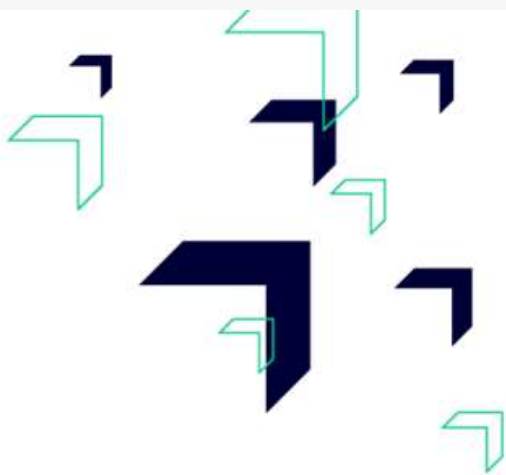




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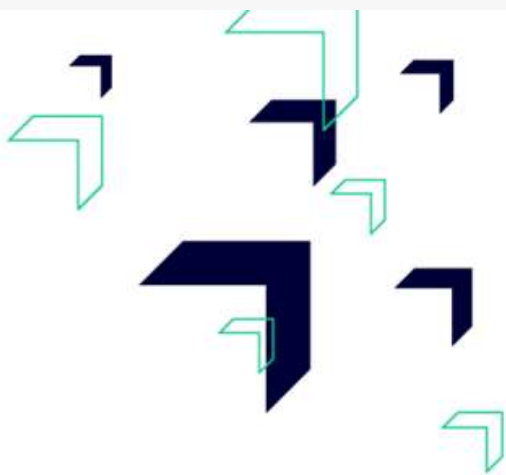


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What's New?

- 3 HOME Programmes instead of 2.
- The AMIF, BMVI & ISF Programmes are regulated by the Common Provisions Regulations.
- Technical assistance is calculated at a flat rate of 6%, in line with Article 36(5) of the CPR.
- Enables the use of different co-financing rates, depending on the actions foreseen in the Programmes.
- Includes a performance methodology delineating the milestones and targets to be achieved by 2024 and 2029 respectively.
- Operating Support is available for all three Programmes.
- SEA screening carried out on AMIF, BMVI (notification for ISF).
- Different regulatory parameters, EU ambitions, national socio-economic realities.

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

AMIF Programme



- 1 Policy Objective of the AMIF Regulation reflected through 4 Specific Objectives and Technical Assistance.
- Total budget: Eur 52.3mn (EU+MT)
- Adopted by the European Commission 7th September 2022.

Policy Objective: Contribute to the efficient management of migration flows and to the implementation, strengthening and development of the common policy on asylum and the common immigration policy, in accordance with the relevant Union acquis and fully respecting the international obligations of the Union and the Member States arising from the international instruments to which they are party.

Regulatory Parameters for the 2021-2027 Programming Period

Specific Objective	Regulatory Obligation	% in MT Programme
SO1	Min. 15% AMIF	54%
SO2	Min. 15% AMIF	31%
Operating Support	Max. 15% AMIF	5%

Asylum

- **SO1:** *Strengthening and developing all aspects of the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension*
 - Continuous provision of material aid and security services
 - Facilitating access to information on asylum for migrants
 - Supporting vulnerable groups through healthcare and psychosocial assistance
 - Strengthening the asylum determination process
 - Enhancing legal assistance and maintaining the upkeep of reception centres
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- Funding (EU + MT share) for this SO amounts to € 29.8 million

Legal Migration and Integration

- **SO2:** *Strengthening and developing legal migration to the Member States in accordance with their economic and social needs, and promoting and contributing to the effective integration and social inclusion of third-country nationals*
- Provision of integration services by strengthening multiculturalism, addressing information gaps, reducing language barriers and providing digital learning
- Promoting diversity and embracing ethnicity
- Supporting victims of human trafficking
- Funding (EU + MT share) for this SO amounts to € 15 million

