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2021-2027 AMIF Programme

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Overview



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- Novelties introduced in the 21 – 27
- Context of Call
- Eligibility and Selection Criteria
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Aim of the AMIF Programme

- 1 Policy Objective of the AMIF Regulation reflected through 4 Specific Objectives and Technical Assistance.
- Total budget of AMIF Programme: 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.

Novelties introduced for the 21-27 AMIF Programme

- i. The **AMIF Programme** is regulated by the Common Provisions Regulations
- ii. Enables the use of **different co-financing rates**, depending on the actions foreseen in the Programmes, in line with Article 15 of the AMIF Regulation
- iii. The Programme contributes to specific objectives rather than national objectives for simplification purposes.
- iv. Includes a **performance methodology** delineating the milestones and targets to be achieved by 2024 and 2029 respectively
- v. The assessment of the Enabling Conditions, and fulfilment which needs to be ensured throughout the 2021-2027 programming period
- vi. Different EU regulatory parameters, EU objectives and national context
- vii. Presents an intervention logic based on the main priorities/development needs and types of actions identified in the Programme.
- viii. Aims to strengthen the use of simplified cost options.

Context of Call

- Open call for applications launched on 3rd July 2023 focusing on actions contributing to Specific Objective 3 of the AMIF Programme.
- Funding Priority addressed through this 6th Call is to:
 - Address irregular migration, strengthening dialogue and cooperation with third countries as well as promote assisted voluntary return and reintegration assistance
- Total budget allocated under this Call: **€ 4,732,961.01 (EU + MT Share)**
- Applications are to be submitted through the online portal: <https://sfd.gov.mt/Application/>
- Deadline for submission of applications: **Friday 25th August 2023 at 12.00 p.m.**
- Eligible Beneficiaries: Government departments, public entities, international organisations, social partners, non-governmental and voluntary organisations working in the field of migration

Eligible Actions and Implementation Measures

- Actions contributing to Specific Objective 3 shall aim to contribute towards the development needs envisaged in the AMIF Programme i.e.:
 - Support effective return cooperation management systems,
 - Strengthening the referral network to promote voluntary return, and
 - Counter irregular migration.

- Actions implemented under SO3 shall focus on 1 or more of the following implementation measures (Annex II of the AMIF Regulation):
 - **3a** – Ensuring the uniform application of the Union acquis and policy priorities regarding infrastructure, procedures and services
 - **3b** – Supporting an integrated and coordinated approach to return management at Union and Member State level, to the development of capacities for effective, dignified and sustainable return, and to reducing incentives for irregular migration
 - **3c** – Supporting assisted voluntary return, family tracing and reintegration, while respecting the best interests of the child;
 - **3d** – Strengthening cooperation with third countries and their capacity, with respect to readmission and sustainable return.

Eligibility Criteria

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The application must be submitted within the deadline defined in the Call

The applicant shall be an eligible applicant

The applicant must declare to implement the project respecting the non-profit principle

Project remit must be in line with the mandate of the Beneficiary

The proposed action has a duration that does not exceed the implementation period of the AMIF Programme i.e., 31 December 2029

Proof of co-financing must be provided (when applicable)

The objective(s) of the proposed action correspond(s) to the relevant objectives defined under the AMIF Programme

Eligibility Criteria cont..

Eligibility Criteria

Addresses at least one of the output and result indicators of the AMIF National Programme

The action does not involve State Aid

Ensures that selected operations are not directly affected by a reasoned opinion by the Commission in respect of an infringement under Article 258 TFEU that puts at risk the legality and regularity of expenditure or the performance of operations

