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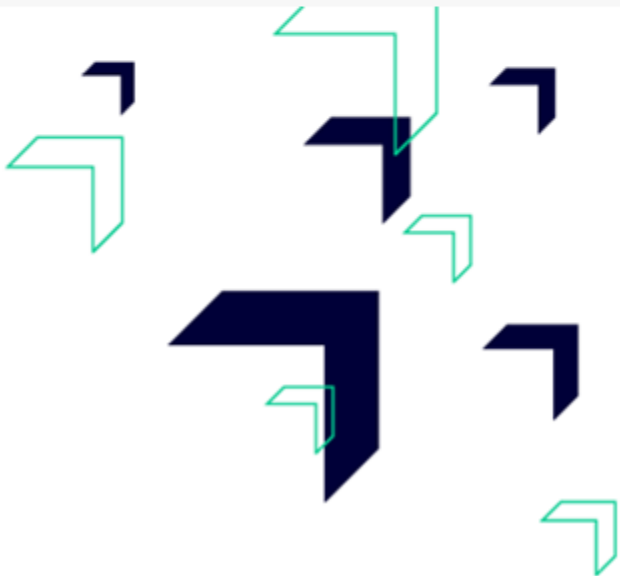


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Evaluation plans

2021-2027

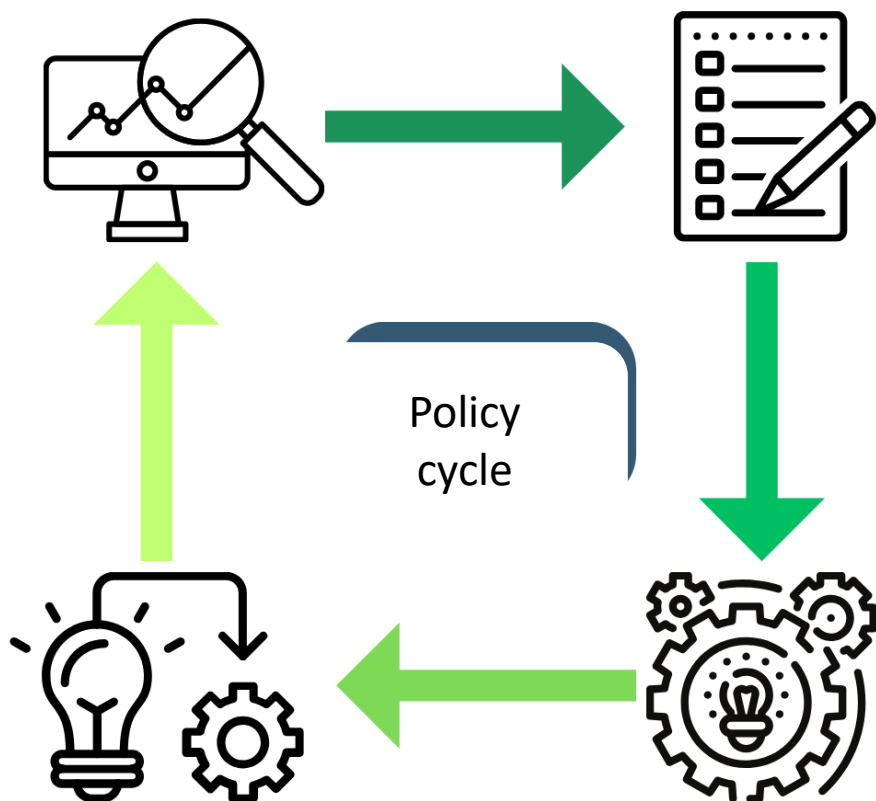
AMIF and ISF



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Why Evaluate?

