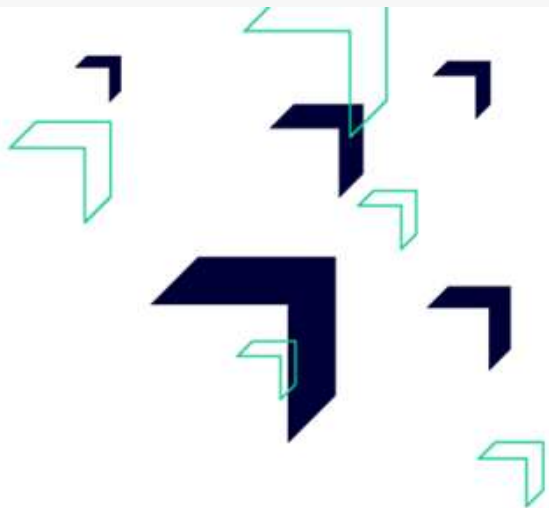




Monitoring Committee Meeting

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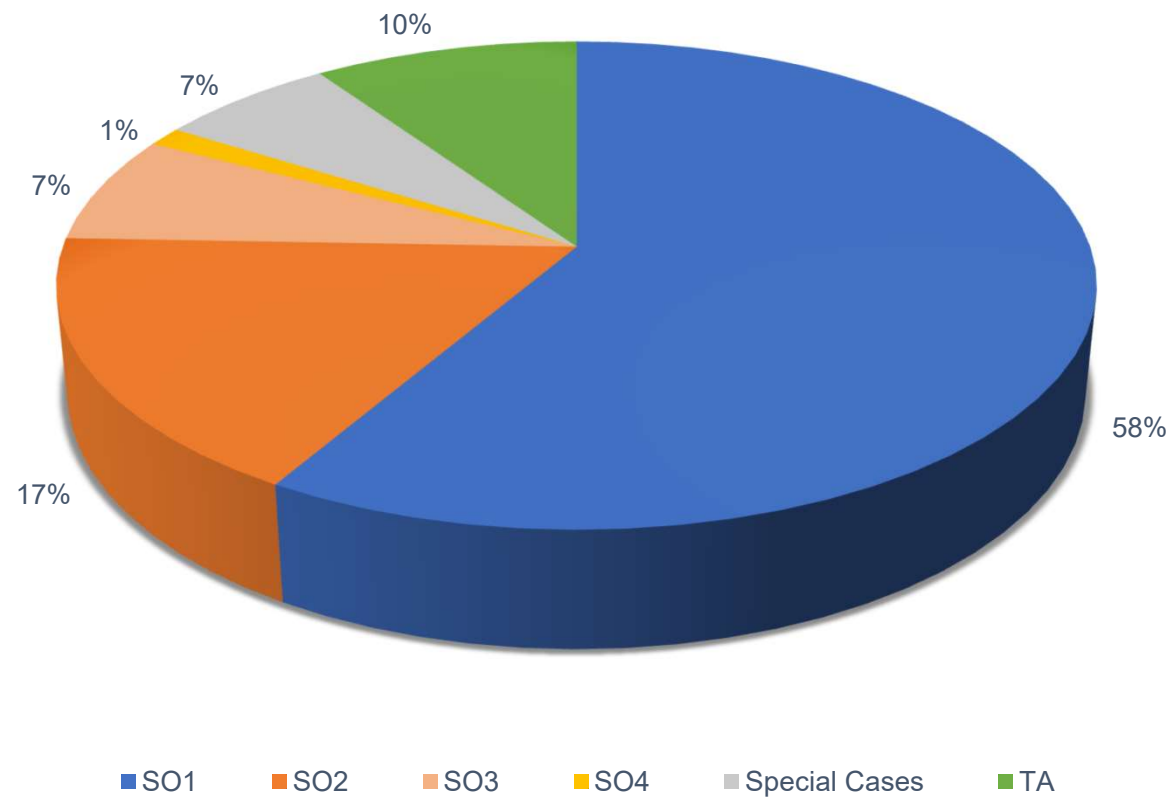


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Update on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund National Programme 2014-2020