Project implemented within the eligible territory

- Assessment is carried out on the basis of Yes/No answer

Selection Criteria

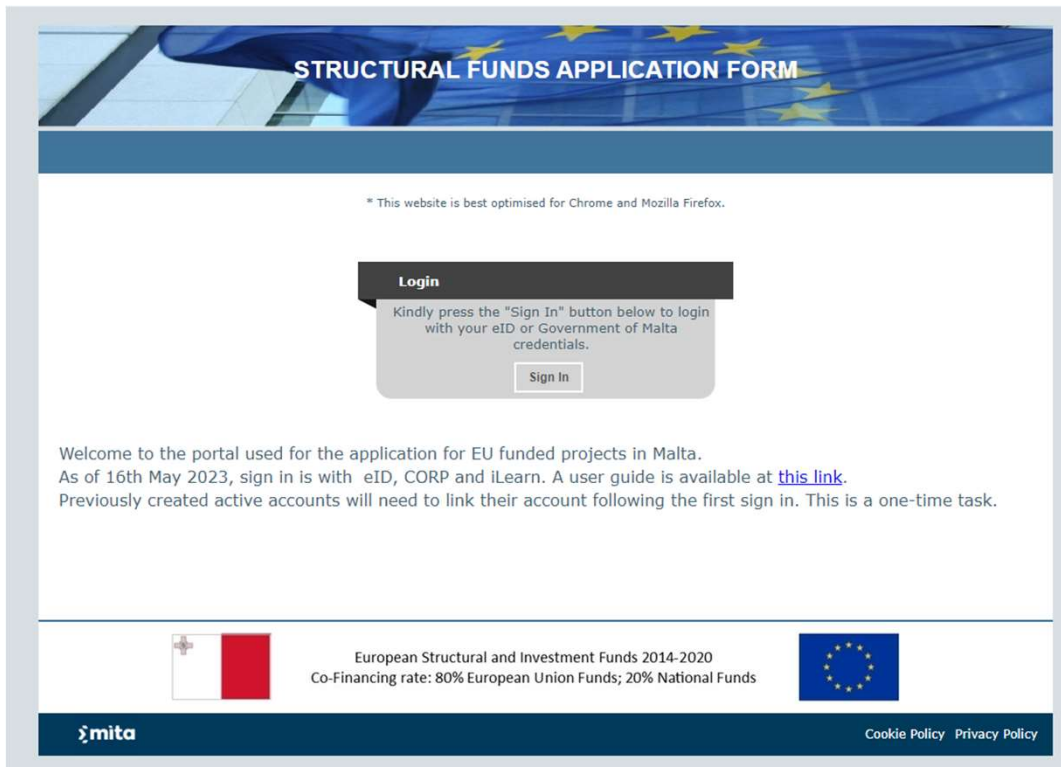


Selection Criteria	Points
Relevance and Justification	Total Points: 20 Threshold: 10
Quality of the application form	Total Points: 10 Threshold: 5
Capacity of the Organisation to implement the activities proposed	Total Points: 15 Threshold: 8
Outputs and Result Indicators	Total Points: 15 Threshold: 10

Selection Criteria	Points
Cost effectiveness and sustainability	Total Points: 20 Threshold: 10
Dissemination of project results	Total Points: 5 Threshold: N/A
Complementarity with other actions funded by the EU or national programmes	Total Points: 5 Threshold: 2
Readiness	Total Points: 10 Threshold: 5

Submission of Applications

- Application forms are to be submitted electronically through the following portal: <https://sfd.gov.mt/application/>





STRUCTURAL FUNDS APPLICATION FORM


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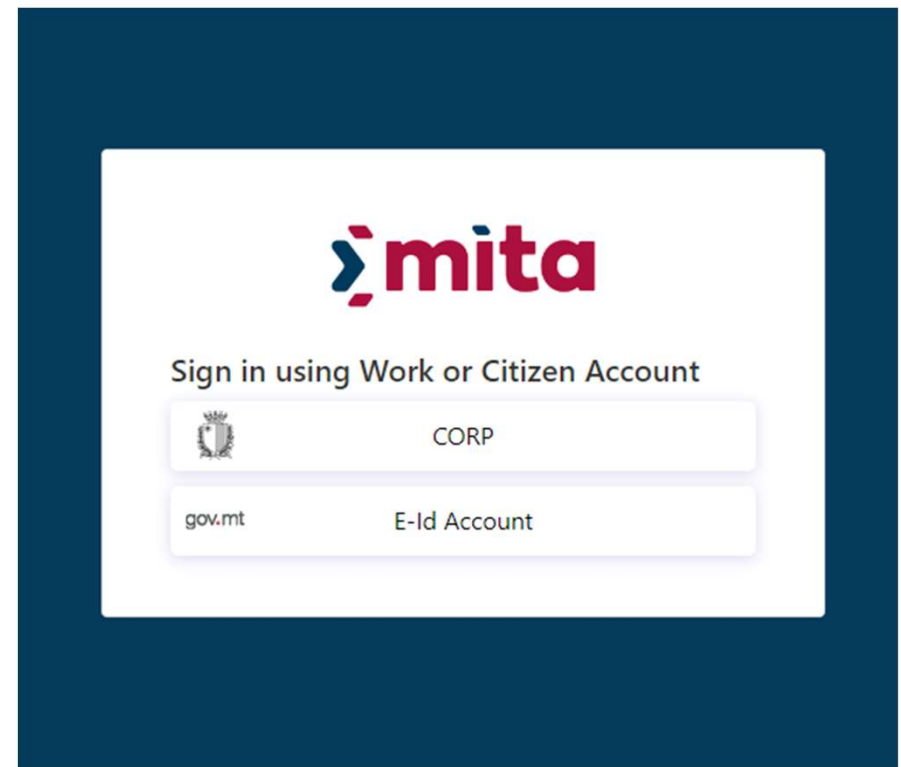
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Kindly press the "Sign In" button below to login with your eID or Government of Malta credentials.

