



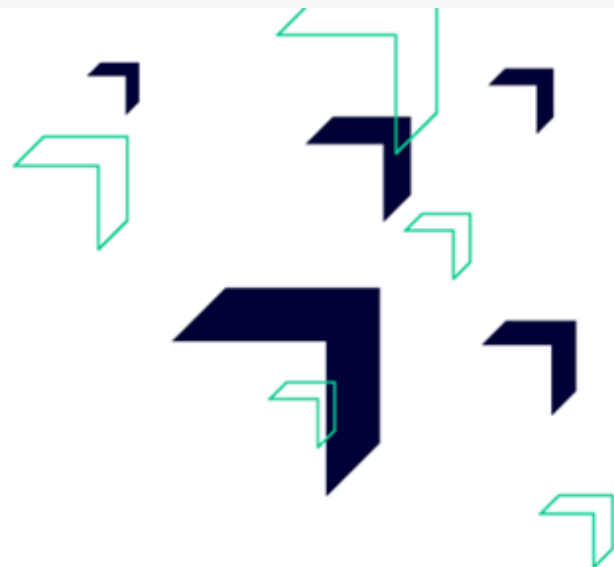
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Information on PACT actions and Programme Modifications

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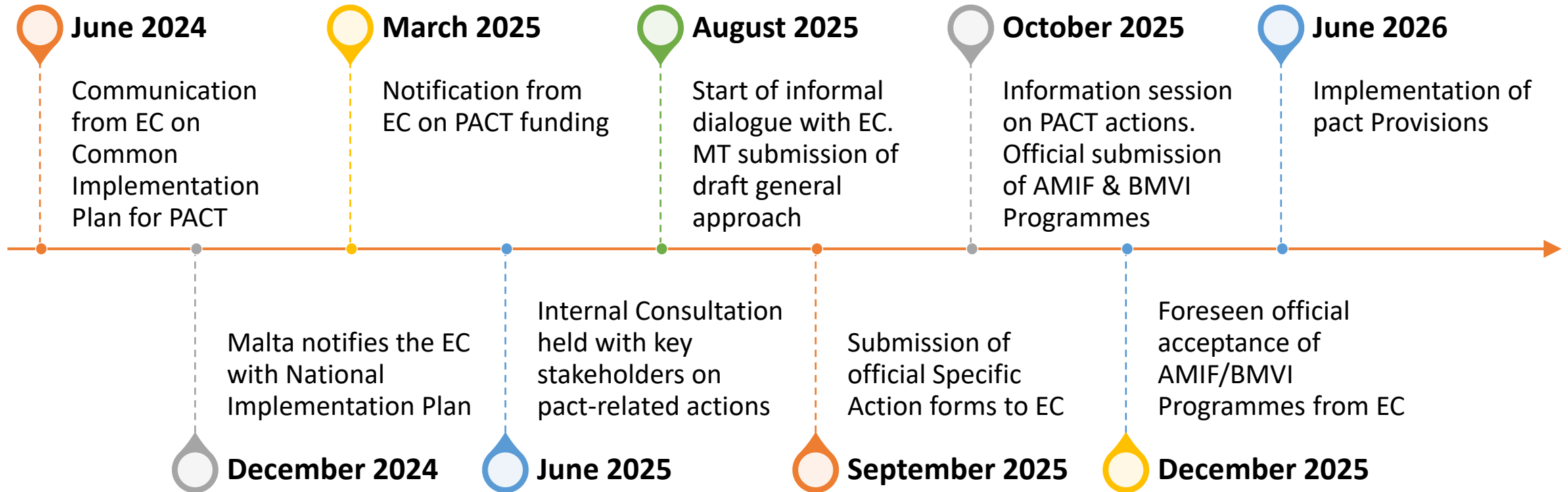
The Pact on Migration and Asylum

- **Purpose** – Sets new rules on managing migration and establishing a common asylum system.
- **Rests on four pillars** -
 - Secure external borders
 - Fast and Efficient Procedures
 - Effective system of solidarity and responsibility
 - Embedding migration in international partnerships

Migration and Asylum



Timeline of events



Process of Implementation



Following approval of Programmes by EC ,
the MA will proceed with launching calls
for applications through SFD.



The PSC will only be formally notified of
actions already covered by the Pact,
without conducting further assessments,
since these proposals have already been
screened and analysed by the Commission.



Once the application form is submitted
through SFD, the MA will discuss informally
the provisions of the application form
leading to the drafting and signing of the
Grant Agreement.