Malta

National Programme – AMIF



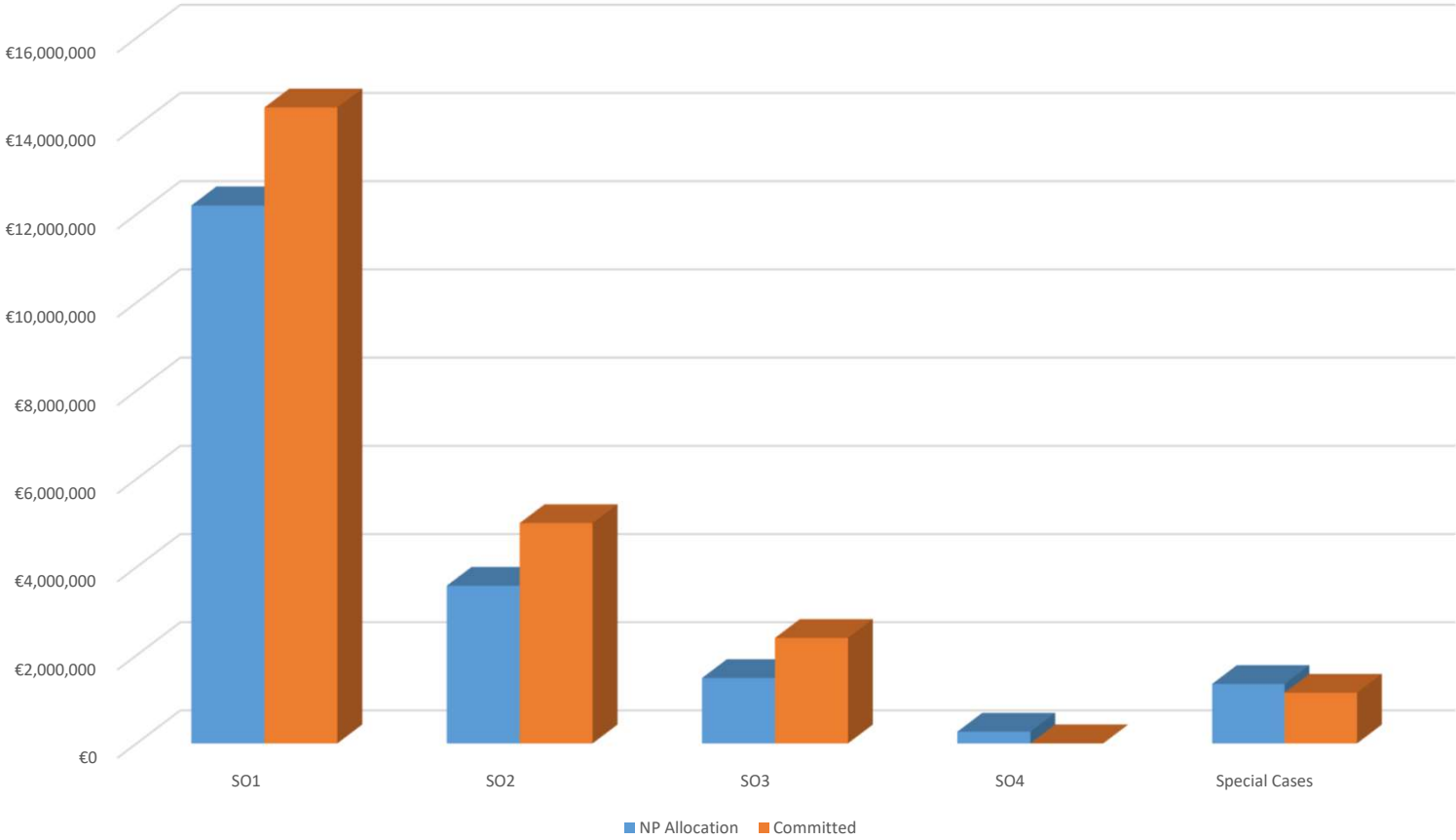
Funds Committed



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Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of AMIF Funds committed through approved projects
SO1	€12,198,941	€14,419,082 (118%)
SO2	€3,576,529	€4,996,347 (139%)
SO3	€1,483,404	€2,392,500 (161%)
SO4	€265,683	€0 (0%)
Special Cases	€1,348,000	€1,148,000 (85%)

Funds Committed



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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

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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
2023	€2,152,913

