



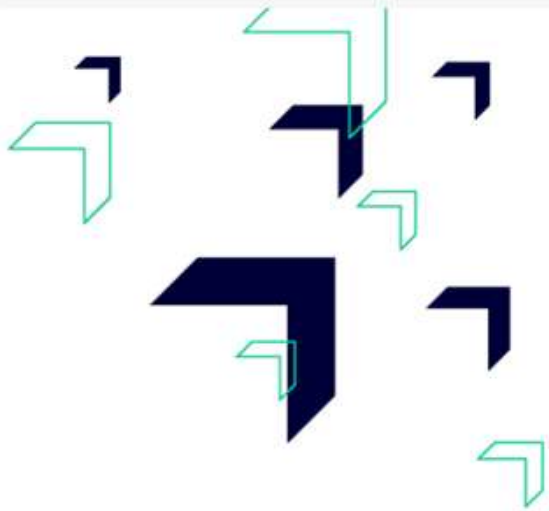
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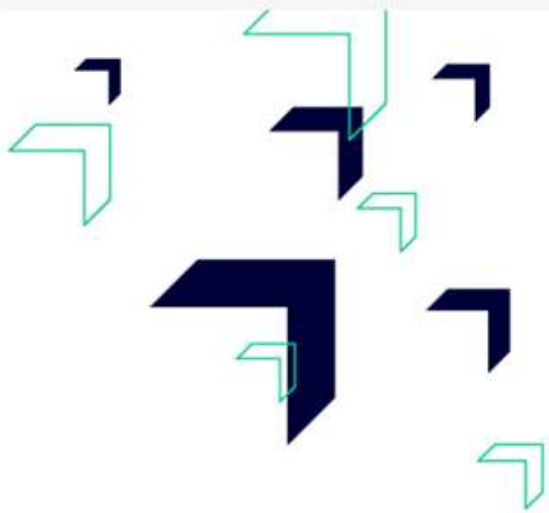


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Update on Evaluation activities 2021-2027



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Update on Horizontal Evaluations

Evaluation	Timeframe	Evaluation	Status Update
Preparatory Data Study	Q2 2025 – Q4 2025	Horizontal-EV1	Drafting stage
Communication Evaluation	Q3 2026 – Q3 2029	Horizontal-EV2	Planned
Effectiveness and Efficiency of key processes of EU Funds	Q3 2026 – Q4 2027	Horizontal-EV3	Planned

Consolidation of Evaluation Plans is in its final stages.

Update on AMIF Evaluation Plan

Evaluation Type	Timeframe	Evaluation code	Status Update
Mid-Term Evaluation AMIF Programme for Malta 2021-2027	Q4 2023 – Q1 2024	AMIF-EV1	Concluded
Process based Evaluation *	Q2 2025 – Q2 2026	AMIF-EV2	Planned
Thematic Evaluation (SO 1 and 2)	Q1 2026 – Q2 2028	AMIF-EV3	Planned
Impact based Evaluation	Q1 2028 – Q2 2029	AMIF-EV4	Planned

** The focus of this evaluation may require adaptation based on the outcome of the ex-post*

Update on ISF Evaluation Plan

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

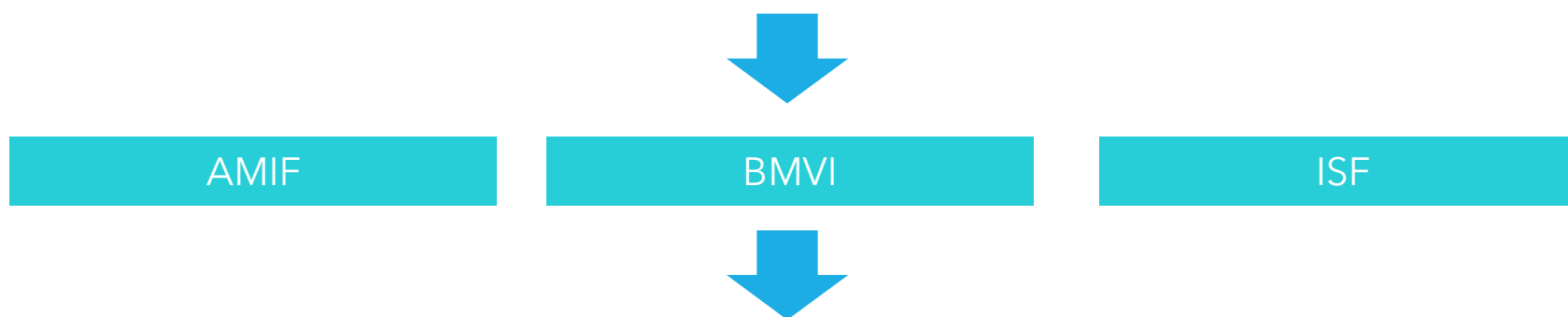
Update on BMVI Evaluation Plan

Evaluation Type	Timeframe	Evaluation code	Status Update
Mid-Term Evaluation of the BMVI Programme for Malta 2021-2027)	Q4 2023 – Q1 2024	BMVI-EV01	Concluded
Impact Evaluation of the BMVI Programme for Malta 2021-2027	Q3 2028 – Q1 2029	BMVI-EV2	Planned

Overview on the Mid-Term Evaluation (closed)

A Mid-Term Evaluation of the 2021-2027 AMIF, ISF, and BMVI Programmes was carried out in line with regulation obligations on the Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Coherence with data as at December 2023.

3 separate reports, one for each fund, were concluded and submitted by mid-April 2024.