Counter Irregular Migration and Enhancing Solidarity



- **SO3:** *Contributing to countering irregular migration, enhancing effective, safe and dignified return and readmission, and promoting and contributing to effective initial reintegration in third countries*
- Addressing effective return cooperation mechanisms
- Strengthening the referral network to promote voluntary return
- Countering irregular migration
- Funding (EU + MT share) for this SO amounts to € 4.7 million
- **SO4:** *Enhancing solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility between the Member States, in particular as regards those most affected by migration and asylum challenges, including through practical cooperation*
- Resettlement efforts in line with national capacities and resources. This shall also aim to provide humanitarian admission to people in need of international protection.
- Funding (EU – 100%) for this SO amounts to € 210,000

Technical Assistance

- **Types of Actions:**
 - Information and communication
 - Preparation, implementation, monitoring and control
 - Evaluation and studies, data collection
 - Capacity building

- Funding (EU – 100%) for TA is € 2.4 million

Border Management and Visa Instrument

BMVI Programme

- 1 Policy Objective of the BMVI regulation reflected through 2 Specific Objectives and Technical Assistance
 - Total budget: Eur 47.8mn (EU+MT)
 - Adopted by the European Commission on 23rd November 2022
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- **Policy Objective:** Create and implement stable and efficient European integrated border management at the Union's external borders. This will help the Union maintain a high level of internal security, protect the freedom of movement within the Union, and fully comply with the relevant Union acquis as well as Union and Member State international obligations arising from international instruments to which they form part.

Regulatory Parameters for the 2021-2027 Programming Period

Specific Objective	Regulatory Obligation	% in MT Programme
SO2	Min. 10% BMVI	16%
Operating Support	Max. 33% BMVI	11%

Border Management



- **SO1:** *Supporting effective European integrated border management at the external borders, implemented by the European Border and Coast Guard as a shared responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the national authorities responsible for border management, to facilitate legitimate border crossings, to prevent and detect illegal immigration and cross-border crime and to effectively manage migratory flows*
 - Enhancing border control operations and capabilities
 - Strengthening border surveillance equipment
 - Supporting capacity building measures on integrated border management
 - Strengthening checks at border control points
 - Supporting the maintenance and interoperability of EU large-scale IT systems
- Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 39.5 million

VISA

- **SO2:** *Supporting the common visa policy to ensure a harmonised approach with regard to the issuance of visas and to facilitate legitimate travel, while helping to prevent migratory and security risks*
- Enhancing national capacity and operations on visa related matters
- Supporting digitalisation of VISA applications
- Strengthening consular coverage
- Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 6.2 million

Technical Assistance

- **Types of actions:**
 - Actions related to the preparation, selection, appraisal, management of Programme and Interventions;
 - Actions involving audits and support for on-the-spot check controls;
 - Actions supporting the strengthening of the MA and institutional capacity of partners to assist in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Programme;
 - Actions involving the setting up and organisation of meetings of the monitoring committees;
 - Actions related to evaluations of the Programme.
- Funding (EU + MT share) for TA is equal to € 2.1 million

Internal Security Fund

ISF Programme

- 1 Policy Objective of the ISF regulation reflected through 3 Specific Objectives and Technical Assistance
 - Total budget: Eur 26.9mn (EU+MT)
 - Adopted by the European Commission on 27th October 2022.
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- **Policy Objective:** Contribute to ensuring a high level of security in the Union, in particular by preventing and combating terrorism and radicalisation, serious and organised crime, and cybercrime, by assisting and protecting victims of crime, as well as by preparing for, protecting against and effectively managing security-related incidents, risks and crises within the scope of this Regulation.