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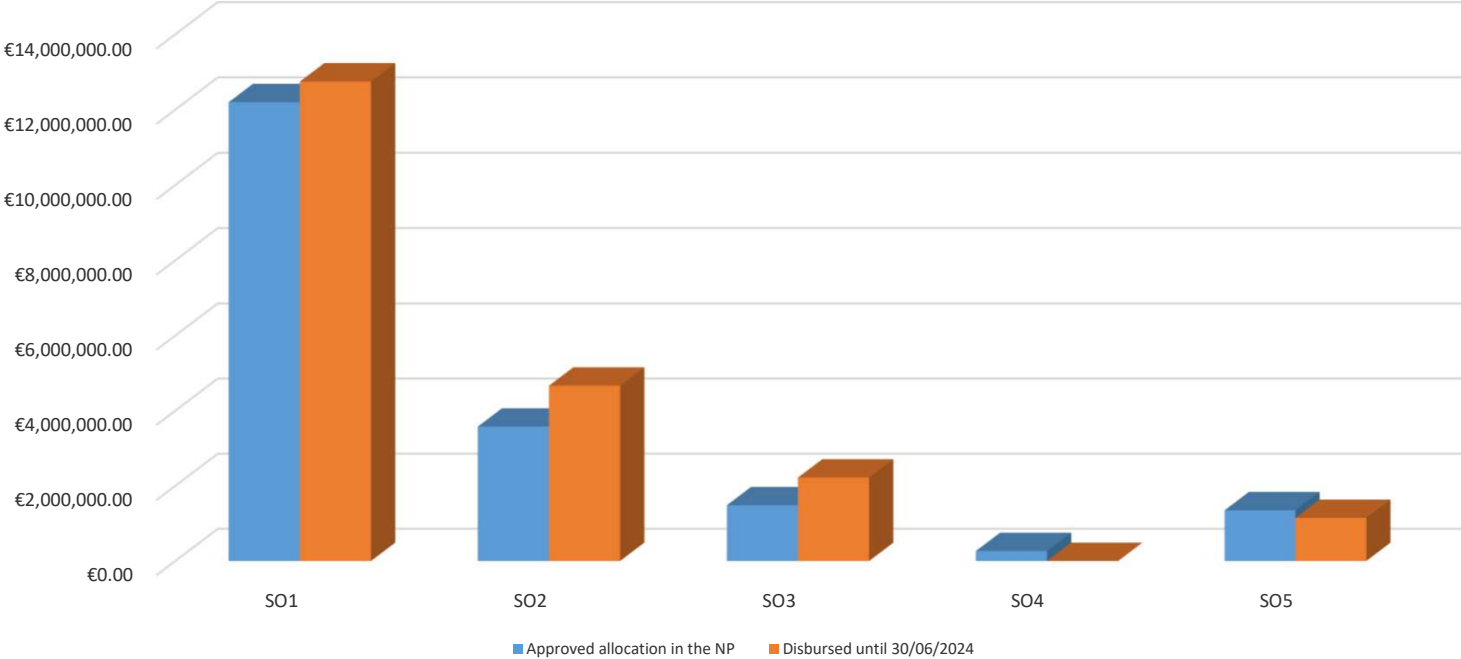
Disbursements Made

Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid during financial year 2024*	Total Union contribution Paid till 30 th June 2024	% Disbursed from NP Allocation
SO1	€264,076	€12,744,465	104%
SO2	€604,917	€4,664,621	130%
SO3	€182,058	€2,221,325	149%
SO4	€0.00	€0.00	0%
SO5	€0.00	€1,148,000	85%

* Financial Year - 16 October 2023 to 30 June 2024

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NP Allocation vs. Disbursements



Monitoring and Control (1)



Projects	Date
Activities of Forced Return (MPF)	21 and 28 February 2024
Language Learning and Parental Support for Integration Plus (LLAPSI+) (MEYR)	17 January 2024, 6, 7, 13, 14 & 19 February 2024, 6, 12, 20 & 26 March 2024, 10 April 2024 and 17 July 2024
Psychosocial Intervention Services for Beneficiaries of International Protection and Asylum Seekers (AWAS)	4 December 2023
All Equal: Supporting Victims of Human Trafficking (FSWS)	30 November 2023, 29 and 31 July 2024
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin - RESTART VI (IOM Malta)	9 November 2023 and 25 June 2024

Monitoring and Control (2)



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Projects	Date
Learning - Exchanging - Integrating (HRD)	14 & 15 November 2023, 5 February 2024, 31 May 2024 and 4 July 2024
Support Services for Newly Arrived Asylum Seekers (Aditus Foundation)	14 December 2023
Employment Support Services for Migrants	19 February 2024

Physical Deliverables



Note: Seeing that most of the activities were finalised by October 2023 and the RA focused its efforts on processing payments during the October 2023 – June 2024 financial year, no activities can be reported or showcased under the AMIF.

Targets Reached (1)



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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	40,655 (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	1,032 (target value - 400)
C2.2 - The percentage in the total reception accommodation capacity	73.4% (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	116% (target value - 90%)

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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	31,283 (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	3,859 (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)

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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