Welcome to the portal used for the application for EU funded projects in Malta.
As of 16th May 2023, sign in is with eID, CORP and iLearn. A user guide is available at [this link](#).
Previously created active accounts will need to link their account following the first sign in. This is a one-time task.


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Submission of Applications (2)



STRUCTURAL FUNDS APPLICATION FORM

The list of open calls is displayed hereunder. Please select "New Application" next to the open call to initiate the application process within the call.

Open calls	Programme	Start Date	End Date	
Call 4 - SME Digitalisation Grant Scheme	RRP - Recovery and Resilience Plan	01/01/2023 00:00:00	31/12/2023 12:00:00	New Application
Call 4 - Digital Intensification Grant Scheme	RRP - Recovery and Resilience Plan	01/01/2023 00:00:00	31/12/2023 12:00:00	New Application
Call 1 - Digitalise your Micro Business	RRP - Recovery and Resilience Plan	10/04/2023 00:00:00	31/12/2023 12:00:00	New Application
Call 14 - Priority Axis 3 (IP3d); Priority Axis 4 (IP4c)	OP I - Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges.	26/05/2023 12:00:00	24/07/2023 12:00:00	New Application
Call 1 - Business Reports for SMEs	ECJ - Towards a smarter, well connected and resilient economy, a greener environment and an integrated society	01/06/2023 00:00:00	31/12/2023 12:00:00	New Application
Call 1 - SME Enhance (de Minimis)	ECJ - Towards a smarter, well connected and resilient economy, a greener environment and an integrated society	01/06/2023 00:00:00	31/12/2023 12:00:00	New Application
Call 1 - Start-up Enhance	ECJ - Towards a smarter, well connected and resilient economy, a greener environment and an integrated society	01/06/2023 00:00:00	31/12/2023 12:00:00	New Application
Call 1 - SME Enhance (GBER)	ECJ - Towards a smarter, well connected and resilient economy, a greener environment and an integrated society	01/06/2023 00:00:00	31/12/2023 12:00:00	New Application
SO1.4/1/2023/EMFAF - EMFAF - Control and Enforcement	EMFAF - Fostering socio-economic growth and environmentally sustainable blue investment in Maltese Fisheries and Aquaculture	28/06/2023 13:30:00	31/08/2023 11:59:00	New Application
SO1.4/2/2023/EMFAF - EMFAF - Collection and processing of data for fisheries and aquaculture management and scientific purposes	EMFAF - Fostering socio-economic growth and environmentally sustainable blue investment in Maltese Fisheries and Aquaculture	28/06/2023 16:30:00	31/08/2023 11:59:00	New Application
SO2.1/3/2023/EMFAF - EMFAF - Increasing resilience and competitiveness of the sector through enhanced investment including research and innovation	EMFAF - Fostering socio-economic growth and environmentally sustainable blue investment in Maltese Fisheries and Aquaculture	28/06/2023 16:30:00	15/09/2023 11:59:00	New Application
AMIF 6th Call - AMIF 6th Call for Applications	AMIF - Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund Programme 21 - 27	03/07/2023 11:00:00	25/08/2023 12:00:00	New Application

