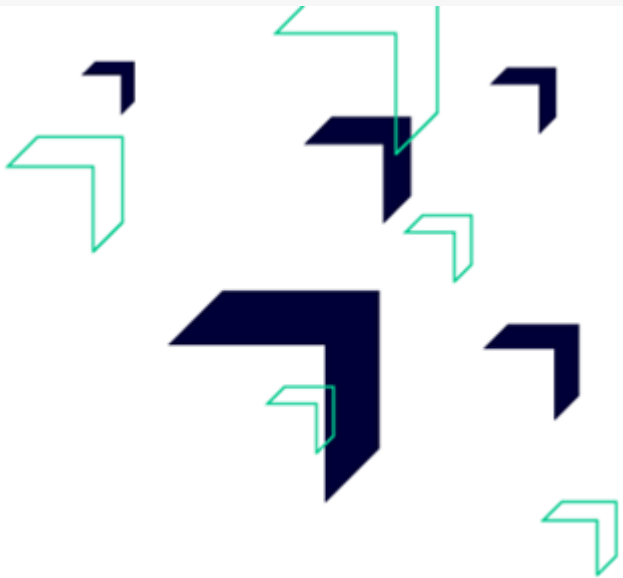


Monitoring Committee Meeting

26th October 2023

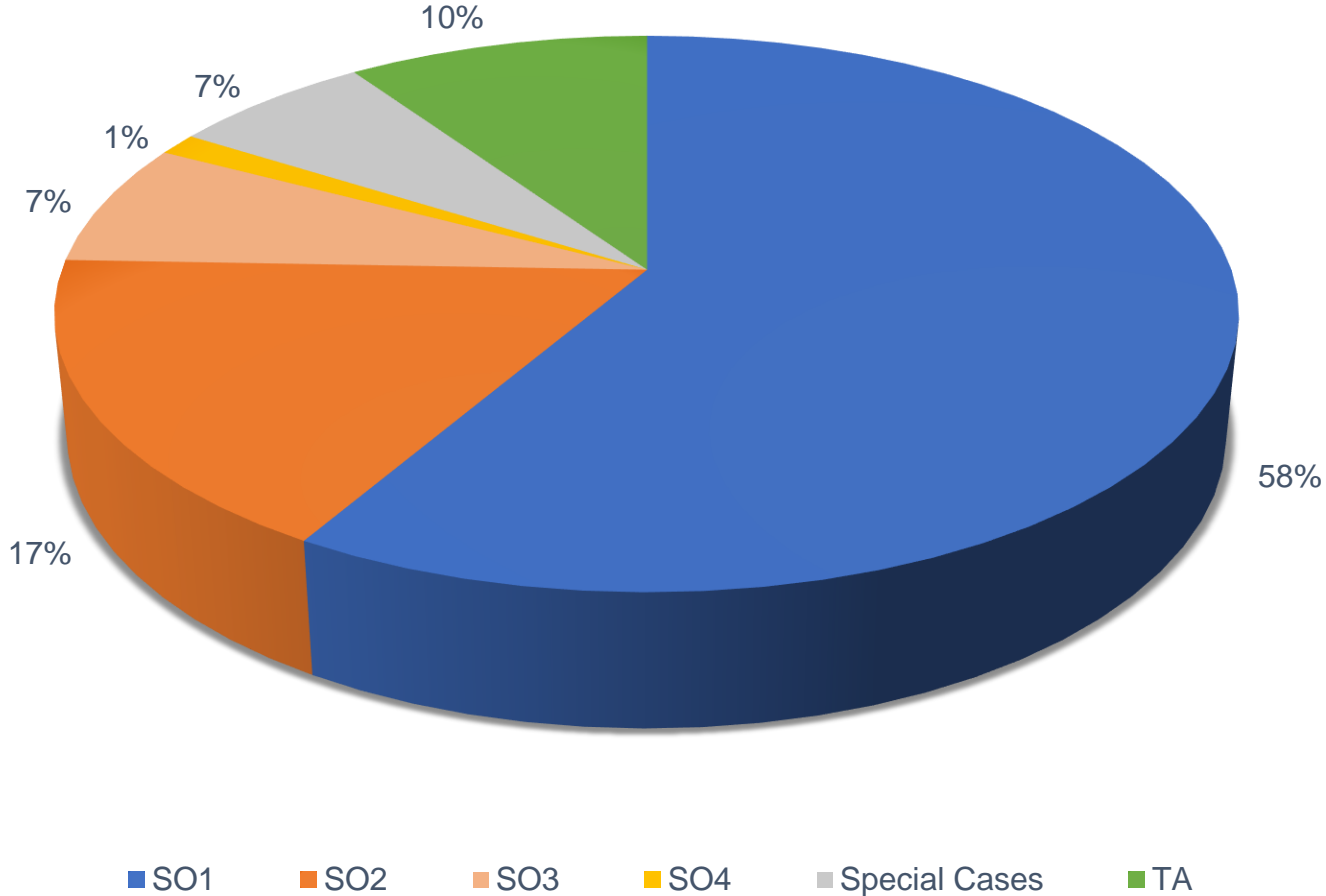


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National Programme – AMIF



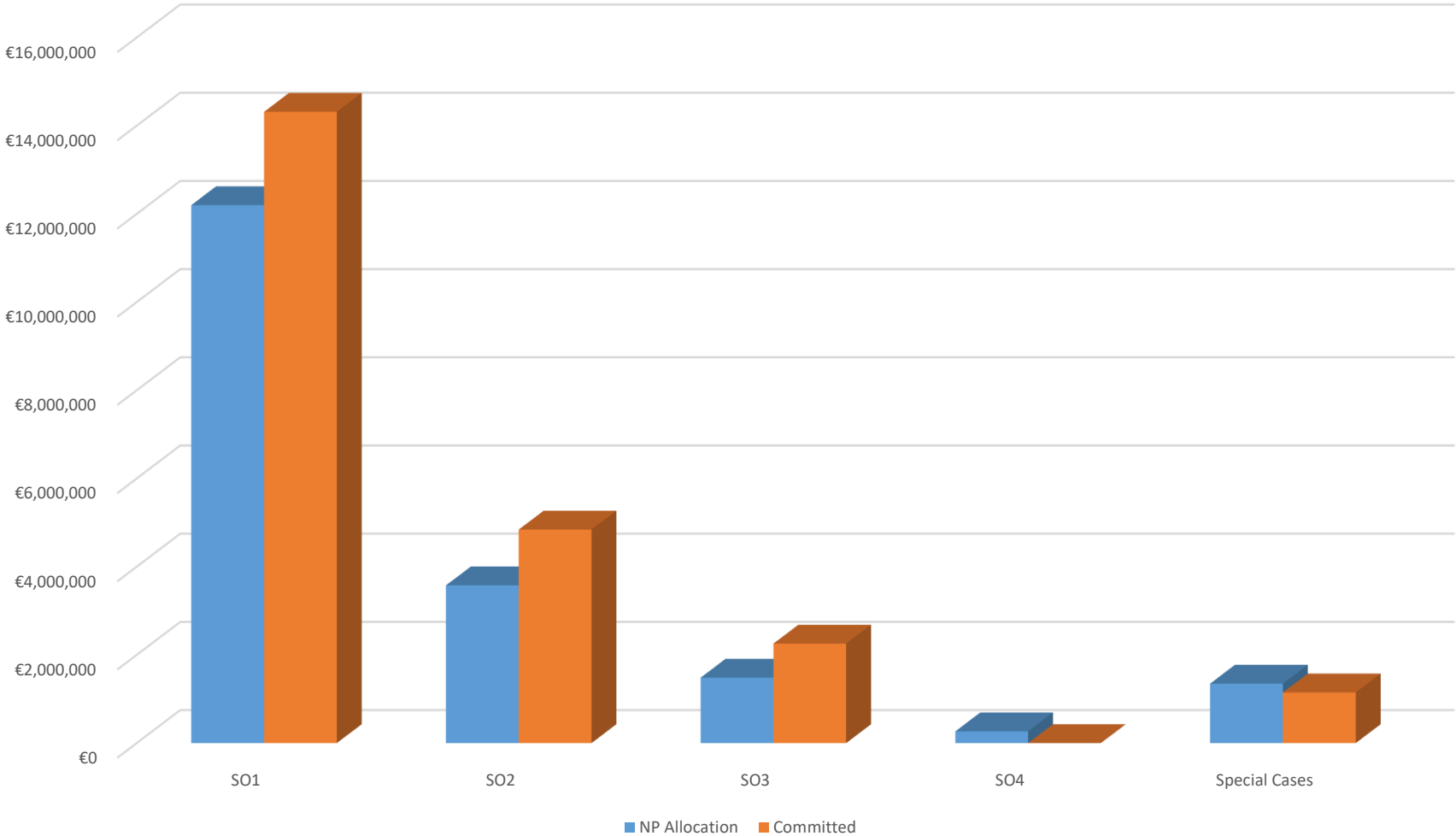
Funds Committed



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Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of AMIF Funds committed through approved projects
SO1	€12,198,941	€14,314,691 (117%)
SO2	€3,576,529	€4,841,848 (135%)
SO3	€1,483,404	€2,255,457 (152%)