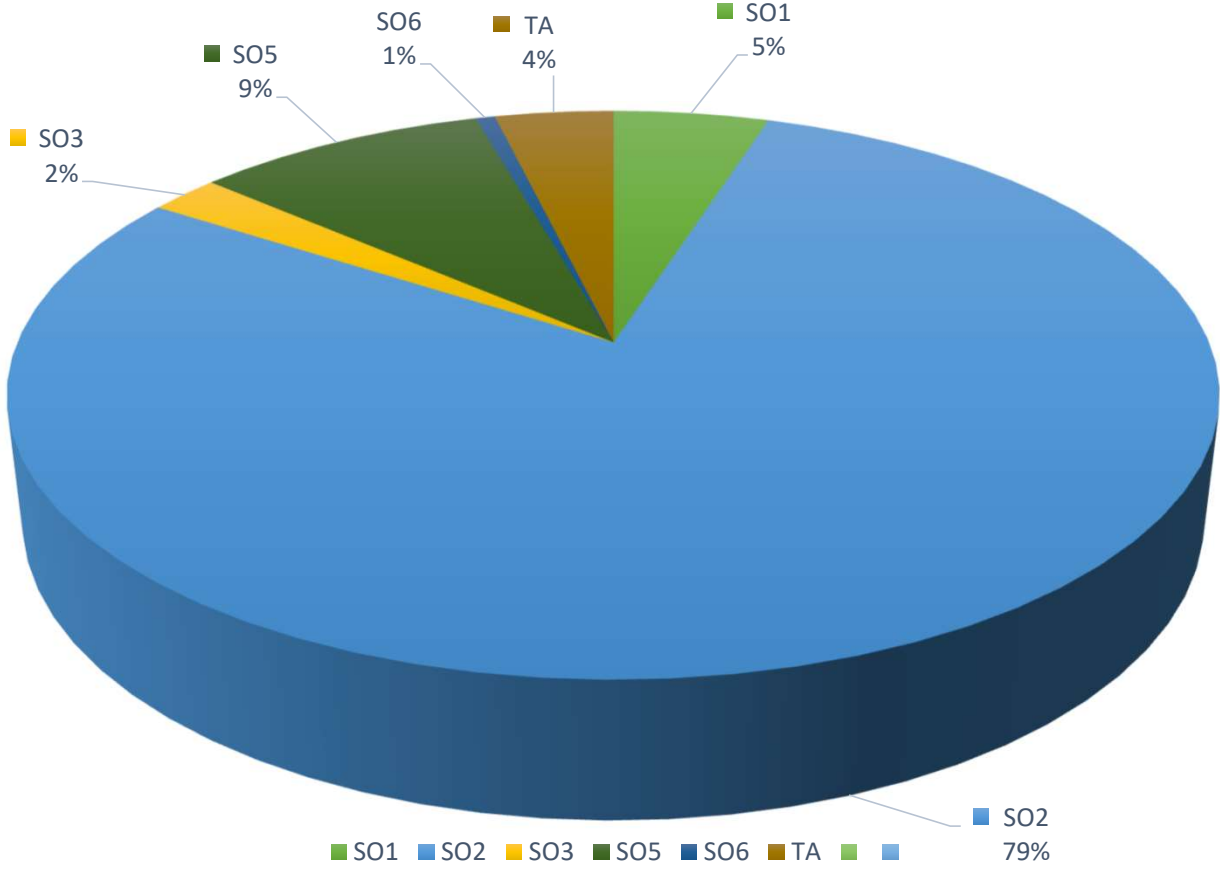
- Skills and expertise
- Voluminous and fragmentation of claims