Implementation of actions can commence
from the start date of the application form,
later included in the GA.

Actions per Building Block

Building Block	Action	Budget (EU Share)	Expected Results
1	Enhancing the EURODAC system	EUR 1,262,700	Deliver a fully operational and interoperable Eurodac Recast system
2	Modernisation of IT databases used for asylum, Setting up of National Border Control System	EUR 4,910,626.24	Enhancing procedural efficiency, strengthening data management systems and improve data accessibility
3	Strengthening reception facilities through improved transportation services, biometric tools, healthcare facilities, upgrades to accommodation centres	EUR 10,238,535.10	Improve the quality and standards of reception infrastructure, enhancing the living conditions of residents in open centres.

Actions per Building Block cont.

Building Block	Action	Budget (EU Share)	Expected Results
4	Strengthening asylum related procedures, expanding capacity needs to facilitate asylum processes	EUR 2,915,390.70	Improve efficiency, accuracy and timely processing of asylum applications
5	Design, development and deployment of National Case Management System	EUR 2,700,000.00	Enable inter-agency coordination, streamline workflows and support data driven decision making
6	Ensure appropriate application of Art 22 of AMMR	EUR 310,995.00	Enhance procedural efficiency, strengthen data management systems and align practices with EU legal standards.

Actions per Building Block cont.

Building Block	Action	Budget (EU Share)	Expected Results
7	Facilitating the transfer of applicants for international protection	EUR 1,386,000.00	Improve efficiency, accuracy and timely processing of asylum applications
9	Stronger guarantees for minors, legal counselling, provision of information material and strengthening professional support services	EUR 1,872,391.50	Enhancing the quality and consistency of services provided, improve accessibility of information provided to asylum seekers and enable the provision of legal counselling services as well as continue supporting minors through adequate representation

Total allocation per Fund



Fund	Total Eligible (EU Share)
AMIF	EUR 17,130,979.58
BMVI	EUR 8,465,659.10

AMIF Programme Modification – Mid-Term Allocation



Breakdown per Specific Objective

Specific Objective	Budget (EU Share)
SO 1 – CEAS	EUR 1,358,125
SO 2 - Legal Migration and Integration	EUR 1,358,125
SO 3 – Return	EUR 1,001,400
SO 4 - Solidarity	EUR 0.00
Total Budget	EUR 3,717,650



Specific Objective 1 - CEAS

- **Project Proposed:** *Providing specialised accommodation facilities to cater for the needs of vulnerable individuals*
- **Type of intervention:** 001 – Reception conditions
- **Budget** - EUR 1,358,125
- **Initiative** - The purchase of twelve purpose-built cabins with the aim to support vulnerable individuals, dedicated to migrants with substance recovery programmes and fully accessible for persons with physical disabilities.
- **Objective** - Resources will be allocated to address the needs of vulnerable groups by creating specialised accommodation facilities that are fully accessible and maintained to the highest quality standards. This investment ensures that vulnerable groups receive fair and equal treatment, supporting their path toward self-sufficiency and integration.
- **Expected Result** - Improve reception capacity for vulnerable individuals by providing accessible, purpose-built cabins that meet EU standards and support specific needs such as substance recovery and physical disabilities.

Specific Objective 2 - Legal migration and Integration

- **Project Proposed:** *Provision of integration services*
- **Type of intervention:** 007 – Integration measures – basic needs
- **Budget** - EUR 1,358,125
- **Initiative** - This intervention will build on existing services targeting the support provided to Third Country Nationals, facilitating their integration within the host community thereby strengthening the capacity of integration services provided at the local level.
- **Objective** - Investments foreseen under this specific objective will aim to go beyond the actions already foreseen within the Programme. This will enable the possibility to expand resources, address a wider range of integration services and increase the number of beneficiaries who can directly benefit from integration measures.
- **Expected Result** - By building on current initiatives for Third Country Nationals, the project will enhance local integration capacity, offer more comprehensive services, and facilitate the effective inclusion of newcomers within the host community.

Specific Objective 3 - Return

- **Project Proposed:** *Setting up of a Third Country Cooperation Unit*
- **Type of intervention:** 003 – Return procedures
- **Budget** - EUR 244,500 (EU Share)
- **Initiative** - The engagement of personnel to coordinate return procedures for irregular migrants with a criminal background, ensuring inter-agency cooperation.
- **Objective** - This intervention will aim to continue strengthening the returns unit within the Migration Directorate focusing on enhancing strategic cooperation with key third countries to enable effective return and readmission.
- **Expected Result** - This activity is expected to strengthen cooperation with third countries, enhance access to return information and improve overall return management.