SO4	€265,683	€0 (0%)
Special Cases	€1,348,000	€1,148,000 (85%)

Funds Committed



Resettlement and Relocation



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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

Annual Balance of Accounts



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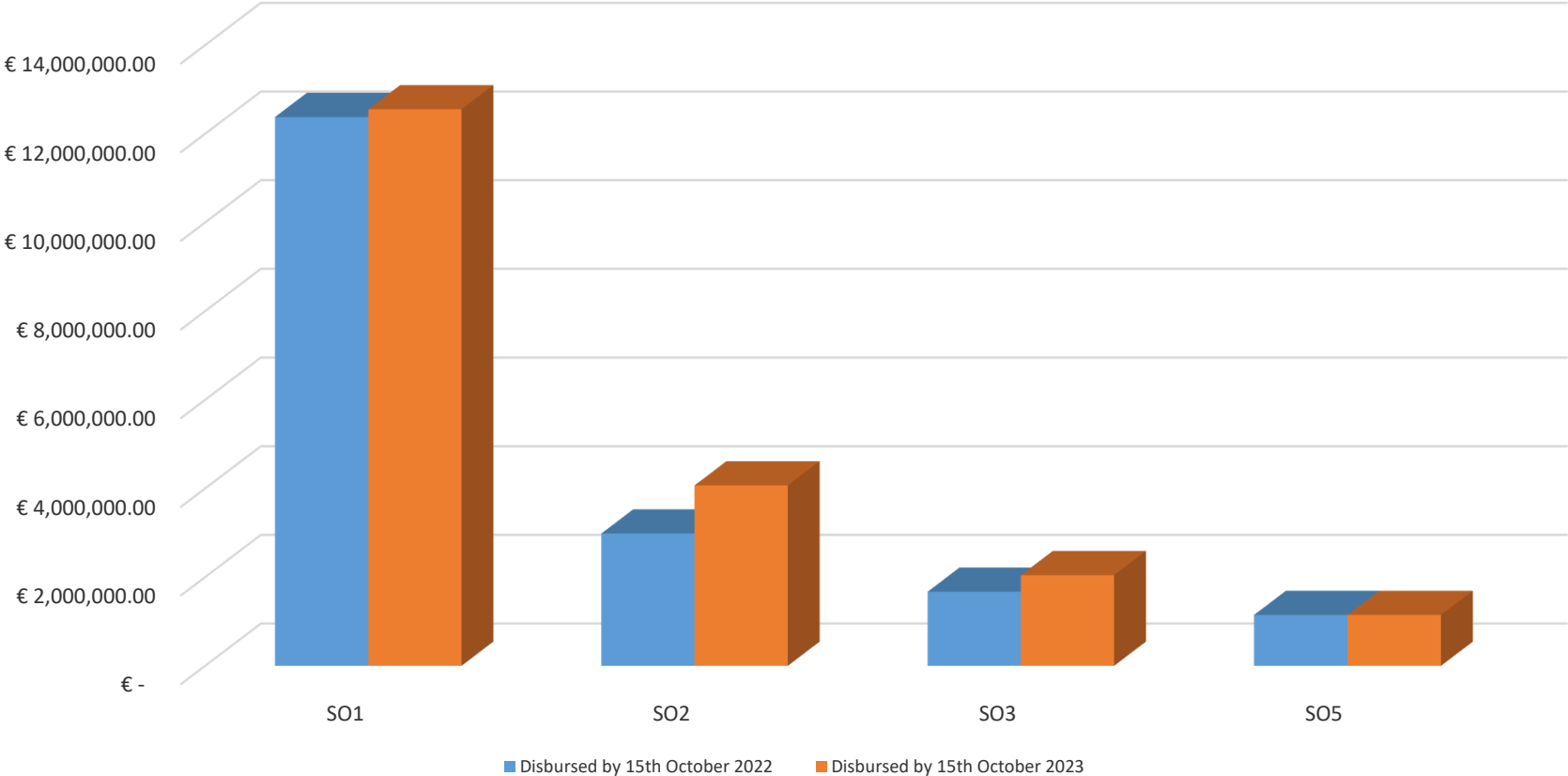
Financial Year	Amount cleared by the Commission
2015	Nil
2016	Nil
2017	€3,551,363
2018	€3,775,187
2019	€2,897,187
2020	€2,118,050
2021	€3,120,275
2022	€3,465,419