Target Group

Update on the Internal Security Fund Borders and Police National Programme

Malta

National Programme – ISF Borders and ISF Police



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Funds Committed



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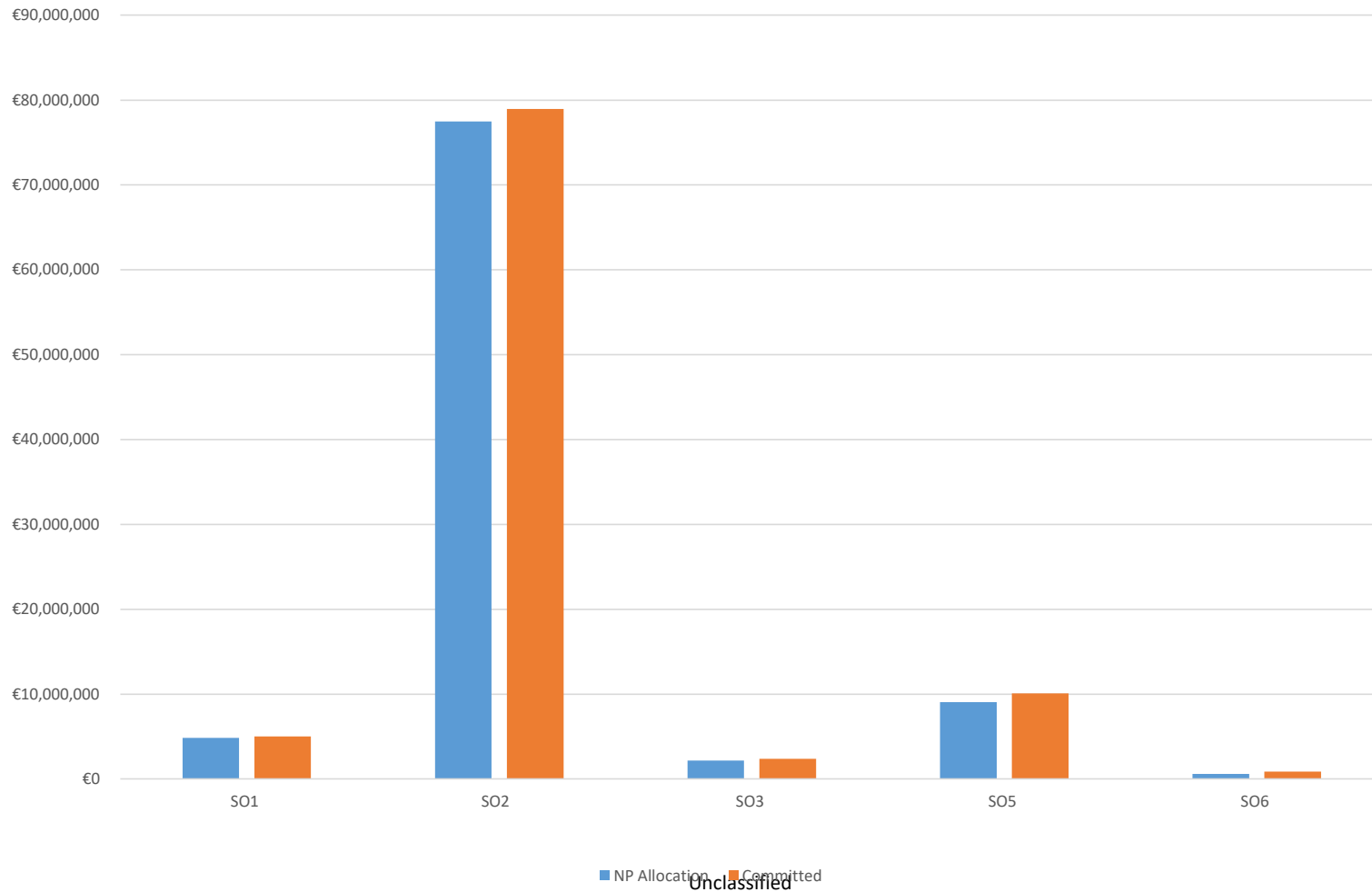
Specific Objective	Approved allocation in the NP	% of ISF Funds Committed through Approved Projects
SO1 – Support common visa policy ^a	€ 4,842,000	€ 5,023,435 (104%)
SO2 – Borders	€ 77,493,764	€ 78,945,197 (102%)
SO3 – Operating Support	€ 2,185,000	€ 2,392,587 (110%)
SO5 – Preventing and Combating Crime	€ 9,075,753	€ 10,074,337 (111%)
SO6 – Risks and Crises	€ 602,249	€ 884,710 (147%)

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Funds Committed



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Annual Balance of Accounts



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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
2023	€ 645,928	€ 7,088,373

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Disbursements Made



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Specific Objective	Total Union contribution Paid during financial year 2024*	Total Union contribution Paid till 30 th June 2024	% Disbursed from NP Allocation
SO1	€1,089,862	€5,061,805	104%
SO2	€3,024,516	€58,195,797	75%
SO3	€0.00	€2,359,082	108%
SO5	€1,395,116	€9,938,737	110%
SO6	€0.00	€884,710	147%

* Financial Year - 16 October 2023 to 30 June 2024

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)	22 January 2024 and 3 May 2024
The development of the IT systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Border and Visa and the premises hosting them (MPF)	7 & 27 November 2023, 20 December 2023, 2 February 2024, 12 March 2024 and 29 & 30 July 2024
Upgrade Malta Security Service ICT Infrastructure to improve its information management capabilities – Phase 2 (MSS)	18 December 2023 and 3 July 2024
Entry Exit System for the Malta Police Force at the National Maltese Borders (MPF)	10 November 2023, 4 December 2023, 29 May 2024 and 16 August 2024
The implementation of the regulation 2018/1240 establishing the ETIAS and respective ETIAS National Unit (MPF)	21 November 2023, 6 & 18 March 2024 and 16 August 2024

Monitoring and Control (2)



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Projects	Date
Armed Forces of Malta New Aircraft Hangar (AFM)	18 December 2023
Joint Military Operations Centre (AFM)	13, 20, 21 & 28 August 2024 and 16 October 2024
Procurement of a new Offshore Patrol Vessel (AFM)	24 June 2024
Upgrade and Refurbishment of Consular Posts (MFET)	5 January 2024