Specific Objective 3 - Return

- **Project Proposed:** *Continuation of the AVRR activities*
- **Type of intervention:** 004 – Assisted voluntary return
- **Budget** - EUR 756,900 (EU Share)
- **Initiative** - Additional funding will be allocated to the AVRR project currently implemented under SO3, with the aim of enhancing services for voluntary returnees. This includes enhancing outreach activities, counselling, arrival assistance, and financial incentives.
- **Objective** – Extend the project duration by two years beyond the current execution period (2027), ensuring continued support for voluntary return and reintegration.
- **Expected Result** - This operation is meant to increase assisted voluntary return and reintegration processes, ensure that third country nationals continue receiving sustainable reintegration measures, while providing a safe and dignified return.

BMVI Programme Modification – Mid-Term Allocation



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Breakdown per Specific Objective

Specific Objective	Budget (EU Share)
SO 1 – European Integrated Border Management	EUR 2,319,891.50
SO 2 - Common Visa Policy	EUR 0
Total Budget	EUR 2,319,891.50

Specific Objective 1 – European Integrated Border Management

- **Project Proposed:** *Addressing outstanding Schengen Evaluation Recommendations*
- **Type of intervention:** 024 – Large Scale IT system – Schengen Information System (SIS)
- **Budget** – EUR 267,084.00 (EU Share)

Initiatives foreseen under this proposed project include:

- Development and enhancement of SIS functionalities for border management
- Designing and implementing comprehensive security risk assessments, security plans, and business continuity measures for the SIRENE office
- Implement software enhancements that enable the entry and management of information alerts on third-country nationals, facilitating timely information sharing and supporting the Union's security objectives
- Comprehensive security and business continuity plan for the NSIS unit, ensuring system resilience, compliance with EU interoperability requirements, and the secure management of sensitive border management data.

Specific Objective 1 – European Integrated Border Management

- **Project Proposed:** *Facilitating the interoperability of large-scale IT systems and compliance with the Screening Regulation*
- **Type of intervention:** 025 – Large Scale IT System – Interoperability
 - 013 – Measures related to the identification and referral of persons who are in need of or wish to apply for international protection
- **Budget** – EUR 849,817.50 (EU Share)

Initiatives foreseen under this investment:

- Supporting the procurement of specialised IT resources and consultancy to bridge interoperability gaps between national systems and enhance situational awareness
- Implementation of the new screening regulation through improved data management, rapid identification and referral of third-country nationals, and the establishment of an independent monitoring mechanism as required by EU law

Specific Objective 1 – European Integrated Border Management

- **Project Proposed:** Additional investment in the midlife mission upgrade of the AFM's King Air Maritime Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft and the Ground Simulator Device
- **Type of intervention:** 002 - Border surveillance: Air equipment
- **Budget** - EUR 601,495.00 (EU Share)
- **Initiative** - This initiative builds upon the existing support provided to the Armed Forces of Malta and represents a continuation of the currently committed project. The upgrade will address emerging needs required by modernising the mission system and associated equipment. The Ground Simulator Device will serve as a complementary training tool for the entire fleet.
- **Expected Result** - To enhance operational readiness and training effectiveness by modernising aircraft systems and deploying simulation capabilities across the fleet.

Specific Objective 1 – European Integrated Border Management



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- **Project Proposed:** *Additional support for the existing Coastal Surveillance System (including electro-optical cameras)*
- **Type of intervention:** 005 – Border surveillance: automated border surveillance systems
- **Budget** - EUR 601,495.00 (EU Share)
- **Initiative** - Additional support will be made in the existing Coastal Surveillance System project, including the upgrade and replacement of electro-optical cameras and the current coastal radar system, in line with Schengen Evaluation recommendations. The aim is to deploy a modern system capable of monitoring coastal waters and beyond, thereby enhancing the protection and security of Malta's coastlines and maritime domain.
- **Expected Result** - Continue strengthening Malta's maritime border surveillance capabilities by replacing outdated radar infrastructure with a modern system that ensures broader and more effective coastal coverage.

