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Internal Security Fund National Programme for Malta 2014-2020

“Sustainable Management of Internal Security”

ISF – Timeline

Policy Dialogue	4 th of June 2013
Discussions Stakeholders	12 th June 2013
Deadline for Submission of Feedback	10 th July 2013
Submission of 1 st Drafts of the National Programme	1 st December 2013
Adoption of the Regulations	16 th April 2014
Inter-Consultation Discussions	1 st December 2013 – 11 th May 2015
Re-Submission	2 nd July 2015
Final Decision	29 th July 2015
Implementation Period	1 st January 2014 – 30 th December 2022

ISF – Basic Acts

The Internal Security Fund (ISF) is governed by mainly the following Regulations:

- **Regulation (EU) No 515/2014** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC
- **Regulation (EU) No 513/2014** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Internal Security Fund, police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Decision No 2007/125/JHA
- **Regulation (EU) No 514/2014** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crises management

ISF – External Borders and Visas

General Objective

*to ensure a high level of security in the Union while
facilitating legitimate travel*

Specific Objectives

supporting a common
visa policy

Supporting integrated
border management

ISF – Police Cooperation

General Objective

to contribute to ensuring a high level of security in the Union

Specific Objectives

crime prevention,
combating cross-border,
serious and organised
crime

enhancing the capacity of
Member States and the Union
for managing effectively
security-related risks and crises

ISF – External Borders and Visas

ISF – Specific Objective

(a) To Support a common visa policy

*This objective provides amongst others for the provision of **infrastructures, buildings, communication and IT systems and operating equipment required for the processing of visa applications and consular cooperation, as well as other actions aimed at improving the quality of service for visa applicants, as well as training in the use of the equipment and systems referred to***

ISF – National Objective

- To address the Specific Objective outlined, the National programme provides for the following measures amongst others:
 - *Re-write and technology refresh of the current N-VIS (The VISA information System) and include registration of travellers and entry/exit systems;*
 - *Continuous support and maintenance of all N-VIS;*
 - *Capacity building of personnel for Schengen visa processing.*
 - *Enhanced security in particular consular posts in view of ever increasing security threats in particular regions and emerging technologies*

ISF – National Objective

- *Training courses and mentoring for officers involved in visa policy and its application in line with Schengen criteria;*
- *Training and refresher courses in the fields of detecting false and falsified documents, biometrics, interviewing and application assessment skills and related topics;*
- *Extend Malta's consular coverage by setting up new consular posts as well as renovating and refurbishing consulates in non-Schengen countries;*
- *Equip these consulates with the technology needs and security setups in line with Schengen standards.*

ISF – Specific Objective

(b) To Support Border Control

*This objective provides amongst others for the provision of **infrastructures, buildings and systems required at border crossing points and for surveillance between border crossing points to prevent and tackle unauthorised border crossings, illegal immigration and cross-border criminality as well as to guarantee smooth travel flows. In addition it supports operating equipment, means of transport and communication systems required for effective and secure border control and the detection of persons as well as IT and communication systems for the efficient management of migration flows across borders, including investment in existing and future systems;***

ISF – National Objective

- To address the Specific Objective outlined, the National programme provides for the following measures amongst others:
 - *Upgrade the current infrastructure used in border control such as the design, build and equipping of an AFM Command, Control and Communications Operation Centre;*
 - *Upgrade the Integrated Communications System (ICS) and radars, and replace the radars on patrol crafts, install an Optronics System at radar posts and onboard patrolling sea crafts;*

ISF – National Objective

- *Upgrade the reaction capability of the offshore patrol vessel in service to enable sustained border control operations for long periods of time;*
- *The installation of an Automated Border Control system;*
- *The optimisation of the border related IT systems;*
- *The continued co-financing of the third twin engine helicopter;*
- *The refurbishment of two hangars and their ancillary facilities for the upkeep of fixed wing and rotary aircraft;*
- *The construction and commissioning of a new offshore patrol vessel.*

ISF – Specific Action

Under the Internal Security Fund -External Borders and Visas, the Commission has approved the proposed specific action for the procurement of a fixed wing patrol aircraft to support FRONTEX missions.