The purpose:

- Identify the issues which *may affect the Programme*.
- Identify ways to *redress such issues* in a timely manner.
- Lay the groundwork for an *Ex-Post Evaluation* in the coming years.

Summary of Conclusions and Main Findings:

MTE Update:

Summary of Common Findings – AMIF, ISF, and BMVI 2021-2027 Programmes

- **Implementation Progress:** All three (3) Programmes registered limited progress since the programmes are in the initial phase of their implementation by 31/12/2023. Nonetheless, in the case of AMIF, projects selected included those with an advanced state of readiness.
 - **Management and Administration:** The Programmes are managed with a similar level of competence, reflecting continuity from previous periods. All programmes emphasise boundary and diagnostic controls but require a stronger focus on interactive elements tied to learning.
 - **Administrative Burden:** Perceived particularly in regards to public procurement. An interest in exploring simplification measures tied particularly in the case of staff and training costs was noted.
 - **Policy Coherence:** A strong alignment between all programmes and national policies was identified, with stakeholders noting good coordination and complementarity with other initiatives.
 - The **Evaluation Plans** are quite extensive and contain a substantial amount of relevant information, however requiring additional details tied to thematic data availability. As live documents these are planned to be updated following the conclusion of the preparatory data study.
 - One common **Communication Strategy** is in place across different funds, organized as an Annual Plan and is centrally managed by the Communications Unit within the Ministry responsible for European Funds.
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MTE Summary of Recommendations

Fund	Recommendation	Course of Action	Responsible Body	Supporting Body
AMIF ISF BMVI	(1) Embedding better learning into the system of the Programme management	EU funding framework should better seek mechanisms which enable a balance to avoid situations of control systems.	Evaluation Unit	Managing Authority Beneficiaries
AMIF ISF	(2) Improvements in relation to Horizontal Principles	(i) Information and experience sharing in relation to HP. (ii) Facilitating flows of information. (iii) Provide further clarity within the guidance notes for applications as to how the HP are assessed during the selection process.	Evaluation Unit	Managing Authority Horizontal Stakeholders Beneficiaries
AMIF ISF BMVI	(3) Clear understanding of the data being captured at the level of the intervention	This should be supported by data sharing agreements and early consent (upon entry) to facilitate future evaluations and ideally should be captured by the management system of the programme, as far as it is feasible	Managing Authority	Evaluation Unit Beneficiaries Responsible Ministry
AMIF ISF BMVI	(4) Improve the effectiveness of communication and dissemination	It would be beneficial to have in place a longer-term strategy to establish a Strategic Framework outlining key communication aspects.	Information Systems Development & Communications Unit	Managing Authority Beneficiaries

Summary of Recommendations

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AMIF ISF	(5) Improve how the public is informed on the achievements of the Programme	This can be achieved through the introduction of a Citizen's summary as occurs in other funding programmes.	Managing Authority	Information Systems Development & Communication Unit Evaluation Unit
AMIF ISF BMVI	(6) Explore the possibility of adopting processes geared towards the simplification of implementation procedures	This can include exploring further options available that may provide further opportunities for simplification such as through SCOs.	Managing Authority	European Commission Beneficiaries
AMIF	(7) Better understand the range of challenges, contexts and opportunities within the context of public procurement	As a recommendation the Evaluation Unit can seek to better understand the range of challenges, contexts and opportunities as part of the planned key processes evaluation.	Evaluation Unit	Relevant Authorities (MA, DOC)
AMIF	(8) To consider further mechanisms that limit delays appeals process in particular in relation to the age assessment of asylum seekers	To carry out discussions to explore options of how this challenge can be overcome in order not to have service delivery is able to be initiated in a timely manner	Ministry responsible for Asylum Policy	n/a

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AMIF	(9) Maintain an early commitment strategy	Maintaining, an early commitment strategy is a critical success factor.	Managing Authority	Beneficiaries
BMVI	(10) Steady progress in approving operations and starting of project implementation during 2024	This can be achieved by understanding the challenges previously faced and devise a plan to improve on such.	Managing Authority	Relevant Ministries Beneficiaries Relevant Authorities involved in payment, certification and ICT processes and systems
BMVI	(11) Achieving more efficient application tool that minimizes challenges during the application process	Challenges were in relation to application template to be uploaded on the information system, and not the information system itself. The focus should be on further improving the user-interface	Information Systems Development & Communications Unit	Managing Authority
AMIF ISF BMVI	(12) Review relevant policy developments with the relevant stakeholders	Discuss and assess impact with the relevant stakeholders	Evaluation Unit	Relevant Ministries Managing Authority

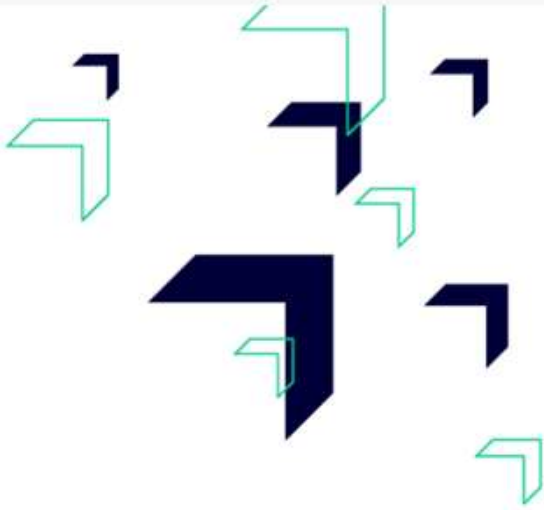


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