It is a Key Stage of the policy-making process



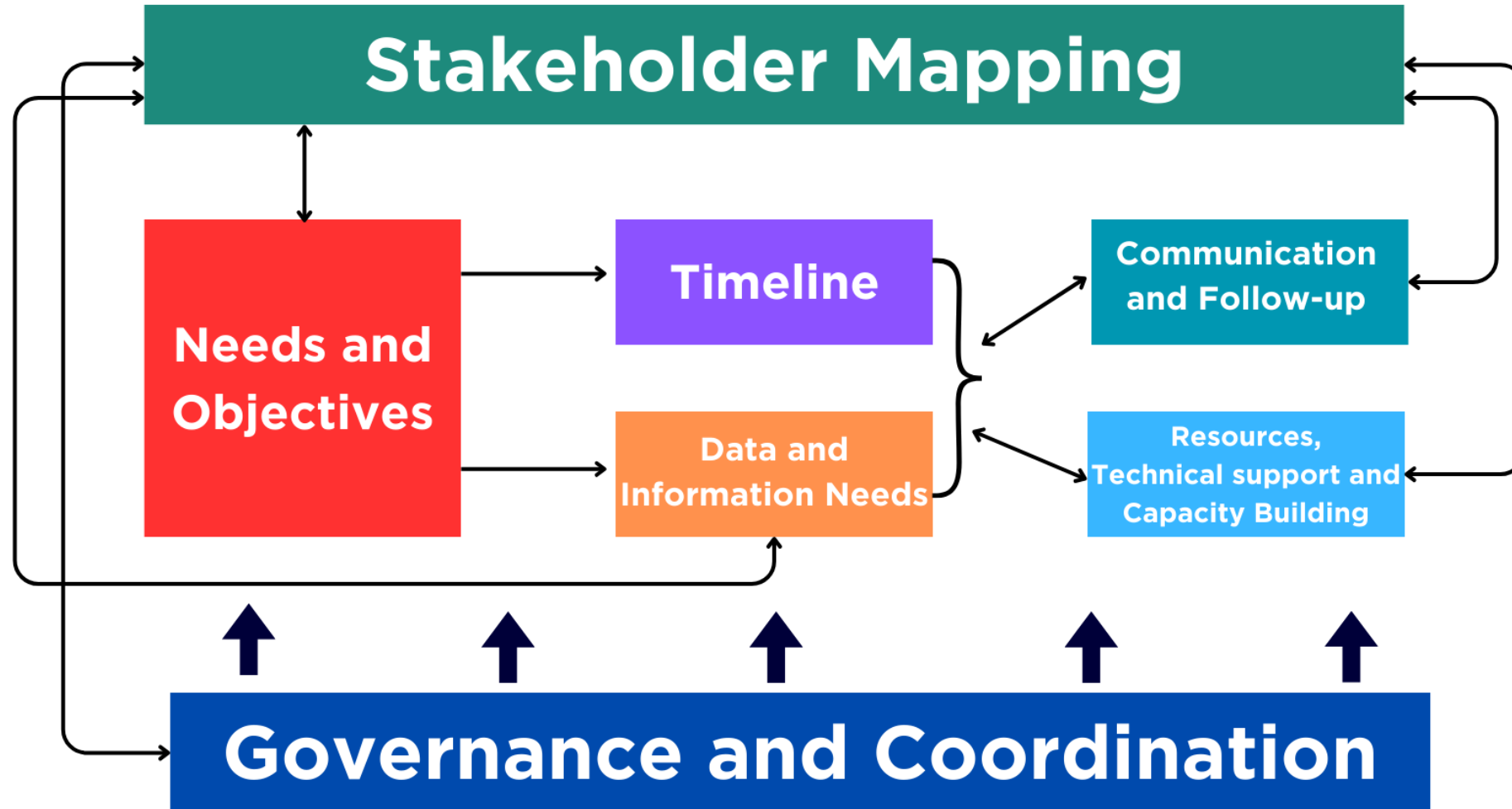
More evidence-based policy-making

The Evaluation Plan

- Is an important and evolving tool
- Ensures quality and effective evaluation processes
- Enhances accountability and transparency
- Gearing towards more evidence-based approaches
- Recognises importance of partnership as well as horizontal principles.
- **Legal Basis:** Art 44(5) of Common Provision Reg.