Physical Deliverables (1)

MT/2022/ISF/22.01 – Midlife Mission System Upgrade of the AFMs KingAir Maritime Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft

By the Armed Forces of Malta

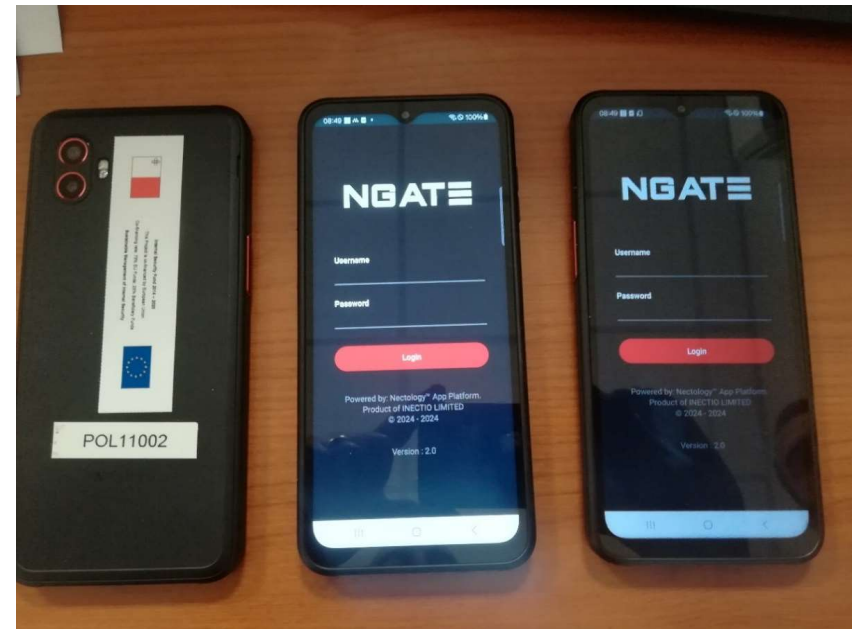
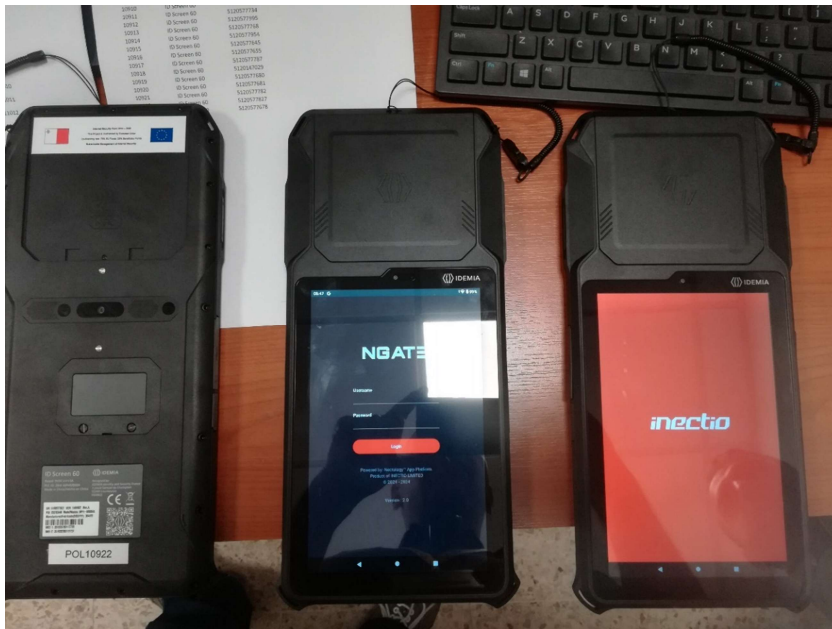
Inauguration of the Midlife Mission System Upgrade of the AFMs KingAir Maritime Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft (AS1126 and AS1227) in May 2024



Physical Deliverables (2)



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MT/2020/ISF/19.01 - The development of the IT systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Border and Visa and the premises hosting them

