



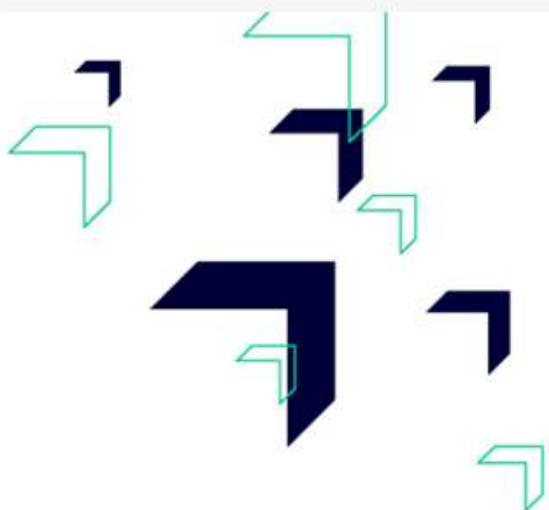
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HOME Funds 2014-2020 Ex-Post Evaluation update

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Objectives



- **Article 57 of the Commission Provision Regulation (1303/2013)** - Member States are obliged to submit to the Commission an Ex-Post Evaluation report on the effects of actions under their national programmes by 31st December 2024.
- **Consolidated Background Note** issued by the European Commission on the key elements for an ex-post evaluation for Home Funds 2014-2020. The Background Note is a detailed document establishing:
 - The evaluation criteria;
 - The evaluation questions; and
 - The judgement criteria.... that need to be assessed as part of this evaluation for the **ISF** and **AMIF**.
- **Purpose:**
 - To ensure **accountability** for the funds spent;
 - To gain **knowledge** of the effects left on the ground; and
 - To learn how we can **improve** on similar measures in the future.

Evaluation Criteria

AMIF:	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Relevance	Coherence
Complementarity	EU added value	Sustainability	Simplification and reduction of administrative burden	
ISF:	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Relevance	Coherence
Complementarity	EU added value	Sustainability	Simplification and reduction of administrative burden	

Evaluation Criteria (1)

ISF

To what extent has **ISF** reached its objectives, covering progress within a number of policy areas and the contribution of the funded projects towards these policy areas, which include:

- Common Visa Policy and co-operation between Member States.
- Border Management, including external and internal checks, integrated management systems, surveillance, etc.
- Prevention of cross-border, serious & organised crime.
- coordination and cooperation between law enforcement authorities and other national authorities and other EU/ international bodies.
- Terrorism and other security threats.
- Early warning and crisis co-operation.
- Capacity of the Member State.

AMIF

To what extent has **AMIF** reached its objectives, covering progress within a number of policy areas and the contribution of the funded projects towards these policy areas, which include:

- Asylum Procedures and Reception Conditions.
- Legal Migration and Integration.
- Return Procedures and Return Measures.
- Solidarity and responsibility sharing.
- Capacity building of the Member State in these areas.

Evaluation Criteria (2)

Efficiency

To what extent were the results of the Fund achieved at a reasonable cost in terms of deployed financial and human resources?

Coherence

Was an assessment of other interventions with similar objectives carried out and taken into account during the programming stage?

Relevance

Did the objectives set by the Member State in the National Programme respond to the identified need?

Complementarity

Was an assessment of other interventions with complementary objectives carried out and taken into account during the programming stage?

Evaluation Criteria (3)

EU Added Value

What are the main types of added value resulting from the Fund support (volume, scope, role, process)?

Sustainability

Are the positive effects of the projects supported by the Fund likely to last when the support from the fund will be over?

Simplification & reduction of administrative burden

Were the Fund management procedures simplified, and the administrative burden reduced for its beneficiaries?