Disbursements Made

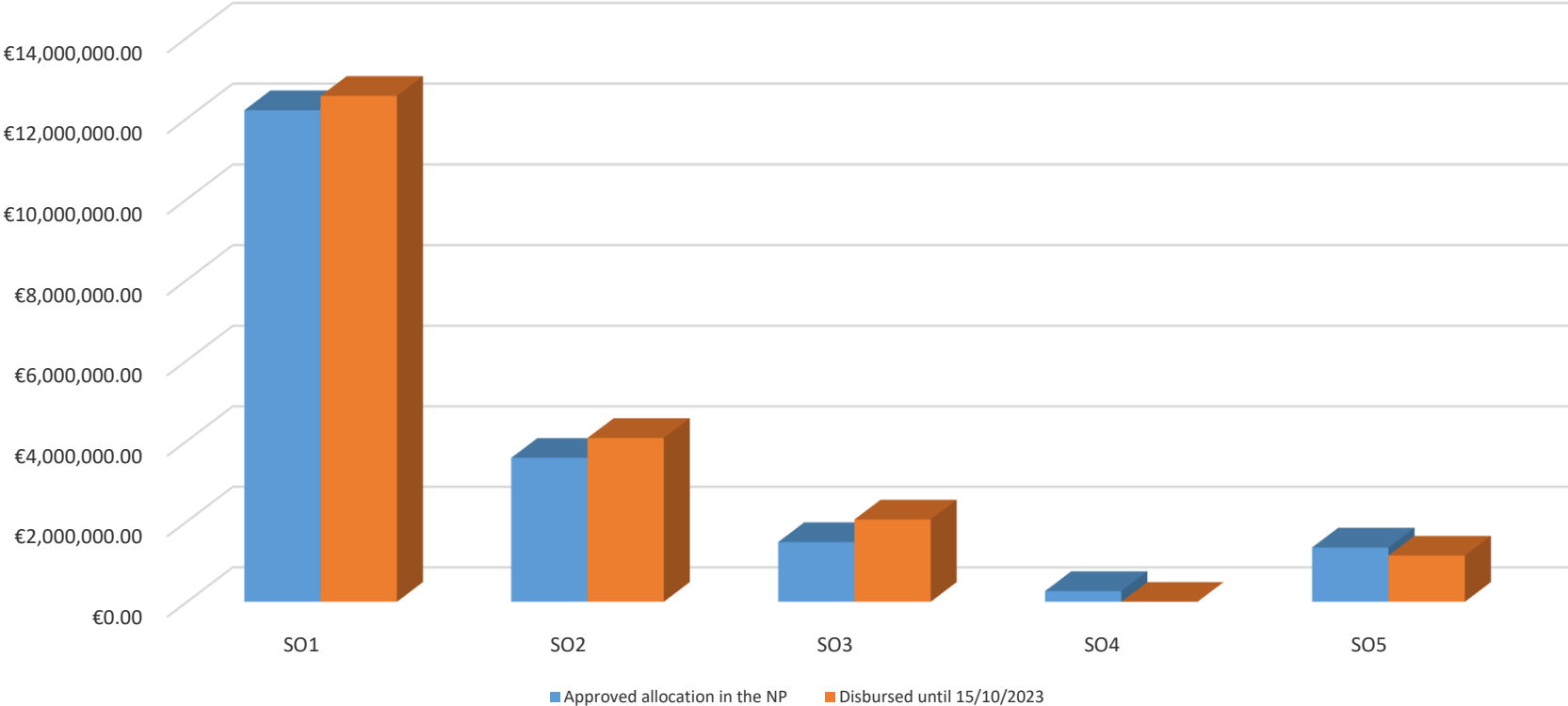
Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid during financial year 2023*	Total Union contribution Paid till 15 th October 2023	% Disbursed from NP Allocation
SO1	€174,548.63	€12,553,318.22	103%
SO2	€1,085,721.64	€4,070,051.46	114%
SO3	€372,218.78	€2,044,512.39	138%
SO4	€0.00	€0.00	0%
SO5	€0.00	€1,148,000.00	85%

* Financial Year - 16 October 2022 to 15 October 2023

Disbursements Made 2022 – 2023



NP Allocation vs. Disbursements



Monitoring and Control (1)

Projects	Date
Language Learning and Parental Support for Integration Plus (LLAPSI+) (MEYR)	28 February 2023 30 March 2023 25 and 28 April 2023 5 May 2023 6, 9 and 30 June 2023.
Psychosocial Intervention Services for Beneficiaries of International Protection and Asylum Seekers (AWAS)	10 and 30 May 2023 13 and 16 June 2023
All Equal: Supporting Victims of Human Trafficking (FSWS)	24 February 2023 21 March 2023 6 April 2023 18 August 2023 22 August 2023 4 and 5 September 2023
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin - RESTART VI (IOM Malta)	24 August 2023

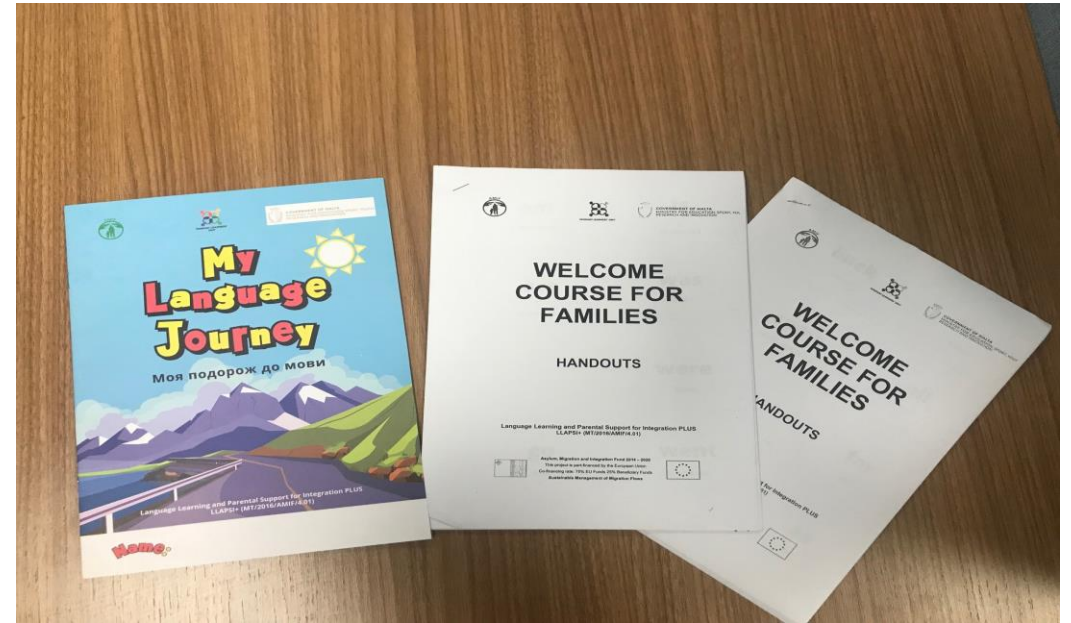
Monitoring and Control (2)



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Projects	Date
Learning - Exchanging - Integrating (HRD)	12 June 2023 4 July 2023 31 August 2023
Support Services for Newly Arrived Asylum Seekers (Aditus Foundation)	14 February 2023
Project Refugee Assistance Malta (Aditus Foundation)	14 February 2023
Improving and Strengthening the asylum determination procedure through the training and funds of interpreters (IPA)	8 February 2023
The setting up of a unit that deals with the requests related to Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of 26th June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or stateless person (recast) (IPA)	8 February 2023

Physical Deliverables (1)



MT/2016/AMIF/4.01 - Language Learning and Parental Support for Integration Plus (LLAPSI +)

By the Migrants Learners Unit within the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation

Lesson during the 'Welcome Course for Families', plus educational resources.