Submission of Applications (3)

STRUCTURAL FUNDS APPLICATION FORM



Select a Priority Axis


AMIF - 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

Project Title

Project Summary

Create

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Submission of Applications (4)

STRUCTURAL FUNDS APPLICATION FORM

1 - Executive Summary

2 - Document Upload

1.1 - Executive Summary

Executive Summary - Executive Summary

Call	AMIF 6th Call
Priority	AMIF - SO3 Contributing to countering irregular migration, enhancing effective, safe and dignified r
Project Title	Test Project Title
Project Summary	Test Project Summary

Start Date: 01/09/2023 End Date: 25/08/2024

Grant Requested

Amount of Public Funding needed for the Project: 10000

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Submission of Applications (5)



STRUCTURAL FUNDS APPLICATION FORM

1 - Executive Summary

2 - Document Upload

2.1 - Document Upload

2.1.1 Kindly upload one scanned copy duly completed and signed by all signatories indicated in the application form. Each page must be initialised by the project leader.

No file chosen

2.1.2 Kindly upload one copy in Word format. It is important that the full application form, including all annexes, are provided.

No file chosen

Save 1

Print

Validate 2

Submit 3

Delete

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Submission of Applications (6)



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Your draft / finalised application forms are listed hereunder.

Call	Programme	Project	Reference	Confirmed
There are no applications				

Application Form

Part A - Administrative Part

1. Project Details

Project Title	Enter project title
Start Date	Enter date by when the project is estimated to start.
End Date	Enter date by when the project is estimated to be concluded.
Total Project Cost	EUR (the total project value is to be included (incl. ineligible VAT))
Summary	Provide a summary on the project. <i>Note: This will be presented in the published list of the Managing Authority.</i>
	<i>The summary shall include a broad description of the project idea, that is the basic rationale for implementing the proposed project. A brief description of the aims, objectives, main activities and expected results.</i>

2. Lead Applicant

In the fields below, the Applicant is to include information on the Applicant Organisation.

Name	
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3. Contact Details

In the fields below, the Applicant is to include information on the Project Leader of the proposed project. Only one project leader responsible for the project.

Project Leader	
Position within the Organisation	
E-mail address	
Main Contact Person ¹	
Position within the Organisation	
E-mail address	

This is the first section of the application form which relates to the administrative part of the project proposal. Information relates to the name of the lead applicant, name of project leader and contact person (who shall be different from the project leader), VAT status, and experience in implementing EU funded projects.

Application Form continued...

Part B – TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

1. Project Description

Which need is the project addressing?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	
Why is the project being proposed and how does it address national and European priorities?	
<i>Here the Applicant is to carry out a need assessment. This assessment is the study of a problem. It entails the collection of data and opinions from varied reliable sources. The aim is to support effective recommendations about what should be done to solve such problem. This will enable the Applicant to establish the importance of the proposed actions. Hence, such assessment must address the development need (s) derived from the Programme and how the project is expected to solve a clearly defined and presented need(s). The discussion must be supported by quantitative and qualitative analysis from official statistical sources. Consequently, the Applicant is to provide further justifications on the project coherence with National, sectoral and EU policies as to what extent the project is addressing such priorities. Explain the effects of the projects from the perspective of EU interest and how it contributes to the objectives set out at European Level.</i>	

In the first section, information relates to the development needs that the project will be addressing supported with any statistical data.

What are the specific objectives of the project?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SO3 - Contribute to countering irregular migration, enhancing effective, safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as to contribute to and to promote effective initial reintegration in third countries
How does the project address the indicated specific objectives?	
<i>The Applicant is to select the relevant Specific Objective/s as published in the Call. The Applicant must ensure that the proposal is addressing one of the listed Specific Objectives in order for the application to be Eligible. The Applicant should demonstrate the desired change that the project should bring about and how through its implementation, the project will contribute towards the Specific Objective as identified in the Programme and ensure there is a clear link with the implementation measure, as defined in the respective Programme and/or Regulation. The objectives should be SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound).</i>	

In this section, the applicant is expected to provide a clear description of the way the project will contribute to specific objective 3 and the identified implementation measure.

Application Form continued...