AMIF

Evaluation Questions
37 EQS and sub questions

ISF

Evaluation Questions
62 EQS and sub questions

Programmes context

Programme	Financial Allocation as per Programme	Number of Projects Supported
AMIF	€ 20.9 million	24 Projects
ISF	€ 97.9 million	36 Projects

Evaluation Approach (1)

Policy Dimension

- Consultation with the relevant stakeholders including MA and relevant Ministries in order to ensure clarity and targeted circulation of the questionnaire, which were intended to capture a description of the general progress in each policy area.
- In all we had:
 - 10 Surveys under AMIF
 - 15 Surveys under ISF
- The surveys focus on:
 - Overall development
 - Statistical evidence
 - Important steps taken by Government
 - Challenges
 - Supported activities with EU or National Funds.

Data on indicators was also requested to be shared by the relevant MS authorities.

Evaluation Approach (2)

How did the fund contribute towards policy development?

To answer this question, a **dual case study strategy** was adopted:

- **The first type** are project-specific case studies (or closely linked specific projects within a single SO, e.g. three AFM vessels projects), if more projects in one SO are present, the most significant was chosen.
- **The second type** are case studies at the level of individual organisations, where the overall contribution of the funds in aggregate across all projects across the SO is being examined.

In several cases where the organisation has implemented a single project, the two approaches merge.

This information is being be complemented with data on indicators found at the level of programme and commission guidelines at the level of SO.

Units of analysis included:
13 Projects
5 Organisations

Fieldwork

Interviews

ISF

- Armed Forces of Malta
- FIAU
- Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs

Both:

- Ministry responsible for Home Affairs
- Malta Police Force

AMIF

- Agency for the Welfare of Asylum Seekers
- Human Rights Directorate
- International Organisation for Migration
- International Protection Agency
- Foundation for Social Welfare Services

AMIF

- Psychosocial Intervention Services for Beneficiaries of International Protection and Asylum Seekers
- Resettlement and Relocation (MHSR)
- Assisted voluntary return and reintegration in the country of origin (IMO)
- Learning - Exchanging – Integrating (HRD)
- All Equal: Supporting Victims of Human Trafficking (FSWS)
- Activities of Forced Return Multi Annual Programme 2014-2020 (MPF)

ISF

- Re-Engineering and Operating Costs of the National Visa Information System (NVIS) (MFET)
- Implement an integrated software platform for managing compliance supervisory activities in Malta (FIAU)
- Procurement of a 3rd Fixed Wing Maritime Patrol Aircraft
- Procurement of a new Offshore Patrol Vessel
- Enhancing the capacities of the Cybercrime Unit

Desk research

- Review of project documentation
- Research on specific relevant areas both at the level of the policy (e.g. relevant reports) and at the level of the projects
- Review of statistics
- Indicators (incl those listed in the Background note)

Next Steps

Draft final report

- Information collected during the course of this evaluation is currently being processed and analysed
- Draft report to be received early December 2024

Validation meeting

A validation meeting with stakeholders will be held so that the contractor presents the findings and conclusions emerging from this evaluation, and, where appropriate, proposed recommendations can be discussed in terms of suitability.

Final Report: End of December 2024

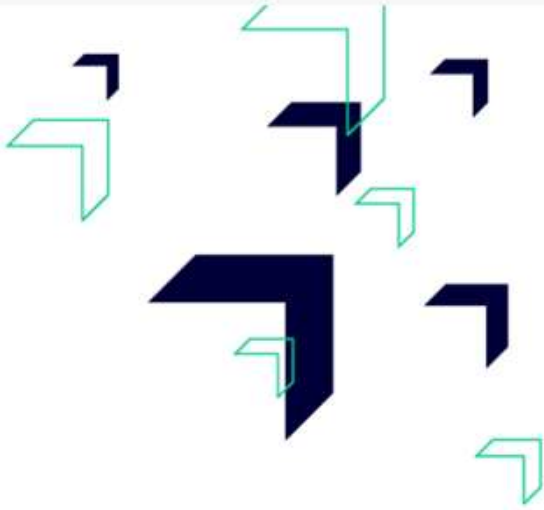


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