Physical Deliverables (2)



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MT/2016/AMIF/4.01 - Language Learning and Parental Support for Integration Plus (LLAPSI +)

By the Migrants Learners Unit within the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation

Closing event of the 'Welcome Course for Families' (WCF), which was a thirteen (13) course programme, made up of four (4) sessions in each course for Ukrainian refugees arriving in Malta following the Russo-Ukrainian war. The courses were held between February and May 2023.

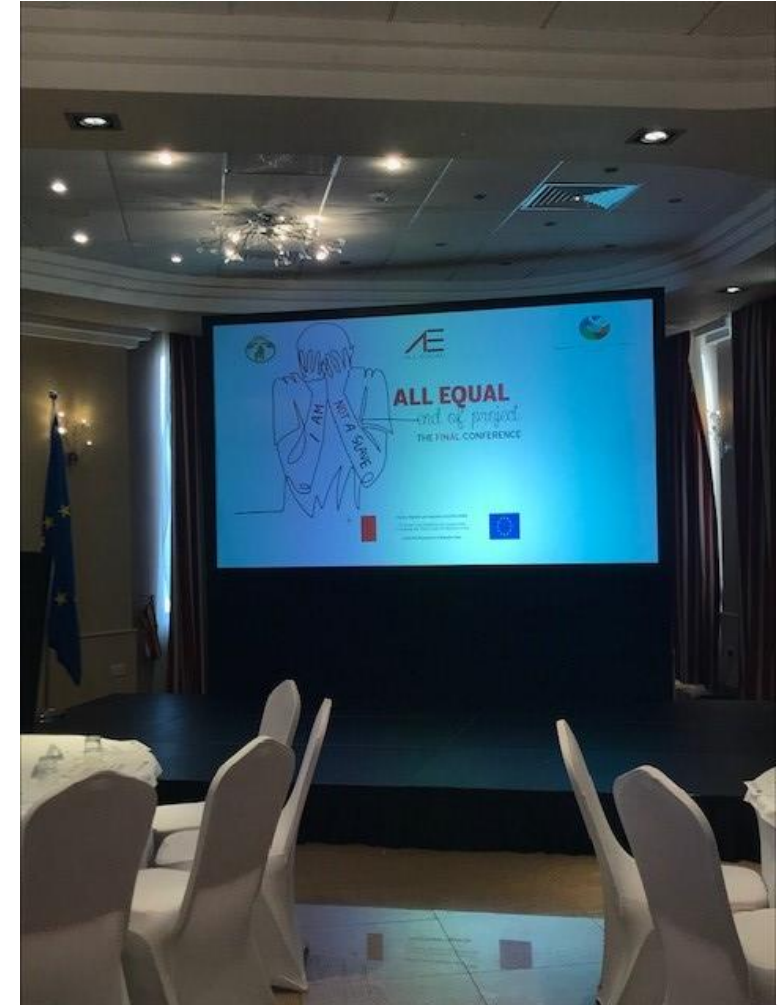
Physical Deliverables (3)



MT/2019/AMIF/17.01 – All Equal: Supporting Victims of Human Trafficking

By the Foundation for Social Welfare Services

Final conference activity



Physical Deliverables (4)



MT/2016/AMIF/3.01 – Learning – Exchanging – Integrating

By the Human Rights Directorate within the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality

Project Closure Conference held on 12 June 2023

Targets Reached (1)

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	39,039 (target value - 16,100)
C2.1 - Capacity (i.e. number of places) of new reception accommodation infrastructure set up in line with the minimum requirements for reception conditions set out in the EU acquis and of existing reception accommodation infrastructure improved in line with the same requirements as a result of the projects supported under this Fund	0 (target value - 400)
C2.2 - The percentage in the total reception accommodation capacity	0% (target value – 11%)
C3.1. Number of persons trained in asylum-related topics with the assistance of the Fund	239 (target value - 140)
C3.2. That number as a percentage of the total number of staff trained in those topics	130% (target value - 90%)

Targets Reached (2)

Indicator – Asylum (SO 1)	Target Value
C4 - Number of country of origin information products and fact-finding missions conducted with the assistance of the Fund	0 (target value - 1)
C5 - Number of projects supported under this Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate asylum policies in Member States	2 (target value - 1)

Targets Reached (3)

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	24,570 (target value - 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	35 (target value - 10)
C5. Number of projects supported under this Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate integration policies in Member States	1 (target value - 1)

Targets Reached (4)



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Indicator – Return (SO 3)	Target Value
C1. Number of persons trained on return-related topics with the assistance of the Fund	2,513 (target value – 25)
C2. Number of returnees who received pre or post return reintegration assistance co-financed by the Fund	133 (target value – 5,400)
C3. Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were returned voluntarily	157 (target value – 400)
C4. Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were removed	2,348 (target value – 400)
C5. Number of monitored removal operations co-financed by the Fund	17 (target value – 10)
C6. Number of projects supported under the Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate return policies in Member States	1 (target value – 1)

Targets Reached (5)

Indicator – Solidarity (SO 4)	Target Value
C1. Number of applicants transferred from one Member State to another with support of this Fund	0 (target value – 300)