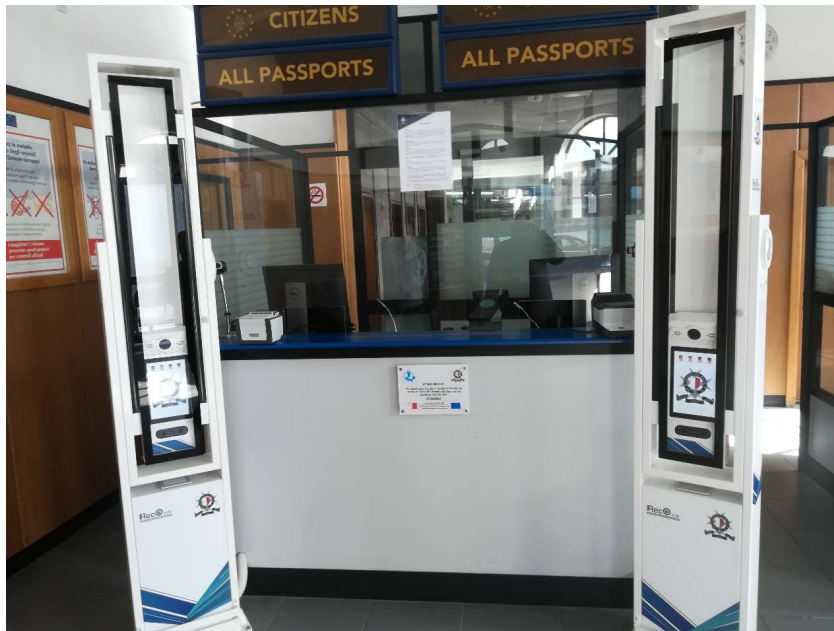
By the Malta Police Force

Biometric Mobile Devices and Mobile Handheld Devices

Physical Deliverables (3)



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MT/2020/ISF/19.01 - The development of the IT systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Border and Visa and the premises hosting them

By the Malta Police Force

Pedestals

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Targets Reached (1)

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	7 (target value - 5)
C4.2 - Percentage of consulates developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund out of the total number of consulates %	22.4% (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	129 (target value – 80)
C1.2 - Number of training courses in borders management related aspects with the help of the Fund	11 (target value – 4)
C2 Number of border control (checks and surveillance) infrastructure and means developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund	21 (target value – 9)
C3.1 - Number of border crossings of the external borders through ABC gates supported from the Fund	48,257 (target value - 100,000)
C3.2 - Total number of border crossings	42,210,797 (target value - 1,260,000.00)
C4 - Number of national border surveillance infrastructure established/further developed in the framework of EUROSUR	2 (target value - 12)
C5 - Number of incidents reported by the Member State to the European Situational Picture	388 (target value - 20)

Targets Reached (3)

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	€ 10,992,241.70 (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



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Communications and Other Updates on Programme Monitoring

Capacity Building

RA staff attended the following trainings:

- TAIEX-REGIO Workshop on Simplifying Calls for Project Proposals, Small Projects and Audits
- Using Best Price Quality Ratio (BPQR) as Award Criteria in Public Procurement (OPM – EES)
- Electronic Public Procurement System (ePPS) Evaluation Training Course (IPS)
- Co-financing Assistance for Voluntary organisations - Malta Development Bank (MDB)
- Training on Simplification & the use of Simplified Cost Options in EU Funds (OPM – EES)
- Most Common Irregularities on Public Procurement and Audit Trail (European Commission)



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Capacity Building

RA staff attended the following trainings (cont.):

- Electronic Public Procurement (IPS)
- Training on Common Interpretation of Data (OPM – EES)
- Irregularities, Fraud & Corruption: How to tackle? Good practices for preventing and detecting irregularities in EU Funds including conflict of interest and fraud (SEEU)
- A basic introduction to VAT for Maltese entities implementing projects financed through EU Funds (MTCA)



Publicity Measures - General

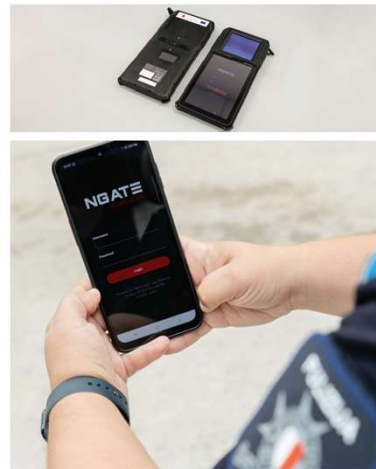


- Continuous updates on the new website fondi.eu
- The List of Approved Projects is published on the website.

Publicity Measures (1)



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 About the Solution: INECTIO LIMITED's dedication to excellence is evident in the robust functionality and seamless integration of the NGATE project. Their innovative approach has streamlined border processes, providing the Malta Police Force with a reliable and efficient solution to modern security challenges. The NGATE project exemplifies the future of law enforcement technology, setting new standards in operational efficiency and security. Experience the transformative impact of INECTIO LIMITED's NGATE project and witness the next generation of policing solutions.

ENHANCING IT SYSTEMS FOR EFFICIENT BORDER SECURITY

In recent years, the Malta Police Force (MPF) has undertaken a significant transformation in its approach to border management, leveraging cutting-edge IT solutions to enhance security and streamline travel processes. This strategic endeavour, guided by the principles of Regulation (EU) No 2014/2015 Article 15, has seen substantial investments in IT infrastructure aimed at fortifying border controls while facilitating smoother travel experiences for legitimate passengers.

