

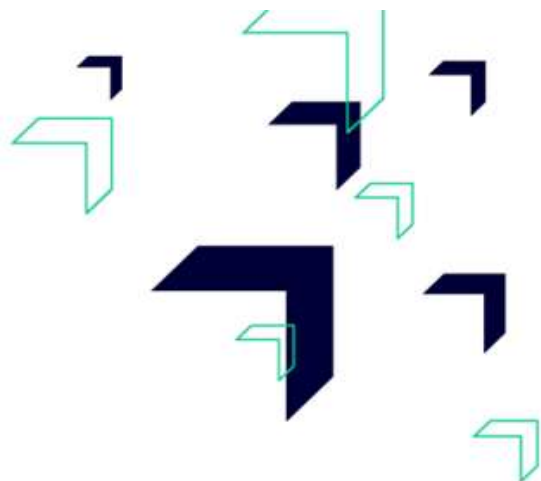


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ISF Programme Modification



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Amendments of the Programmes

- In accordance with Article 24 of the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR), Member States may submit a duly reasoned request for a programme amendment, accompanied by the revised programme, outlining the anticipated impact of the amendment on the achievement of its objectives.
- The Commission shall assess the proposed amendment, including its compliance with the provisions of the CPR and the relevant Fund-specific Regulation, taking into account applicable national requirements.
- A decision approving the amendment shall be adopted by the Commission no later than four months following its submission by the Member State.
- For programmes supported under AMIF, ISF, and BMVI, Member States may, during the programming period, reallocate resources between types of actions within the same priority and may also transfer up to 15% of the initial allocation of one priority to another priority within the same Fund.

Amendments to Section 1 - Programme strategy: main challenges and policy responses

New text has been introduced to reflect the allocation of additional funding associated with the SA:

Roll-out of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA) – Specific Action ISF/2026/SA/1.1.2

‘Within the context of cross border criminal activities and emerging threats, Malta remains committed to enhance its efficiency and provide secure communication channels for exchanging sensitive data, taking note of the legal requirements proposed in integrating SIENA with national Sirene Case Management System. This ensures that transfer of EU restricted communication is executed through a structured approach limited within a Single Point of Contact environment.’



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Specific Objective 1: Exchange of information

Amendments to Section 2.1. Specific objective: 1. Exchange of information

New text has been introduced to reflect the allocation of additional funding associated with the SA:

2.1.1. Description of the specific objective

Specific Action ISF/2026/SA/1.1.2 - Roll-out of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application - SIENA” under the Internal Security Fund (ISF)

In addition to the investment foreseen as part of Directive (EU) 2023/977) on exchange of information, additional funds have been allocated towards setting up the foundations for securing EU level information exchange by laying the foundations for the national SIRENE case management system and the Single Point of Contact that enable future technical enhancements for EU restricted communication with SIENA. A gap analysis is foreseen to identify the technical and operational requirements necessary to implement the required integration.

Such interventions will contribute towards implementation measures (1a) focusing on the actions outlined in Annex III (b) through the funding priority:

- *Setting up the foundations for secure EU level information exchange*

The expected results of this intervention are meant to create a secure and efficient environment to exchange criminal information across borders, thereby setting the basis for full SIENA integration in line with Directive (EU) 2023/977.

Section 2.1. Specific objective 1. Exchange of information and 2.1.2. Indicators

- As outlined in the application form submitted to the Commission and the subsequent clarifications, the funding provided under this Specific Action is intended exclusively to support the requirements analysis and the subsequent gap analysis phases. While a top-up allocation has been registered in the context of this Specific Action, it is important to clarify that this does not entail any revision to, or impact on, the target indicator values. This is because the relevant indicative targets have already been established within the framework of the full implementation of Directive (EU) 2023/977.
- These indicators are exclusively linked to the project financed under the ISF mid-term allocation, where they have been duly quantified and incorporated in the latest approved programme amendment carried out last year.
- Accordingly, the introduction of indicators under this Specific Action would result in duplication, as the relevant targets remain fully attributed to the mid-term project and are not affected by the present top-up allocation.

Section 2.1.3. Indicative breakdown of the programme resources (EU) by type of intervention

Revisions have been introduced to reflect an upward adjustment in the type of interventions, in order to accommodate the Specific Action top-up. The corresponding change in Table 2.1.3 are outlined below:

Type of intervention	Code	Amount prior to amendment
Type of action	007.Studies, pilot projects, risk assessments	€637,396.20

Type of intervention	Code	Amount revised following top-up allocation
Type of action	007.Studies, pilot projects, risk assessments	€790,619.67

Table 4 - 2.2.2. Indicative breakdown of technical assistance pursuant to Article 37 CPR

Revisions have been introduced to reflect an upward adjustment of the Technical Assistance allocation arising from the approval of the following Specific Action:

Type of Intervention	Code	Amount prior to amendment	Amount revised following the top-up allocation
Intervention Field	034. Information and Communication	€77,295.37	€77,688.25
Intervention Field	035. Preparation, implementation, monitoring and control	€1,223,471.19	€1,223,590.07
Intervention Field	036. Evaluation and studies, data collection	€51,530.24	€50,796.17
Intervention Field	Capacity Building	€141,708.17	€141,930.47

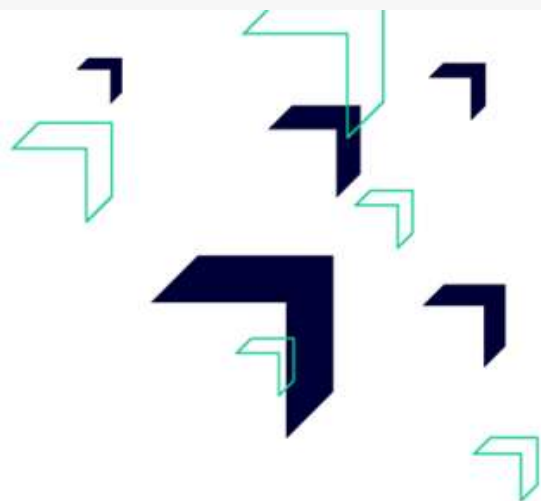


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