Challenges Encountered

Procurement

- Planning
- Execution

Risk analysis

- Undefined and unplanned risks

Capacity

- Skills and expertise
- Voluminous and fragmentation of claims

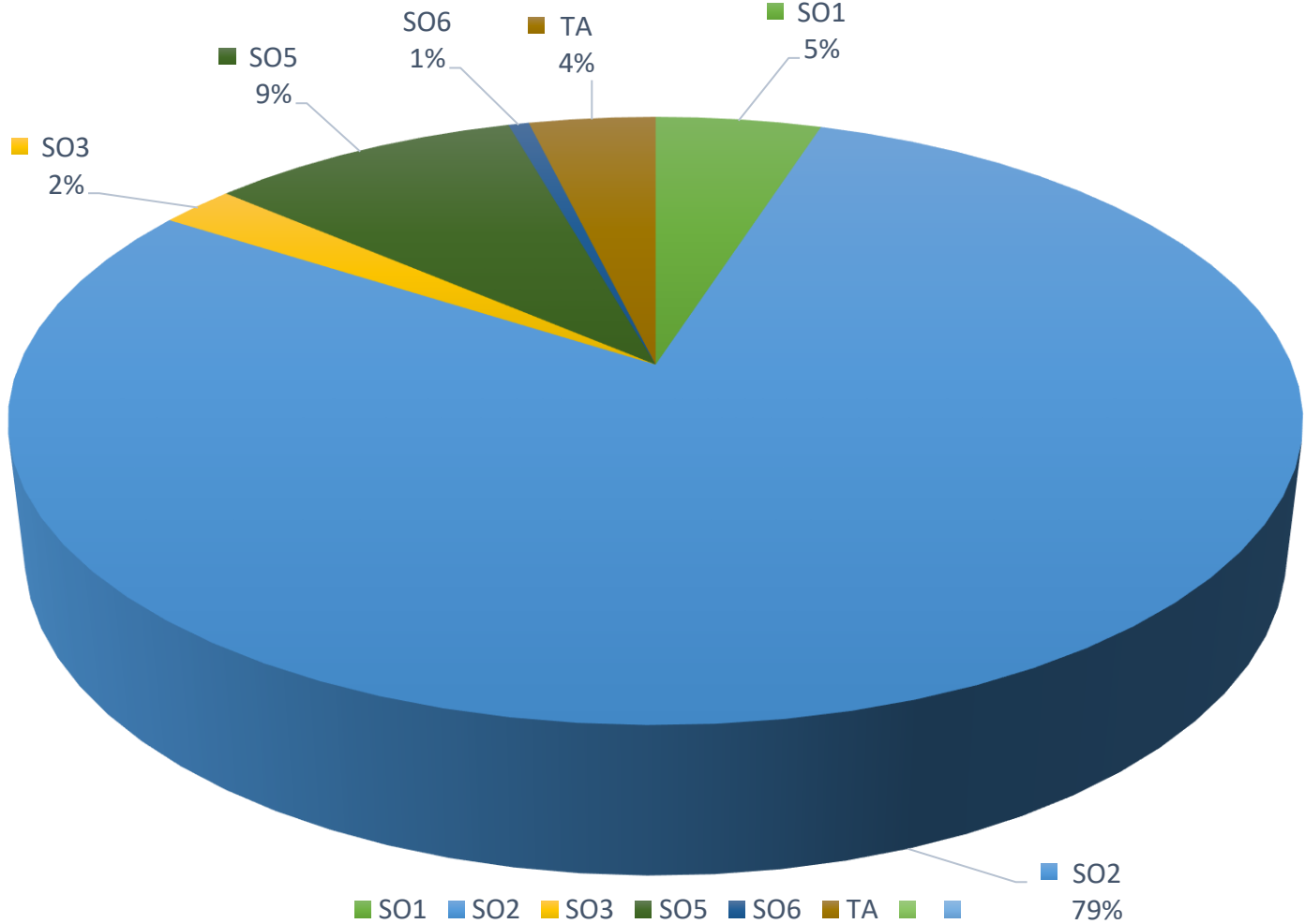
Target Group

Covid-19 Pandemic

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National Programme – ISF Borders and ISF Police



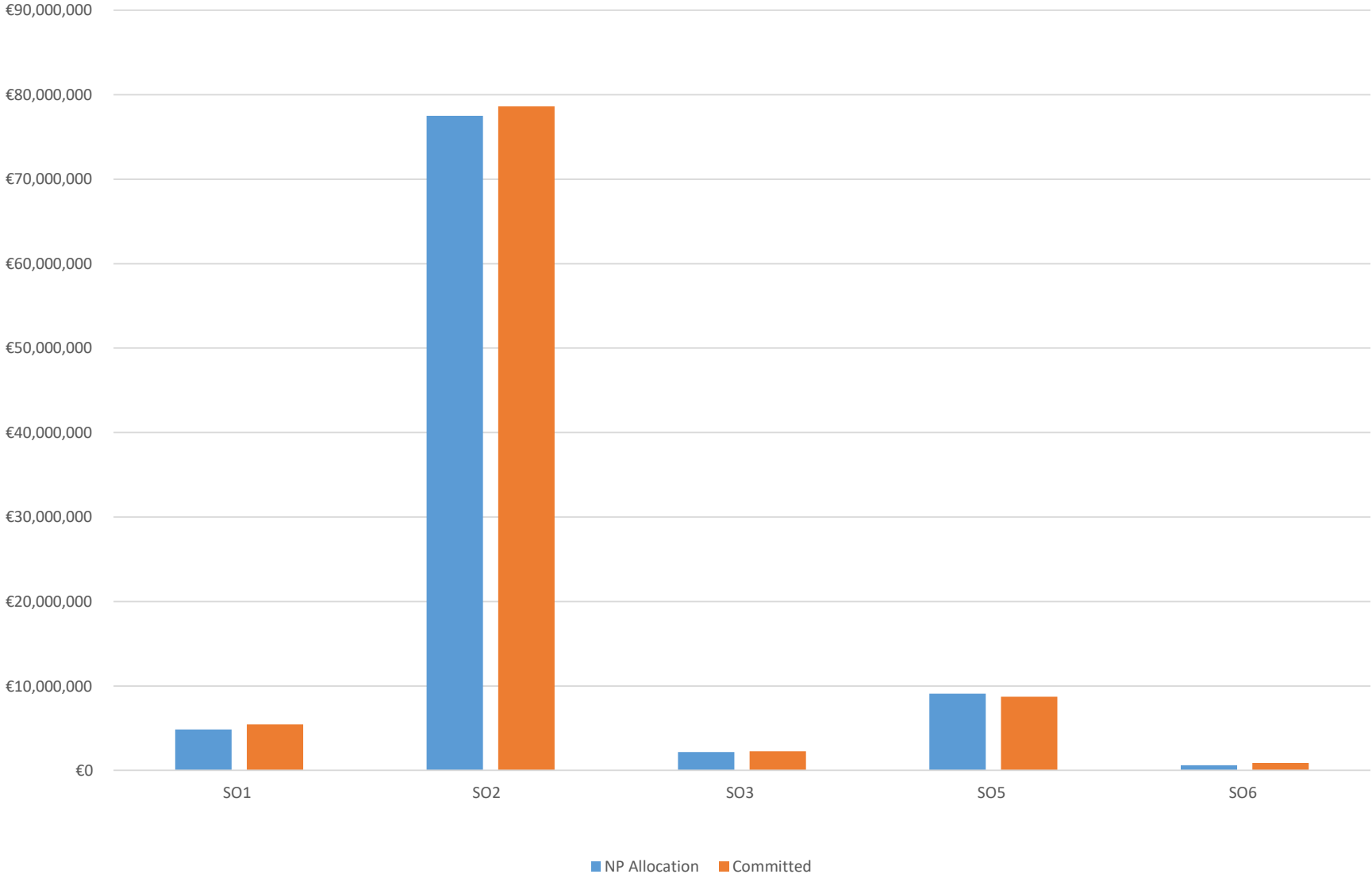
Funds Committed



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Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of ISF Funds Committed through Approved Projects
SO1 – Support a common visa policy	€ 4,842,000	€ 5,466,079 (113%)
SO2 – Borders	€ 77,493,764	€ 78,615,830 (101%)
SO3 – Operating Support	€ 2,185,000	€ 2,270,523 (104%)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	€ 9,075,753	€ 8,737,469 (96%)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	€ 602,249	€ 884,710 (147%)

Funds Committed



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Financial Year	Amounts cleared by the Commission	
	ISF Police	ISF Borders
2015	Nil	Nil
2016	Nil	€ 5,018,706
2017	€ 1,600,377	€ 14,873,244
2018	€ 2,537,955	€ 18,470,742
2019	€ 912,501	€ 11,912,341
2020	€ 1,121,364	€ 3,440,684
2021	€ 1,551,854	€ 6,752,372
2022	€ 1,463,116	€ 5,721,558