The Evaluation Framework



Key considerations

- **Which areas will be evaluated**, the recommended timeframes, focus, and resources needed to achieve goals; whilst aligning with other strategic timelines.
- In **Q1 of 2024 a consolidation exercise** across all EU Funds will be carried out where these plans may no longer all be stand-alone.
- Ensure to have an **Evaluation enabling framework**, including the identification of key stakeholders, with whom the same work is shared, validated, analysed, and used for future enhanced actions/decisions.
- Important in understanding **the specificities of each Programme**.
- Finally, evaluation work will continue to be **entrusted to internal or external experts who are functionally independent**. Led and coordinated by the Evaluation Unit which is functionally independent from the Managing Authorities.

Horizontal Evaluations

Horizontal Evaluations

Evaluation Type	Timeframe	Evaluation
Preparatory Data Study	Q2 2024 – Q3 2024	Horizontal-EV1
Communication Evaluation	Q3 2026 – Q3 2029	Horizontal-EV2
Effectiveness and Efficiency of key processes of EU Funds	Q3 2026 – Q4 2027	Horizontal-EV3

The aim is to consolidate Horizontal Evaluations once all programme-specific Evaluation Plans are finalised.

Preparatory Data Study

Horizontal-EV1

Rationale:

To have a **clear indication of the data that needs to be gathered**, thus **ensuring better quality and reliable outcomes**.

To **gather information on the specific data sets** that would be required to implement the proposed evaluation activities for each priority and **provide for adequate monitoring feeding into the evaluation**.

Communication Impact Evaluation

Horizontal-EV2

Rationale:

To evaluate specifically the **impact of the communication activities** foreseen as part of the implementation of the applicable EU funded programmes in Malta.

To help demonstrate the **effectiveness of communication activities** in achieving their intended outcomes and impact such as raising awareness on how funds were used and seen to be used.

Effectiveness and Efficiency of key processes of EU Funds

Horizontal-EV3

Rationale:

To understand the **effectiveness and efficiency of key processes involved in relation to access and to use of EU funding.**

To **take stock of the business processes in place** and carry out a mapping exercise.

To **gather stakeholder feedback** on their perspectives on strengths and weaknesses.

To research opportunities for adapting/transferring/introducing new models/processes for **evidence-based solutions.**

Relevant Data gathered as part of HEV-1 (preparatory data study) will feed into this Evaluation.

Programme-Specific Evaluations

Asylum Migration and Integration Fund

AMIF Evaluation Plan

Evaluation Type	Timeframe	Evaluation code
Mid-Term Evaluation	Q4 2023 – Q1 2024	AMIF-MTE
Process Evaluation	Q2 2025 – Q4 2025	EV1
Thematic Evaluation	Q1 2026 – Q2 2028	EV2
Impact Evaluation	Q1 2028 – Q2 2029	EV3

Mid-Term Evaluation

AMIF-MTE

Rationale:

A **Mid-Term Evaluation** of the 2021-2027 AMIF Programme to be carried out in line with regulation obligation to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, and coherence

The Interim Evaluation takes into consideration the fact that the new Programme have just been launched and will be mostly formative with the aim to improve the Programme by investigating the way they work, the quality of the implementation, and the organisational context.

Within this context, the Evaluation is expected:

- To **identify issues which may affect the Programme,**
- To identify **ways to redress such issues in a timely manner,** and
- To **lay the groundwork for an ex-post evaluation in the coming years.**

Process Evaluation

EV1

Rationale:

Focus on the implementation and delivery of the projects funded through the AMIF national programme with a specific focus on how much change occurred as a result of the interventions proposed.

To ensure that objectives established in the programme are achieved as a result of the proposed interventions and that the programme remains relevant in meeting the direct needs of the target groups and is effective in responding to evolving situations that may occur in the field of migration.

To examine the **effectiveness** of the proposed projects under the specific objectives and the degree and the **relevance** of interventions to the objectives of the programme.

To assess **efficiency** ie resources optimisation and cost effectiveness.