ISF Programme Modification – Mid-Term Allocation



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Breakdown per Specific Objective

Specific Objective	Budget (EU Share)
SO 1 – Exchange of Information	EUR 2,308,425.16
SO 2 - Cross-Border Cooperation	EUR 0
SO 3 – Preventing and combatting crime	EUR 967,500
Total Budget	EUR 3,275,925

Specific Objective 1 – Exchange of Information



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- **Project Proposed:** *Addressing outstanding Schengen Evaluation Recommendations)*
- **Type of intervention:** 001 - ICT systems, interoperability, data quality (excluding equipment)
- **Budget** – EUR 1,723,519.50 (EU Share)
- **Initiatives:**
 - Implement and upgrade law enforcement access to exchange of information through effective integration of national systems and automation of the case management system
 - Undertake technical enhancements to set up an automatic log control mechanism
 - Extend an integrated search portal for the SIS and international databases to law enforcement authorities
 - Develop an automated data loader into Europol's Information System
- **Expected Result** - Automate processes, eliminate manual data inputting, provide real-time access to sensitive case data, and improve collaboration between single points of contact and increase accountability on use of data management

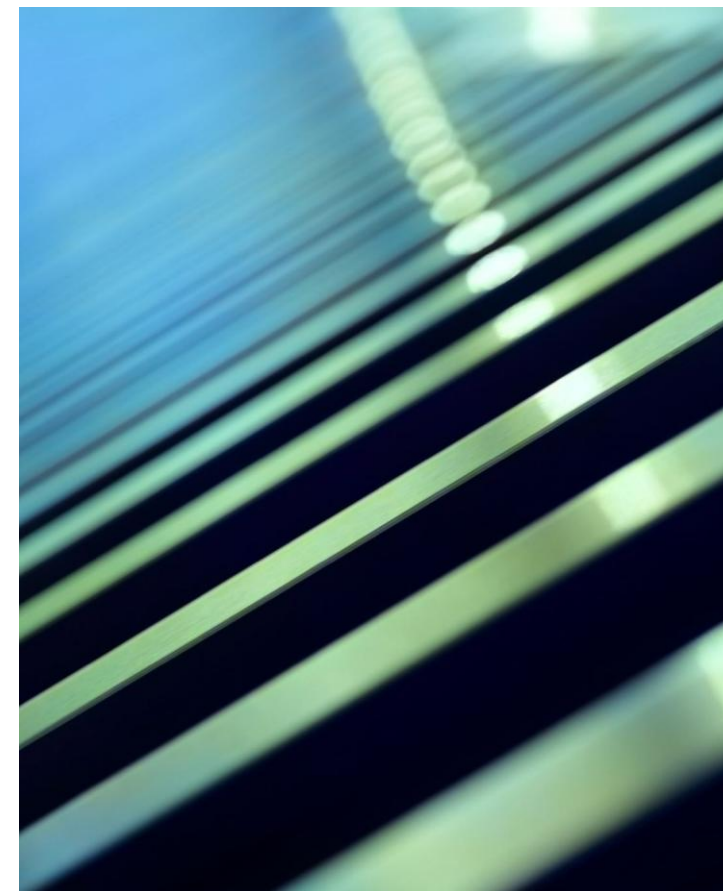
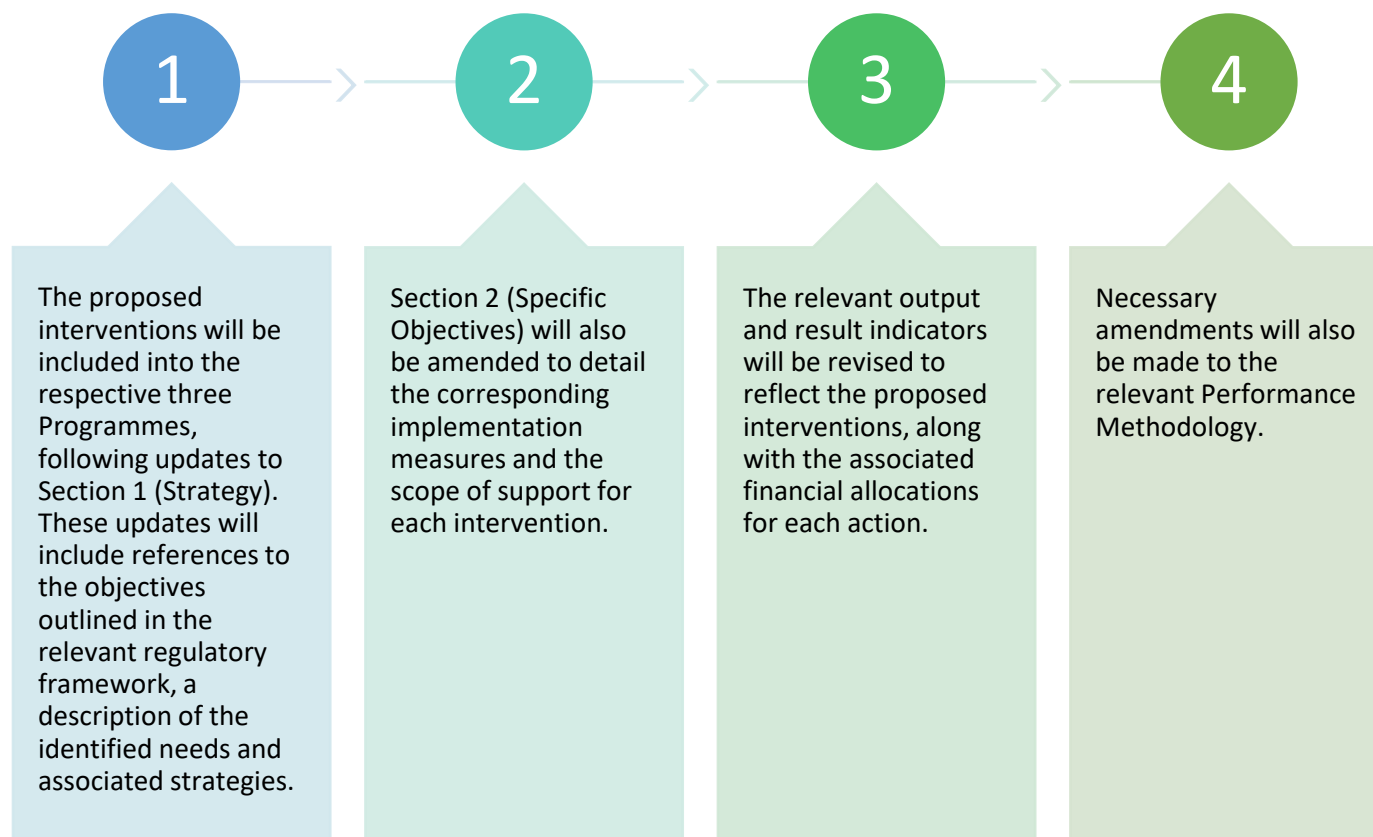
Specific Objective 1 – Exchange of Information

