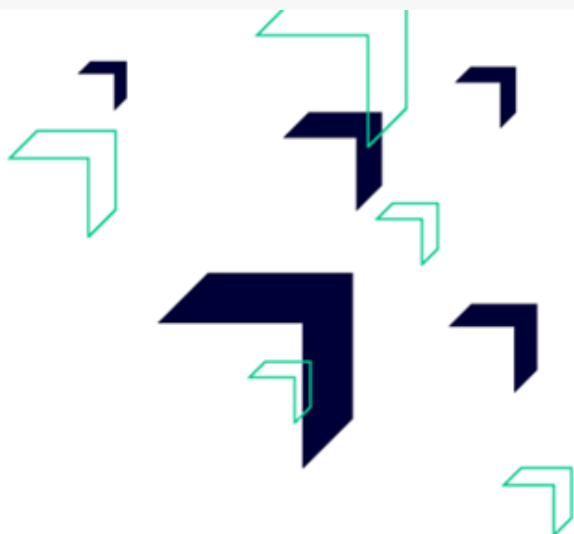


PROGRAMMING OF EUROPEAN UNION FUNDS FOR MALTA

2021-2027

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria – AMIF, ISF and BMVI Programmes
2021-2027**

**Monitoring Committee
24th January 2023**



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Legal Basis

Common Provision Regulation No 2021/1060:

- Article 40(2)(a), the Monitoring Committee (MC) shall approve the methodology and criteria used for the selection of operations
- The Managing Authority (MA) is mandated by Regulation 2021/1060 Article 73 to establish and apply criteria and procedures which are non-discriminatory, transparent, that ensure accessibility to persons with disabilities, ensure gender equality and the principle of sustainable development and of the Union policy on the environment in accordance with Article 11 and Article 191(1) TFEU
- Selected operations are approved with the general understanding that these should be implemented in line with the Annex III of Regulation 2021/1060 horizontal enabling conditions tied to: (i) Public procurement; (ii) State Aid rules; (iii) Articles 23 and 26 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; and (iv) United Nations convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD)

AMIF, ISF, BMVI Regulations:

- Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 of the European Parliament and of the Council, 7 July 2021 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council, 7 July 2021 establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 of the European Parliament and of the Council, 7 July 2021 establishing the Internal Security Fund

Project Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the Eligibility and Selection Criteria by the Project Selection Committee and will proceed to be assessed against the Selection Criteria only if the application meets all the requirements of the Eligibility Criteria

The criteria for the selection of mainstream projects are divided as follows:

- **Eligibility Criteria** which consist in a gateway assessment which ensures that all applications have reached a minimum standard
- **Selection Criteria** which are designed to assess the fit and contribution of project proposals with the Programme's strategy, its target groups, and its objectives

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria are to be in line with Article 73(2) (a)-(j) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

Eligibility Criteria



- ✓ Application Form must be submitted within the deadline defined in the Call
- ✓ Complete Application Form
- ✓ Project Remit and Capacity of beneficiary organisation
- ✓ Addresses at least one of the output and result indicators of the AMIF/ISF/BMVI Programme
- ✓ Applicant should be eligible
- ✓ Action does not involve State Aid
- ✓ Applicant must implement the project respecting the non-profit principle
- ✓ Duration of the proposed action must not go beyond the implementation period
- ✓ Selected operations are not directly affected by an opinion taken by the Commission considering infringement under 258 TFEU, risking illegality and irregularity of expenditure or the performance of operations
- ✓ Verification of co-financing where applicable)
- ✓ Proposal in line with a specific objective in line with Regulations (EU) No. 2021/1147 or 2021/1148 or 2021/1149
- ✓ Ensure climate proofing of investments in infrastructure and which are to have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years
- ✓ Project implemented within the eligible territory

Eligibility Criteria

Application Form

- The Applicant must present a complete application form, filled in with all relevant details and auxiliary documentation
- The applicant shall be an eligible applicant
- Submission of project proposals must be made within the time-limit set for receipt of applications i.e. deadline of the call

The Applicant must declare to implement the project respecting the non-profit principle

Eligibility Criteria

The Applicant shall be an eligible applicant

- Applicant is not in an exclusion situation in accordance with Art 136 (1) and Art 141 (1) of 2018/1046 Financial Regulation and CPR Art 73(2) (i) and (j) *(if applicable)*
- The Applicant should sign a declaration confirming that they or any person involved in the project are not in an exclusion situation in accordance with the Financial Regulation and Common Provisions Regulation *(if applicable)*

The proposed action within the Application must have a duration that does not exceed the implementation period in:

- Regulation 2021/1147 if within the remit of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
- Regulation 2021/1148 establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the Instrument for Financial Support, if within the scope of the Border Management and Visa Policy
- Regulation 2021/1149 if within the remit of the Internal Security Fund

Eligibility Criteria

Remit of beneficiary organisation

- Applicant organisation has remit to implement the project within its mandate. It must be publicly mandated or authorized to implement the project by virtue of the applicable law establishing the Organisation or by the respective Statute in the case of NGOs
- The parameters and objectives of the project must fall within the remit and mandate of the Applicant
- Supporting documentation as required in the call would need to be provided

Project implemented within the eligible territory

- The eligible territory for the Programme is the whole territory for the Republic of Malta.
- All or part of an operation may be implemented outside of a Member State, including outside the Union, provided that the operation contributes to objectives of the Programme and provides direct benefits to the targeted territory of Malta.