Disbursements Made

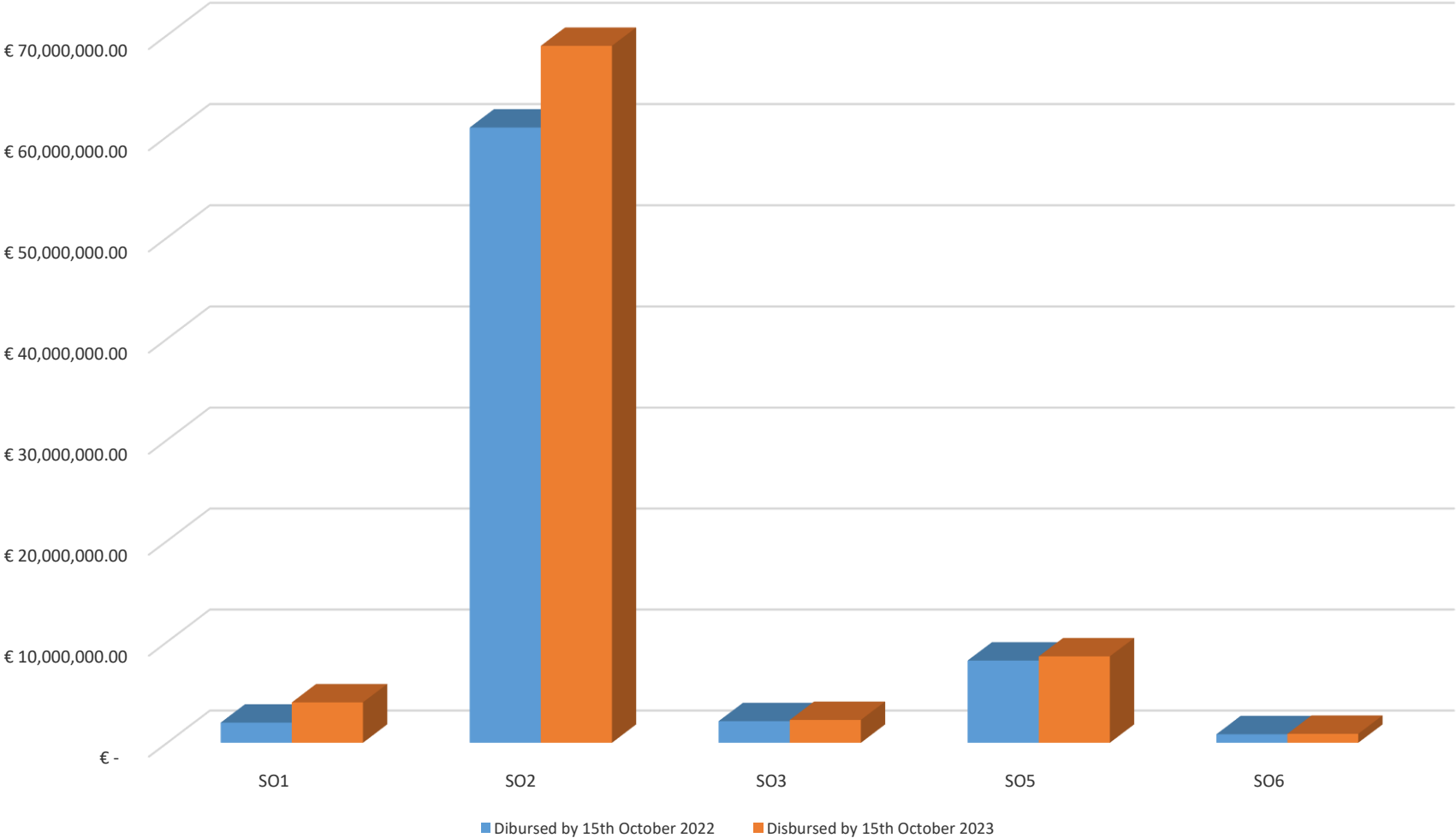


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Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid during financial year 2023*	Total Union contribution Paid till 15 th October 2023	% Disbursed from NP Allocation
SO1	€2,006,129.51	€3,997,548.19	83%
SO2	€8,073,468.87	€68,934,302.57	89%
SO3	€123,540.50	€2,261,430.68	104%
SO5	€415,610.36	€8,552,171.41	94%
SO6	€44,670.00	€884,710.04	147%

* Financial Year - 16 October 2022 to 15 October 2023

Disbursements Made 2022 – 2023



Monitoring and Control (1)



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Projects	Date
Midlife Mission System Upgrade of the AFM's KingAir Maritime Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft (AFM)	9 May 2023
The development of the IT systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Border and Visa and the premises hosting them (MPF)	16 February 2023 4 April 2023 19 September 2023
Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for the Malta Police Force (MPF)	19 January 2023 10 April 2023 11 April 2023 31 August 2023 19 October 2023
Entry Exit System for the Malta Police Force at the National Maltese Borders (MPF)	21 February 2023 and 2 March 2023
The implementation of the regulation 2018/1240 establishing the ETIAS and respective ETIAS National Unit (MPF)	08 March 2023 and 19 September 2023

Monitoring and Control (2)



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Projects	Date
The Implementation of the Schengen Information System (SIS) Recast, as per Regulations (EU) 2018/1860, 1861,1862 of the European Parliament (MPF)	1 June 2023 and 3 July 2023
Joint Military Operations Centre (AFM)	4 May 2023
Malta Police Force's Specific Actions for Border Surveillance (MPF)	28 March 2023 and 26 May 2023
Upgrade and Refurbishment of Consular Posts (MFET)	22, 23 and 26 May 2023
Training in Schengen and Immigration Matters (MFET)	4 July 2023

Physical Deliverables (1)

MT/2015/ISF/1.02 – Procurement of a new Offshore Patrol Vessel

By the Armed Forces of Malta

Inauguration of the New Offshore Patrol Vessel in March 2023



Physical Deliverables (2)



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MT/2020/ISF/21.01 – Malta Police Force's. Specific Actions for Border Surveillance

By the Malta Police Force

Launch of the RHIBS and Minibuses held in April 2023



Physical Deliverables (3)



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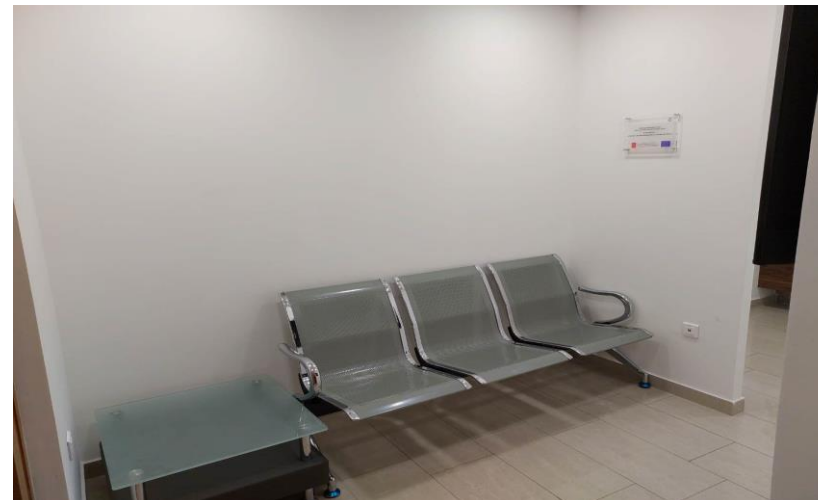
Consulate of the Republic of Malta in Istanbul