At the heart of this initiative lies a series of projects designed to modernise and optimise border management IT systems across Maltese border crossing points. With a focus on improving the management and control of travel flows at external borders, these projects aim to reinforce security checks while expediting border crossings for regular travellers. Central to this effort is the integration of advanced IT systems, including updates to the Schengen Information System (SIS) and the imminent deployment of large-scale systems such as the Entry Exit System (EES) and the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS).

The National Gateway (NGATE) project, developed by INECTIO LIMITED, represents a major leap forward in the operational capabilities of the Malta Police Force. This cutting-edge solution facilitates comprehensive person vetting through both national and international checks, leveraging advanced technologies such as security document capture, facial recognition, and fingerprint processing. By incorporating these sophisticated tools, NGATE ensures accurate and efficient identity verification.

Collaboration between the MPF's ICT section and operational units, notably the Immigration Section and the International Relations Unit, has been instrumental in driving these initiatives forward. Through close coordination and cooperation, the MPF has been able to ensure the seamless integration of IT systems and the effective deployment of associated equipment at border crossing points.

One of the key achievements of these projects has been the deployment of 45 Facial Image Capture Pedestals at strategic border crossing points, the Malta International Airport and Seaports including the Gozo-Marina Port. These pedestals play a crucial role in enhancing border security by capturing facial images of travellers, thereby facilitating compliance with the EU regulation (EU) 2017/2226 for the Entry Exit System. By leveraging biometric technology, these pedestals enable authorities to verify the identities of travellers efficiently and accurately, contributing to robust border controls.

In addition to hardware deployments, through EWORD, the MPF has implemented sophisticated server solutions to bolster audit mechanisms for file and domain services. The establishment of a Server Cluster Farm solution, configured for High Availability (HA), ensures the integrity and security of critical data while facilitating seamless access to information across MPF departments. This initiative underscores the MPF's commitment to maintaining enterprise-grade security standards in line with EU regulations governing large-scale IT systems.

Furthermore, the acquisition of a Multivendor IT Solution represents a significant milestone in the MPF's efforts to modernise border management capabilities and fulfil the EES regulation (EU) 2017/2226. This comprehensive solution enables secure connectivity for corporate devices, facilitating access to internal resources and enhancing operational efficiency. By deploying biometric mobile and handheld devices equipped with specialised applications, the MPF can efficiently process and verify travellers at border crossing points, ensuring compliance with Schengen Border Code Regulation (EU) 2016/399.

The project "The development of the IT systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Border and Visa and the premises hosting them", represents a substantial investment, which totals €2,238,681.57 excluding VAT. Co-funded through European Funds from the Internal Security Fund (Borders and Visa) National Programme 2014-2020, this investment underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in strengthening border security and safeguarding the integrity of Malta's borders.

In conclusion, the MPF's unwavering commitment to enhancing border management capabilities through advanced IT solutions reflects its dedication to fostering a safe and secure environment for all. As these initiatives continue to evolve, Malta remains steadfast in its efforts to uphold the highest standards of security and efficiency at its border crossing points.



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MT/2020/ISF/19.01 – The development of the IT systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Border and Visa and the premises hosting them

Project featured in the MPF's Blue Lives Magazine (July 2024)

Objectives of the Database

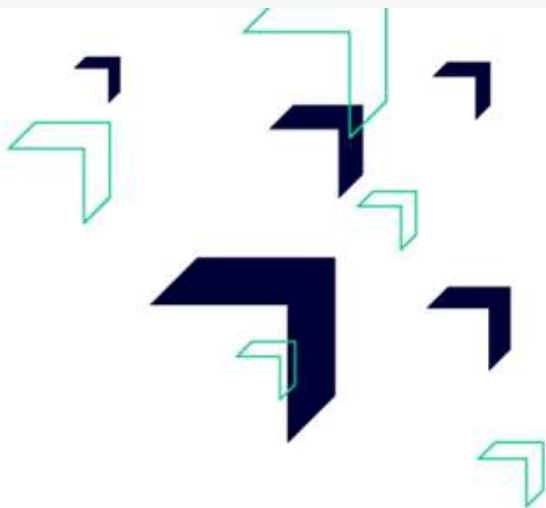


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- The Migration and Security Information System (MSIS) has been launched in June 2016. The objectives of this database are: the recording and storing of data for the monitoring, evaluation, financial management, verifications and audits.
- 2,929 claims for payment have been processed under ISF (727 under ISF Police and 2202 under ISF Borders and Visas) whereas 4,434 claims for payment have been processed under the AMIF. These do not include payments processed through Technical Assistance.



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