Eligibility Criteria

The objective (s) of the proposed action correspond(s) to the relevant objectives defined under the AMIF/BMVI/ISF Call

Addresses at least one of the output and result indicators of the AMIF/BMVI/ISF

- These will be indicated in the call itself.

Eligibility Criteria

Verification of Co-financing (where applicable)

- In cases where Government is not co-financing the project from national funds, the entity committing itself to provide co-financing (public or other organisations) must produce proof that resources for the whole duration of the project are available

The Action does not involve State Aid

Ensures that selected operations are not directly affected by a reasoned opinion by the Commission in respect of an infringement under Article 258 TFEU

Ensure climate proofing of investments in infrastructure

Selection Criteria

Criteria	Marks
Relevance and Justification	20 marks Threshold: 10
Cost effectiveness and sustainability	20 marks Threshold: 10
Outputs and Result Indicators	15 marks Threshold: 10

Selection Criteria

Criteria	Marks
Capacity of the Organisation to implement the activities proposed	15 marks Threshold: 10
Quality of the application form	10 marks Threshold: 5
Readiness	10 marks Threshold: 5

Selection Criteria

Criteria	Marks
Complementarity with other actions funded by the EU or national programmes	5 marks Threshold: 2
Dissemination of project results	5 marks Threshold: N/A

Selection Criteria

Relevance and Justification

20 marks

- Does the proposal address an existing EU-relevant need, backed up by relevant policies, strategies and CION recommendations?
- Does the applicant demonstrate a clear understanding of the context and of the need that the organisation represented by the applicant (within Malta and the EU) is planning to address?
- Does the proposal add value in relation to previous projects of similar nature, or results achieved of previous programmes?
- Are the proposed activities adequately justified and designed to address the issue and to achieve the stated objectives?

Selection Criteria

Cost effectiveness and sustainability

20 marks

- What is the added value of the project?
- Is the proposed expenditure justified in the light of the activities and objectives proposed?
- How cost effective/sustainable is the proposal?
- Does the proposal address cost reduction through effective procurement , if applicable?
- How does the project present the best relationship between the amount of support, the activities undertaken and the achievement of objectives, in accordance with Article 73(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060?

Selection Criteria

Outputs and Result Indicators

15 marks

- Does the proposal identify quantifiable outputs and results as indicated in the Operational Programmes?
- Is the calculation provided in line with the CION guidance on indicators?
- Does the proposal address more than one indicator?

Selection Criteria

Capacity of the Organisation to implement the activities proposed

15 marks

- Does the organisation have the sufficient capacity , experience, expertise, reliability and financial resources to implement the project?
- Does the Project Leader have sufficient experience in project management?
- Does the applicant have the necessary resources and processes available to ensure a proper and successful implementation of the project?
- Do the actors/partners involved in the project - if any - have the adequate knowledge and expertise to contribute to the project's objectives?
- How well is the Project Leader versed with EU funding rules?
- Is the experience of the Project Leader in the field of migration substantial?

Selection Criteria

Quality of the application form

10 marks

- How well is the proposal prepared in terms of information (qualitative and quantitative) provided, clarity of action, work-plan, implementation period?
- Is the proposed action feasible in terms of the budget (e.g. has market research been undertaken)?

Selection Criteria

Readiness

10 marks

- How ready is the project is to start: (have tenders/request for quotations been launched)?
- Have participants and stakeholders been identified?
- Have the relevant partners identified their respective roles and functions?
- Is there anything hindering the start of implementation?

Selection Criteria

Dissemination of project results

5 marks

- Does an appropriate plan exist for the dissemination of results and knowledge transfer?
- Does an appropriate strategy exist for publicity and visibility of the EU funding to a broad audience, where applicable?

Complementarity with other actions funded by the EU or national programmes

5 marks

- The extent to which the project is compatible with existing national policies;
- The extent to which the project complements other actions funded by the general budget of the EU or as part of national programmes, if applicable.
- Avoidance of duplication of effort with existing projects or services in the relevant geographical area

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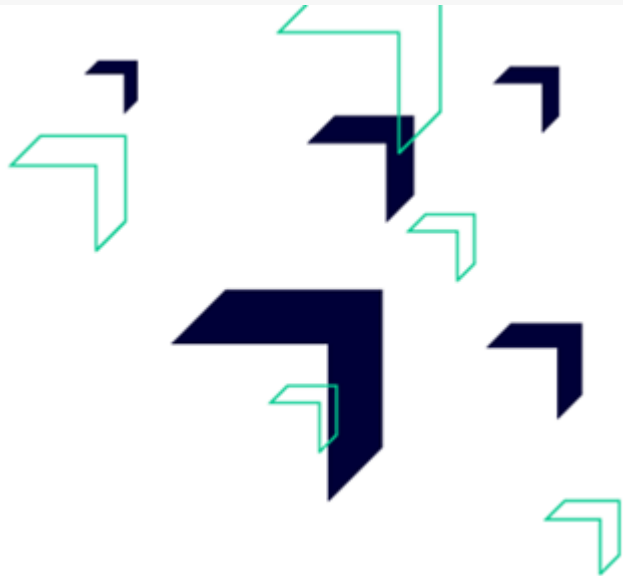
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