Regulatory Parameters for the 2021-2027 Programming Period

Specific Objective	Regulatory Obligation	% in MT Programme
SO1	Min. 10% ISF	74%
SO2	Min. 10% ISF	11%
Operating Support	Max. 20% ISF	0%
Equipment, transport or construction of security-related facilities	Max. 35% ISF	21%



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Exchange of Information

- **SO1:** *Improving and facilitating the exchange of information between and competent authorities and relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies and, where relevant, with third countries and international organisations* *wit.....*
- Reinforce the analytical capabilities of law enforcement units
- Setting up an asset recovery facility to preserve and protect confiscated assets
- Setting up criminal and forensic data repository systems and information management solutions to strengthen cooperation against organised crime
- Enhance information sharing solutions to address encrypted devices
- Funding (EU + MT share) for this SO amounts to € 19 million

Cross-border Cooperation



- **SO2:** *Improving and intensifying cross-border cooperation, including joint operations, between competent authorities in relation to terrorism and serious and organised crime with a cross-border dimension*
- Strengthening cross border operations through the setting up of a Police network fusion centre
- Funding (EU + MT share) for this SO amounts to € 2.6 million

Prevention and Combatting Crime

- **SO3:** *supporting the strengthening of Member States' capabilities in relation to preventing and combating crime, terrorism and radicalisation, as well as managing security-related incidents, risks and crises, including through increased cooperation between public authorities, relevant Union bodies, offices or agencies, civil society and private partners in different Member States*
- Increasing capacity building measures to strengthen investigations on economic crime cases and money laundering
- Deploy technologies to track down criminal offences
- Maximise security preventive measures against financial crime
- Enhance the protection of public spaces
- Funding (EU + MT share) for this SO amounts to € 4 million

Technical Assistance

- **Types of actions:**
 - Actions related to the preparation, selection, appraisal, management of Programme and Interventions
 - Actions involving audits and support for on-the-spot check controls
 - Actions supporting the strengthening of the MA and institutional capacity of partners to assist in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Programme
 - Actions involving the setting up and organisation of meetings of the monitoring committees
 - Actions related to evaluations of the Programme
- Funding (EU + MT share) for TA is equal to € 1.2 million

Enabling Conditions

- The below horizontal enabling conditions are deemed fulfilled.

Horizontal Enabling Conditions	Status of Fulfilment
G.1 – Effective monitoring mechanisms of the public procurement market	Fulfilled
G.3 – Effective application and implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights	Fulfilled
G.4 – Implementation and application of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD) in accordance with Council Decision 2010/48/EC	Fulfilled

Partnership Principle

Consultation Process

- In the run up to the development of the Programmes, various stakeholders were involved in the development of the Programmes, including through the 2014-2020 MC and consultative bilateral meetings held between 2020 - 2021.
- Non-Governmental/International Organisations were also directly consulted on the AMIF programme to contribute towards the Programme's needs and initiatives.

Next Steps



Launch of calls – Quarter 2-3 of 2023



Continued monitoring of the Enabling Conditions

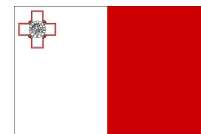
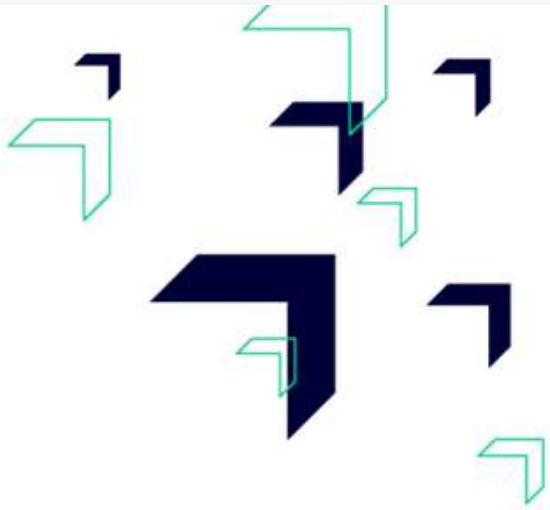


Continued monitoring of the programme implementation and the outcome of relevant evaluations



Continued engagement with the Monitoring Committee

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