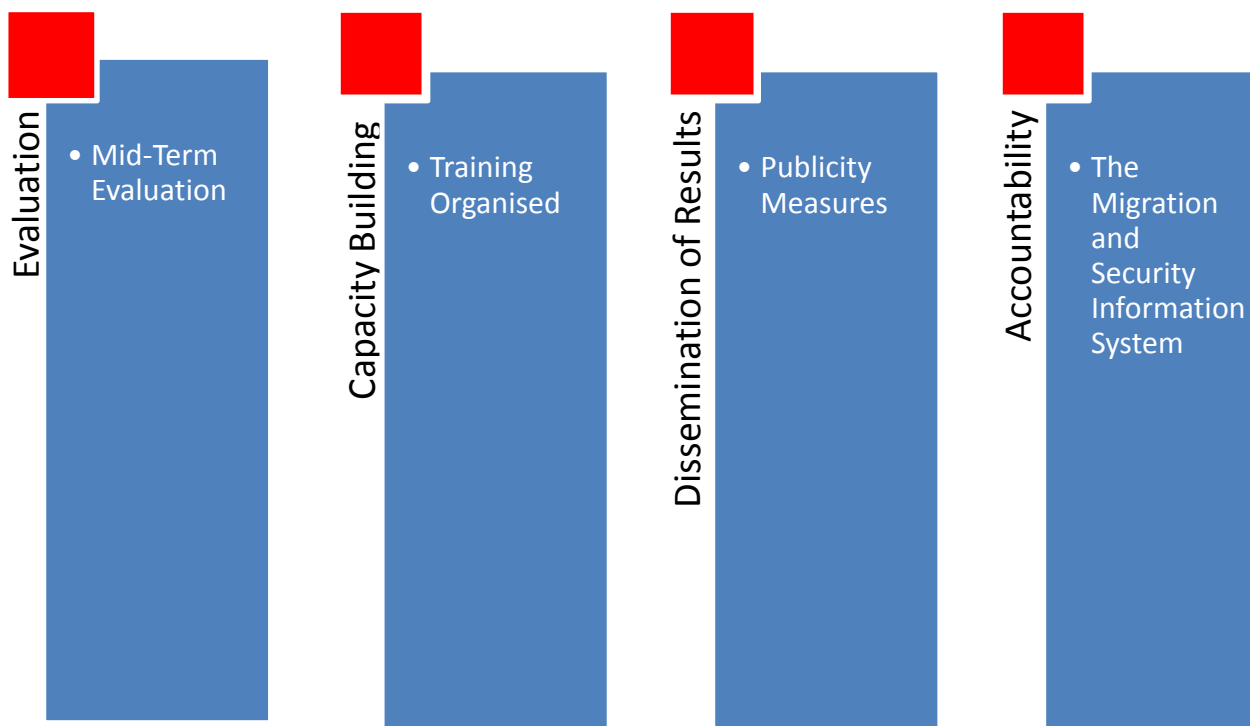
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Project Monitoring Undertaken



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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	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	Still to be submitted

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 visas related projects;
- the training programme envisaged to be undertaken under the Future Challenges national objective,
- the hangers project under the National Capacity National objective.

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- the Malta Security Services Project under the national objective Crime Exchange of Information;
- the training programme envisaged to be undertaken under the Training national objective,
- the command and control room project envisaged under early warning and crises national objective.

Funds Committed

Specific Objective	% of Funds Committed thru Calls issued
SO2 – Borders	99% - (€54,476,700)
SO3 – Operating Support	10% - (€260,000)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	80% - (€4,364,151.75)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	36% - (€1,071,250)

Project Submissions

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

Project Submissions

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

Project Submissions

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

Project Submissions

4th Call for Applications

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

Project Submissions

5th Call for Applications

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

Evaluation

Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

Date of 1 st Meeting	10 th March 2016
Number of Meetings held	13
Number of Clarification letters issued	16
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	1
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	13

Approvals issued

Projects Approved till to date

1st Call for Applications

8

2nd Call for Applications

5

Funds Committed

Specific Objective	% of Funds Committed thru Approved Projects
SO2 – Borders	91% - (€50,102,467)
SO3 – Operating Support	10% - (€260,000)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	46% - (€2,483,797.59)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	36% - (€1,071,250)

Contracts Signed

Project	Contracts
Improving the reaction capability of OPV P61	Consultancy services leading to the upgrade of an AFM offshore patrol vessel
Procurement of Helicopter Capable Patrol Vessel	Consultancy services leading to the Procurement of an Offshore Patrol Vessel to the Armed Forces of Malta
Procurement of a third Twin Engine Helicopter	Procurement of Helicopter/s for Border Control
FRONTEX Equipment	The Procurement of a Third Fixed Wing Maritime Patrol Aircraft for the Armed Forces of Malta

Contracts Signed

Project	Contracts
Enhancement of the operational capabilities of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Platoon.	Supply of EOD/IEDD Low Emission Response Vehicle complete with robot and ancillary equipment
Procurement of Police Equipment	Contract for the purchase of Bullet Proof Vests with low levels of toxic substances for the Malta Police Force
Research on the network of criminal organisations involved in people smuggling	Research on the Network of Criminal Organisations involved in People Smuggling

Disbursements Made

Specific Objective	% of Disbursements Made
SO2 – Borders	16% - (8,879,706)
SO3 – Operating Support	0%
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	22% - (1,201,542.93)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	0.5% - (16,666.50)

On the Spot Checks Carried out

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
Procurement of Police Equipment	28 th July 2016
Enhancement of the operational capabilities of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Platoon.	5 th and 12 th August 2016
Improving the reaction capability of OPV P61	9 th August 2016
Research on the network of criminal organisations involved in people smuggling	19 th August 2016
Procurement of a third Twin Engine Helicopter	11 th October 2016
Procurement of Helicopter Capable Patrol Vessel	7 th November 2016

Physical Deliverables



Third Twin Engine Helicopter

Physical Deliverables



Bullet Proof Vests

Physical Deliverables



EOD Response Vehicle

Targets Reached

Indicator	Target Value
Number of border control (checks and surveillance) infrastructure and means developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund	1 (out of 4)
Number of projects in the area of crime prevention	4 (out of 5)
Financial Value of projects in the area of crime prevention	€2,063,797.59 (out of €3,013,769)
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)

Annual Balance of Accounts

Financial Year	Amount to put forward to Commission
2015	nil
2016	€5,018,706 = 7.6% of ISF (Borders)

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 inauguration ceremonies of the projects whose items have been delivered will commence to be organised at the end of this month.
- All items delivered have affixed the obligatory publicity banner.
- 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



Internal Security Fund

**Co-Financing Rate: 75% EU Funds 25% Beneficiary's
Funds**

Sustainable Management of Internal Security