- **Project Proposed:** *Support to Member States for European Police Record Index System – EPRIS*
- **Type of intervention:** 001 - ICT systems, interoperability, data quality (excluding equipment)
- **Budget** – EUR 584,906.40 (EU Share)
- **Initiative** - The proposed initiatives aim to support the Member State in implementing national-level activities that extend beyond the mandatory inclusion of new data categories under the Prüm II Regulation, with a particular emphasis on police records.
- **Expected Result** - Deployment of the national police record index, synchronized with national databases and integrated with EPRIS central routing and Europol micro-services, enabling automated and secure exchange of police records across Member States.

Specific Objective 3 – Preventing and combatting crime

- **Project Proposed:** *Investments in the protection of public spaces*
- **Type of intervention:** 003 - TER-Protection and resilience of public spaces and other soft targets
- **Budget** – EUR 967,500.00 (EU Share)
- **Initiative** - This initiative aims to strengthen and expand existing services that enhance the protection and resilience of public spaces. In alignment with the ISF flagship initiative on safeguarding public areas, it focuses on reinforcing protective measures to address vulnerabilities, particularly soft targets and improving overall resilience.
- **Expected Result** - Improved operational readiness and response capabilities during mass gatherings, leading to enhanced situational awareness, faster threat detection, and a measurable increase in the security and resilience of public spaces.

Technical Changes of the Programme



Update on Specific Actions projects



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BMVI/2021/SA/1. 5.4 - Support to comply with the Implementation of the relevant interoperability legal framework

- This project is divided into two phases:

❖ **Phase 1** - *Creation & adaptation of business processes supported by handbooks, SOPs and training abroad*

Carried out so far: The documentation outlining business and stakeholder requirements has been shared with the MS. Additionally, the EC has launched an online platform dedicated to interoperability handbooks. Communication was initiated earlier this year to coordinate study visits for law enforcement authorities. Discussions regarding the technical development of the pool are still ongoing.