What are the expected results?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strengthen cooperation with third countries for effective migration management solutions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase assisted voluntary return and reintegration assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Better management of irregular migration through improved return mechanisms
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance national security against overstayers through effective return mechanisms
Target Groups	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Third country nationals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicants of international protection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vulnerable third country nationals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected applicants of international protection
What are the tangible and intangible results from the project?	
Is the project contributing to the fulfilment of the enabling conditions listed under Section 4 of the Programme? If in the affirmative, how is it fulfilling the criteria?	
Not Applicable.	

Information related with the expected results of the project proposal are to be included in this section. A pre-defined list has been provided, in line with the AMIF Programme, however additional results can be included as well. Target group refers to those who will directly benefit from the project.

A further description of the tangible and intangible results that will be achieved through the project shall be listed in this section.

Application Form continued...



2.1 Work Packages

Work Package 1: Project Team

To open in Excel, right click on the object, click on 'Worksheet object' and select 'Open'.

Work Package Number							
Work Package title			[Insert name]				
Tables 2 & 3 of the AMIF Regulation: Codes for the Type of Action and Implementation Dimension			[Insert codes]				
Duration			[to be calculated in months]				
<i>Role of the Project Team</i>							
<p>The scope of this question is to demonstrate that the Applicant has the necessary capacity to implement and maintain and/or operate the project. The Applicant is to proof to the Project Selection Committee, that it will adopt a good capacity strategy covering all areas and phases of the project proving that it has the necessary resources and expertise to manage the project, provide leadership and exercise control. An assessment on the current staff complements and how the additional duties will fit in within the structure is to be provided.</p> <p>Role of consultants, seconded staff and subcontracting</p> <p>In case for those Applicants which do not have sufficient capacity to implement the project and therefore shall resort to external sources, the Applicant is to provide details on how the it shall exercise control over any third-party contractors that may be involved in the project. The Applicant remains responsible for all aspects relating to the project (even for third party shortcomings) during the auditable lifetime of the project.</p>							
Role of the Project Team							
Provide an overview of who be directly responsible to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the project. (Max. 500 words)							
Role of consultants, seconded staff and subcontracting							
How do you plan on ensuring that external resources contribute directly to the project for those skills/resources which are not available within the organisation? (if applicable) (Max. 300 words)							
list of Specific Activities							
Activity Nr	Activity Name	Activity Description	Net	VAT Eligible	VAT Non-eligible	Non-eligible	Total
Activity 1.1							

The new application form enables the use of work packages, whereby proposed budget is split according to the type of activities foreseen. Project administration costs shall be included in the first work package. Simplified cost options may be explored for supporting administrative costs.

Application Form continued...



Work Package 2: [SUBJECT]

This section is to be replicated for additional work packages. The horizontal principles are to be reproduced with each work package. To open in Excel, right click on the object, click on 'Worksheet object' and select 'Open'.

<p>⚠ The applicant shall reproduce the table below for each work package</p>							
Work Package number		[Insert work package number]					
Work Package title							
Tables 2 & 3 of the AMIF Regulation: Codes for the Type of Action and Implementation Dimension							
Duration							
Name of organisation leading the work package							
List of Specific Activities							
Activity Nr <i>(continuous numbering linked to Work Package)</i>	Activity Name	Activity Description	Net	VAT Eligible	VAT Non-eligible	Non-eligible	Total
Activity 2[1].1							
Activity 2.2							

Different work packages shall be created for all of the activities foreseen in the project. Each work package shall be linked to the types of intervention fields outlined in Tables 2 & 3 of Annex VI of the AMIF Regulation.

Overhead costs will continue to be subject to a flat rate.

Application Form continued...

Fundamental Rights and Equality principles	
Identify how the horizontal principles mentioned below are considered. What measures are planned throughout the project design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation stages to ensure that the principles are safeguarded?	
<i>Applicants are to link the identified measures with the specific activities this work package</i>	
Gender Equality	<i>The Applicant should explain how equality between men and women, integration of the gender perspective and gender mainstreaming are taken into account and promoted throughout the design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and closure of projects.</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>The Applicant should take into consideration appropriate steps to ensure equal opportunities independent from gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation throughout the design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and closure of projects.</i>
Non-discrimination including accessibility for persons with disability	<i>The Applicant should explain how measures are put in place during the design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and closure of projects to prevent discrimination in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities and ensure access for all.</i>

In this section, the applicant is expected to identify the way the project contributes towards the horizontal principles defined in Article 9 of the CPR namely gender equality, equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

Application Form continued...