High Commission of the Republic of Malta in Ghana



Consulate of the Republic of Malta in Cairo

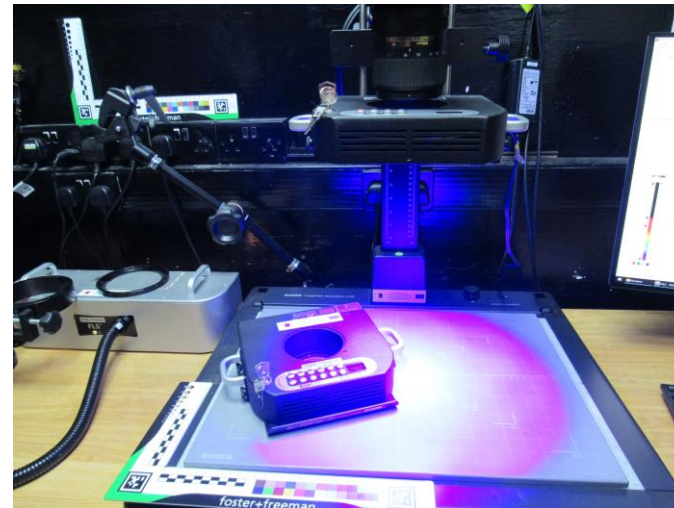


High Commission of the Republic of Malta in Morocco (Casablanca)

**MT/2017/ISF/8.03 –
Upgrade and
Refurbishment of
Consular Posts**

*By the Ministry for
Foreign and
European Affairs
and Trade*

Physical Deliverables (4)



MT/2020/ISF/20.01 – Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for the Malta Police Force

By the Malta Police Force

Targets Reached (1)



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Indicator – SO 1 Support a common visa policy	Target Value
C2.1 - Number of staff trained in common visa policy related aspects with the help of the Fund	232 (target value – 150)
C2.2 - Number of training courses (hours completed)	177 (target value – 600)
C4.1 - Number of consulates developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund out of the total number of consulates	6 (target value - 5)
C4.2 - Percentage of consulates developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund out of the total number of consulates %	16% (target value - 5%)

Targets Reached (2)



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Indicator – SO 2 Borders	Target Value
C1.1 - Number of staff trained in borders management related aspects with the help of the Fund	63 (target value – 80)
C1.2 - Number of training courses in borders management related aspects with the help of the Fund	6 (target value – 4)
C2 Number of border control (checks and surveillance) infrastructure and means developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund	18 (target value – 9)
C3.1 - Number of border crossings of the external borders through ABC gates supported from the Fund	28,955 (target value - 100,000)
C3.2 - Total number of border crossings	36,316,301 (target value - 1,260,000.00)
C4 - Number of national border surveillance infrastructure established/further developed in the framework of EUROSUR	1 (target value - 12)
C5 - Number of incidents reported by the Member State to the European Situational Picture	379 (target value - 20)

Targets Reached (3)



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Indicator – SO 5 Preventing and Combatting Crime	Target Value
C3.1 Number of projects in the area of crime prevention	15 (target value - 13)
C3.2 Financial value of projects in the area of crime prevention	€ 9,132,086.93 (target value - € 6,566,592)
C4 Number of projects supported by the Fund, aiming to improve law enforcement information exchanges	6 (target value - 7)

Targets Reached (4)

Indicator – SO 6 Risks and Crises	Target Value
C1 - Number of tools put in place or upgraded with the help of the Fund to facilitate the protection of critical infrastructure by Member States in all sectors of the economy	2 (target value – 3)
C2 Number of projects relating to the assessment and management of risks in the field of internal security supported by the Fund	3 (target value - 3)
C3 - Number of expert meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, publications, websites and (online) consultations organised with the help of the Fund	0 (target value – 10)

Challenges Encountered

Procurement

- Planning
- Evaluation
- Execution

Risk analysis

- Undefined and unplanned risks

Capacity

- Skills and expertise

Covid-19 Pandemic

Communications and Other Updates on Programme Monitoring

Capacity Building

RA staff attended the following trainings:

- Electronic Public Procurement (New System) (IPS)
- Evaluators Training for E-Tenders (IPS)
- Training on the Malta Business Register (MBR)
- Training on the Anti-Fraud Strategy and Cycle
- Training on Information Systems Security
- Training on Conflict of Interest
- Training on Audit Findings
- Training on the Closure Guidelines: 2014-2020 Programming Period
- Information Session: Publicity Requirements tied to EU-funded Projects
- Information Session: New 2021-2027 Eligibility Rules

Annual Implementation Report



Annual Implementation Report 2022 – ISF

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the Commission on 30th March 2023 and was considered admissible by the Commission on 18th April 2023.

Annual Implementation Report 2022 – AMIF

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Publicity Measures - General

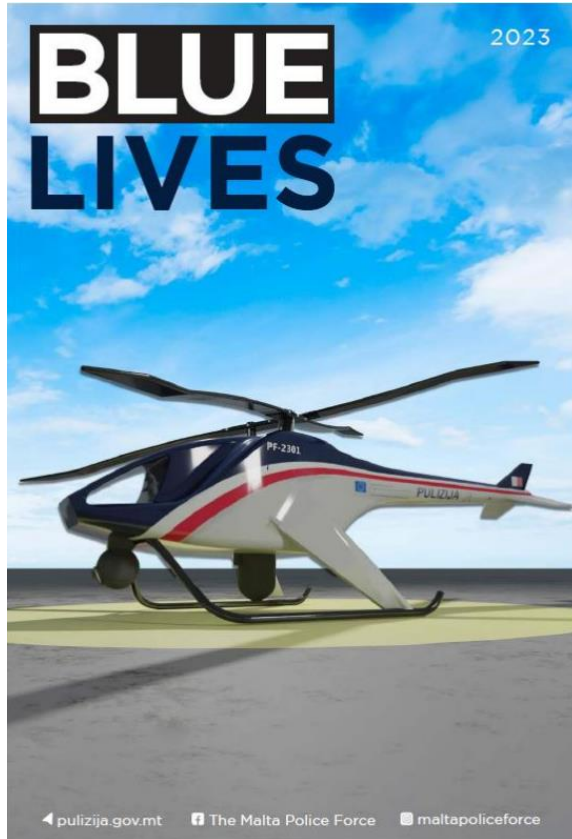


- Continuous updates on the new website fondi.eu
- The List of Approved Projects is published on the website.
- Press Releases have been issued whenever a project has been approved. Various press meetings were held, especially when linked to launches of projects as well as the achievements of milestones.

Publicity Measures (1)



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Eyes in the Sky

A recent unique ongoing investment for the Malta Police Force is the procurement of a light Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). The aim is to use this UAV to provide an accurate aerial view and monitor entry points of illegal migration. The implementation of this investment is currently in its final stages of completion.