❖ **Phase 2** - *The evolvement of a service that allows the competent authorities (mainly SIRENE) to perform manual verification when the yellow links are signaled by the Central Authority, by procuring the necessary software development & other interfacing services*

Carried out so far: MPF has actively participated in national committee meetings aimed at defining CSLR ownership and establishing related processes. Preparations are underway for the issuance of a tender to secure external expertise, while discussions at EU level regarding CSLR APIs remain ongoing. According to the most recent Interoperability Roadmap, Phase I is planned for implementation in Q2 2027, followed by Phase II in Q2 2028.



BMVI/2021/SA/1. 5.4 - Support to comply with the Implementation of the relevant interoperability legal framework cont.

- **Next steps planned:**

- ☐ The initial disbursement is anticipated to occur in Q2 2026.
- ☐ Continue convening internal meetings to discuss the tool and maintain coordination among all national entities involved, while also ensuring active participation in EU-level meetings related to the tool's development.
- ☐ Re-establish communication with counterparts to facilitate the organization of study visits.



BMVI/2024/SA/1. 5.1- Support to Member States for Smart Borders

- ☐ The project will support remaining activities for EES and ETIAS operations and develop the SIRENE Bureau Case Management System to meet ETIAS regulation requirements.
- ☐ MPF applied both Lot 1 (EES/ETIAS) and Lot 2 (SIS).
- ☐ Works on the EES data centre are ongoing, and ETIAS system development continues. As for the setting up of the new data centre, some minor construction works have just been completed, and electricity works are about to start. ETIAS contractor, on the other hand is following ICDs and identifying additional activities. The ETIAS office setup is underway and expected to be completed by mid-October.
- ☐ As for SIS4ETIAS, MPF is currently in the process of obtaining the required approvals for a Negotiated Procedure.



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5.1- Support to Member States for Smart Borders (cont.)

- Next Steps Planned:

- ☐ **The continuation of the Entry-Exit System project:** The remaining 10% payment for connectivity services is due, along with the delivery and installation of equipment at the data centre. These activities will proceed upon completion of the finishing, electrical, and plumbing works.
- ☐ Continuous monitoring will be undertaken to support contract execution and the timely settlement of payments.
- ☐ **The continuation of the ETIAS project:** To proceed with the development of the system. In addition, to recruit officers to operate from the office.
- ☐ **SIS4ETIAS:** To proceed with the development of the system.



ISF/2025/SA/1.1.1 - Support to Member States for European Police Record Index System – EPRIS

- ❑ **Activities carried out so far:** Project proposal submitted and funds for its implementation are secured. The EPRIS project shall involve the procurement of software and hardware equipment. The necessary approvals were obtained to procure the software services through a negotiated procedure without publication whereas the hardware equipment shall be acquired through an open call for tender. Such EPRIS is planned for entry-in-operation in December 2027.
- ❑ **Disbursements made and/or expected:** Total budget allocated for MT for MT €584,905.66 (EU Share). Initial disbursements planned from Q1 2026 and onwards.
- ❑ **Next steps planned:** Submission of the project application with the Managing Authority, with deadline 1st November. As for the software part, the beneficiary shall publish the negotiated procedure through EPPS for Contractor to submit its proposal, prepare an evaluation report, get GCC's approval and then to seek a definite approval. Following that, the beneficiary to proceed with signature of contract.
- ❑ As for the hardware equipment, the technical specifications will soon be drafted and therefore the procurement would be compiled, followed by publishing of tender, receipt of bids, evaluation, and award of tender.

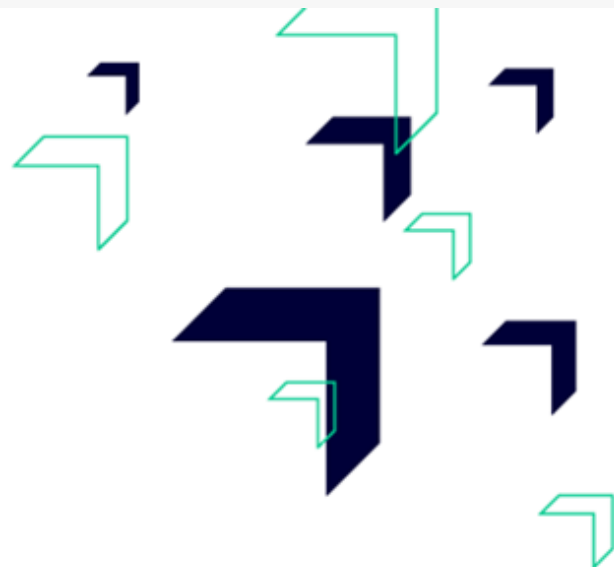


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