2.2 Project Implementation schedule

To open in Excel, right click on the object, click on 'Worksheet object' and select 'Open'. Add years as necessary.

Year	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026	2026	2026
Quarter	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Work Package 1																
Activity 1.1																
Activity 1.2																
<p><i>Highlight the boxes according to the Quarters in which the action/activity will be implemented. The Applicant is to add/delete as necessary, and the year is to be amended in line with the project forecasts. The Applicant is to fill in the financial forecasts per Activity.</i></p>																
<p><i>List column the code of the activity codes listed in each</i></p>																

In this section, applicants are invited to provide an indication of when the activity will be carried out, as reflected in the section 2.1. The financial forecasts associated with each activity are to be included in this table. This will serve as guidance on the way expenditure will be incurred during the lifetime of the project.

Application Form continued...

2.3 Project Implementation status

In the box below, indicate the status of the procurement procedures envisaged under this project per WP. The Applicant is to indicate the total number of tenders at each level. The details are to be included as to the tender description, the timeframes, the contracted amounts etc.

Status of procurement	Number of tenders	Details
Design		
Drafted		
Launched		
Evaluation		
Appeals		
Contracted		
Being implemented		
Total no of tenders		

The status of the envisaged procurement involving tenders is to be included in this section.

Indicators



The Programme already identifies a number of indicators that are envisaged to measure the results of the interventions.

Output indicators quantify the direct deliverables that can be measured following the implementation of a specific operation. Collectively, all the operations identified under a specific SO contribute to the attainment of the Programme's output indicator targets.

Result indicators measure the direct impact resulting from the interventions funded through the Programme. These focus more on the overall effects of the operations. Unlike output indicators, these do not include milestone targets. The baseline is set at zero since result indicators have to always be linked to the support of the Fund. Targets shall be achieved by 2029.

Indicators



The below targets represent the values that were included in the Programme. Such targets may be revised in view of the dynamic factors that may influence the targeted values.

Output Indicators	Target (2029)
0.3.1 Number of participants in training	8
0.3.3 Number of returnees who received re-integration assistance	84
Result Indicators	
R.3.6 Number of returnees voluntary returned	130
R.3.7 Number of returnees who were removed	966

International Organisations

Article 22 of the AMIF Regulation

This article applies to international organisations or their agencies whose systems, rules and procedures have been positively assessed by the Commission.

This Article enables the simplification of management verifications carried out by the Managing Authority.

The Managing Authority will further develop a standard operating procedure to delineate the processes applicable for international organisations, in line with the Regulation.

Where the beneficiary is an international organisation, the Managing Authority shall not be required to carry out the management verifications, provided that the international organisation submits to the MA the following documents with each payment claim:

- a **report** on the implementation of Union funds including the fulfilment of the conditions or the achievement of results in the case of modalities of financing not linked to costs
- a **management declaration form**

International organisations shall submit to the Managing Authority the accounts related to all projects co-financed by the Programme of the Member State concerned **each year by 15 October**.

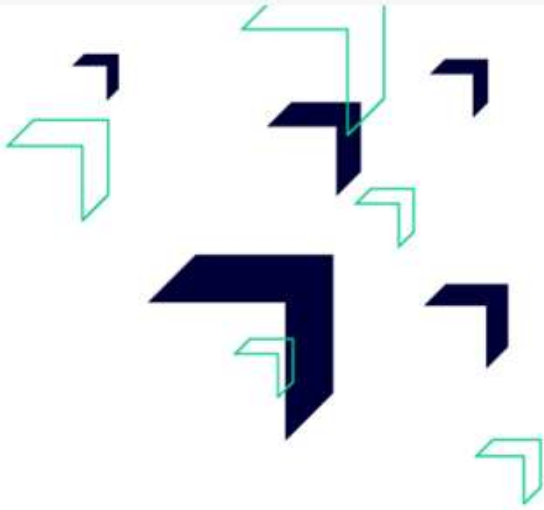


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