This UAV is able to scan accurate ranges and feed a real-time image, which is also available in infrared light for night vision, and will be operated inshore (within 12 nautical miles) of the Maltese territorial waters. Complementing the UAV is a customised van, which will serve as a Ground Control Station and a means of transportation for the UAV. Specialised training in remote piloting, Gimbal camera, and maintenance has been given to the operating police officers. Furthermore, secure premises have been renovated to the highest standards, including a helipad from where the UAV shall operate, while internal recruitment for a drone pilot/operator was undertaken in order to increase the human capabilities of the Malta Police Immigration Department in this sector.

THIS UAV IS ABLE TO SCAN ACCURATE RANGES AND FEED A REAL-TIME IMAGE

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About the Sponsor: APCO Limited is a trusted technological leader in Malta, specializing in automation and security systems. With a legacy since 1984, we deliver cutting-edge solutions to sectors like public, banking, retail, and finance. Our strong partnerships with renowned vendors ensure world-class solutions in cash management, EV charging, UAVs, and security equipment. Our core values revolve around fostering innovation and providing unparalleled premium support to our valued clients.

Ultimately, the purpose of this investment is to address irregular migration as it continues to increase at the EU's external borders. The UAV shall elevate the capabilities in tracking illegal migrants. Moreover, the Malta Police Force will increase its knowledge of coordination in risk and threats in strategic entry points through training that immigration and field personnel have completed successfully on this latest addition to border surveillance tools. This tool shall serve as an added value to the European Union as the Malta Police Force is now equipped to assist accordingly in any necessary operation both locally and on a regional level for border surveillance.

The total cost of this EU-funded investment exceeded €1,000,000, and was part of the Malta Police Force's Specific Actions for Border Surveillance, an EU-funded project under the Internal Security Fund (Borders & Visas) 2014-2020. APCO Ltd is the security system supplier which shall deliver the UAV.

Internal Security Fund (Borders and Visas) – Specific Action
 Project is part-financed by European Union
 Co-financing rate: 90% EU Funds; 10% Beneficiary Funds
 Sustainable Management of Internal Security

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MT/2020/ISF/21.01 – Malta Police Force's. Specific Actions for Border Surveillance

Project featured in the MPF's Blue Lives Magazine

Publicity Measures (2)



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Flexing our Maritime Muscle

The Malta Police Force will, over this summer, have two new Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) in operation at sea around the islands, whose purpose is to enhance the inshore capabilities of the Malta Police Force by patrolling remote areas, accessible only with maritime vessels. These RHIBs are powered by two 400 hp outboard engines capable of surpassing 45 knots. Through the assistance of their specifically procured trailers, the RHIBs can use different slipways, depending on the emergency of the situation.

A radar and external gyro-stabilised thermal imaging camera are mounted on the cabin to assist in search and rescue operations during both daylight and night-time. This investment also included appropriate training in the operation of the RHIBs and their features. Furthermore, a new area has been allocated, where routine maintenance for both RHIBs and trailers shall be carried out, serving as a shelter for the RHIBs.

The ultimate goal of this investment is to serve as an added tool to address irregular migration, which is always on the rise at the EU's external borders. Through the purchase of these RHIBs, the Malta Police Force will improve its ability to locate and intercept illegal immigrants at sea. The training that immigration and field staff have successfully completed on this most recent addition to border surveillance technologies will also help to improve coordination capabilities in relation to risk and threats in strategic entry points. Moreover, with the addition of the RHIBs, the Malta Police Force shall be able to provide assistance in any necessary operation both locally and at European level.

The total cost of this EU-funded investment exceeded €800,000, and was part of the Malta Police Force's Specific Actions for Border Surveillance, an EU-funded project under the Internal Security Fund (Borders & Visas) 2014-2020.

The RHIBs, complemented with trailers, were supplied and delivered by United Equipment Co. (UNEC) Ltd.



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About the Sponsor: United Equipment Co. (UNEC) Ltd. was pleased to be awarded the tender for supplying these two RHIBs to the Malta Police Force. The RHIBs are manufactured by Ribcraft, a leading global supplier of Police & Patrol RHIBs. This is also confirmation of UNEC's position as the premier supplier of high-quality professional RHIBs and marine equipment in Malta. UNEC is the official agent for renowned brands such as RIBCRRAFT, Cummins Marine, CAT Marine, Onan Marine Generators, and Whisper Power.

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Internal Security Fund (Borders and Visas) – Specific Action
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As the world observed [#International](#) Day of Police Cooperation on 7 September in recognition of the central role played by the world's law enforcement community in global security, we see how investment under the [#InternalSecurityFund](#) has generated more security and benefits to 🇲🇹's immigration police 🚔

The [#ISF](#) project Automated Border Control (ABC) Gates at the Malta International Airport (MIA) oversaw the installation of a total of four ABC Gates at the MIA, two at the Arrivals and another two at the Departures Gate ✈️

ABC Gates are part of an interoperable system that the 🇪🇺 is trying to conform throughout its Member States. By means of these Gates, the verification process of travel documents shall be significantly enhanced, as most of these documents will be validated electronically. Thus, by automatically clearing passengers, the authentication process will be accelerated in a way which could not be achieved as accurately, if managed manually. Apart from reducing the processing times, the ABC Gates shall guarantee a high level of security not only for 🇲🇹 but for the European Union as a whole, since only those individuals having a legitimate interest shall be granted access to the Union's territory. Thus, the Gates shall ensure protection of critical infrastructure and EU citizens alike against security related incidents and terrorist attacks

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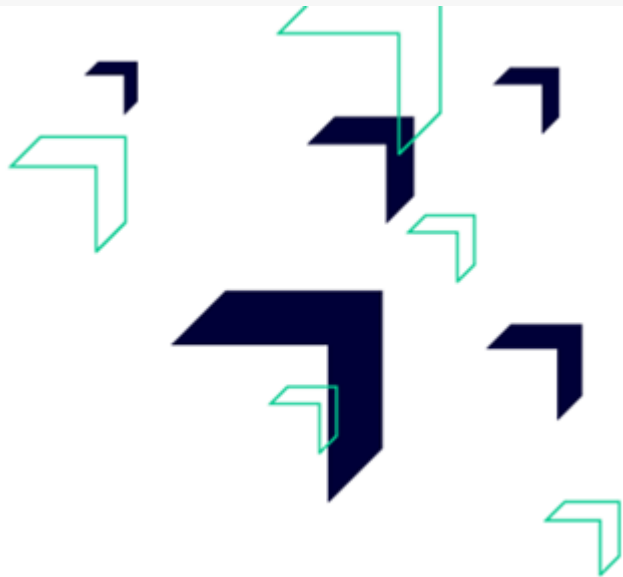
ISF project featured on the Fondi.eu Facebook page

Objectives of the Database

- The Migration and Security Information System (MSIS) has been launched in June 2016. The objectives of this database are: the recording and storing of data for the monitoring, evaluation, financial management, verifications and audits.
- There are currently 83 active users in the system.
- 1,975 claims for payment have been processed under ISF (275 under ISF Police and 1700 under ISF Borders and Visas) whereas 4,184 claims for payment have already been processed under the AMIF. These do not include payments processed through Technical Assistance.



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