Better decision-making through optimal allocation of resources, scaling up or down certain interventions which would result in maximisation of the impact of the projects proposed.

Thematic Evaluation

EV2

Rationale:

Focus on the principles of **effectiveness and EU added value**, primarily on Specific Objective 1 CEAS and Specific Objective 2 Legal migration and integration. Together these areas represent 90% of the total AMIF budget allocated for Malta.

Potentially giving particular attention to analysing the contribution of such interventions towards providing **different type of support** such as material aid, legal, medical and cultural integration considering the importance of initiatives to support participants, particularly vulnerable groups.

Impact Evaluation

EV3

Rationale:

The evaluation is intended to cover the following areas:

- (i) **identify the relevant impact** attributable to the investments of the programme;
- (ii) identify the **coherence** with the set objectives of the programme, and
- (iii) the extent to which the programme has achieved its **intended impact on asylum, migration, and integration-related issues in Malta.**

To provide **valuable insights into what works and in which context** in relation to asylum, migration, and integration efforts.

Wherever possible to assess to **what extent the complementarity was of added value in achieving different outcomes.**

The **gender and non-discrimination perspective** will be considered whenever possible.

Programme-Specific Evaluations

Internal Security Fund

ISF Evaluation Plan

Evaluation Type	Timeframe	Evaluation code
Mid-Term Evaluation	Q4 2023 – Q1 2024	ISF-EV1
Impact Evaluation of the ISF Programme for Malta 2021-2027	Q1 2028 – Q2 2029	ISF-EV2

Mid-Term Evaluation

EV1

Rationale:

A **Mid-Term Evaluation** of the 2021-2027 ISF Programme to be carried out in line with regulation obligation to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, and coherence .

To **assess progress** in improving the program's **overall management efficiency**.

To evaluate the **suitability of monitoring arrangements** for generating evidence of impacts.

To determine the **ongoing relevance and effectiveness** of the programme in enhancing citizen protection, public space security, data collection, and cooperation among law enforcement agencies.

To evaluate **coherence** across funds and similar national schemes and initiatives.

To **identify lessons learned and propose adaptations to meet programme objectives**, especially in response to emerging security risks.

Impact Evaluation

EV2

Rationale:

To evaluate achievement of intended **results** from financed interventions and **their impact on target groups**.

To assess how interventions addressed **target group needs**, including unintended effects.

To examine the **programme's contribution** to a common area of freedom and security.

To assess ISF funding's **effectiveness** in supporting national Schengen recommendations.

To identify **emerging needs** and present recommendations.

Next steps and conclusions

- Monitoring Committee will be kept updated on progress
- All evaluations will be published on fondi.eu
- Importance to have swift inputs for the Mid-term evaluation work and collaborations from all stakeholders is critical
- Importance to have strong collaborative inputs from all stakeholders as part of preparatory data study

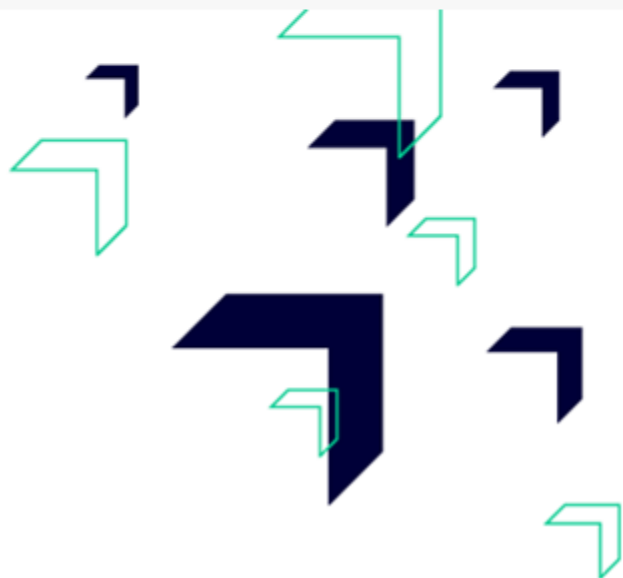


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