Total Cost Approved: €12,600,000 in EU Funds

ISF – Police Cooperation

ISF – Specific Objective

(a) Preventing and Combating Crime

This objective provides for the acquisition, maintenance of Union IT systems and national IT systems contributing to the achievement of the objectives of this Regulation, and/or further upgrading of IT systems and technical equipment, including testing compatibility of systems, secure facilities, infrastructures, related buildings and systems, especially information and communication technology (ICT) systems and their components, including for the purpose of European cooperation on cyber security and cyber crime, notably with the European Cybercrime Centre;

ISF – National Objective

- To address the Specific Objective outlined, the National programme provides for the following measures:
 - *Transmission systems (transfer data), surveillance equipment, networks and analysis tools, for the Malta Police Force.*
 - *A new response vehicle, response robot and bomb suits*
 - *Capital equipment and infrastructure to Customs for the carrying of non-intrusive controls through scanning equipment.*

ISF – National Objective

- *Upgrade the equipment and networks and including new systems to be able to process large amounts of data from different sources;*
- *Analysis software for data storage, analysis, visualisation, and dissemination to help in discovering networks, patterns and trends;*
- *Improve the MPF International Relations Unit case management system to permit querying all relevant local, regional and international databases and including an integrated system for all channels of police cooperation (Europol, Interpol, Sirene, bilateral and other current e.g. cybercrime contact points and potential future channels) and the various contact points.*

ISF – National Objective

- *Upgrade the equipment used by the Cyber Crime Unit to seize and analyse digital evidence.*
- *Upgrade MSS ICT infrastructure to improve its information management, scrutiny and decision making capabilities.*
- *Backup infrastructure for the National and European Information Systems within MPF to sustain the information systems utilised as well as provide additional equipment to the IT Operations room.*

ISF – National Objective

- Train further police officers to gain knowledge and skills in the EU dimension;
- Upgrade and extend the Case Management system used by the Malta Police Force.

ISF – Specific Objective

(b) Risk and Crisis Assessment

This objective provides for analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, including studies and threat, risk and impact assessments, which are evidence based and consistent with priorities and initiatives identified at Union level, in particular those that have been endorsed by the European Parliament and the Council;

ISF – National Objective

- To address the Specific Objective outlined, the National programme provides for the following measures:
 - *New HAZMAT (hazardous materials) equipment (e.g. suits) for the Civil Protection Department*
 - *Training for the HAZMAT personnel for new methods and techniques including training from a leading EU civil protection college.*
 - *Have a general public alerted on how to react to mass decontamination through a call for participation in a national HAZMAT exercise which would also serve as a learning experience to the HAZMAT team.*

ISF – National Objective

- *The strengthening of the integrity of Fort Mosta, which is the storage facility for the AFM, through fixation of a new perimeter fence, access control, installation of flood lighting and extension of the current CCTV system, check point facility, installation of lightening protection and fire fighting system;*
- *Further upgrade the MPF Command and Control room with new radio equipment together with complete tracking equipment together with other investments in ICT;*
- *Provide more equipment to assist the Rapid Intervention Unit to deliver better service, by providing protective vests and equipment to carry out their tasks;*
- *Research and the collection of information on the networks and operations of criminal organisations involved in people smuggling and terrorism.*

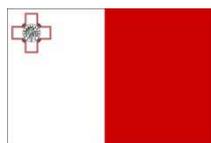
ISF (Borders & Visas)– Budget Available

Specific Objective	EU Funds Available
Common Visa Policy	€4,842,000
Borders	€42,491,700
FRONTEX Equipment	€12,600,000
Operating Support	€2,610,000
TA	€3,154,897
Total	€65,698,597

ISF (Police)– Budget Available

Specific Objective	EU Funds Available
Preventing and Combating Crime	€5,434,401.75
Risks and Crisis	€2,995,750
TA	€548,955.25
Total	€8,979,107

Thank You for your attention



Internal Security Fund

**Co-Financing Rate: 75% EU Funds 25% Beneficiary's
Funds**

Sustainable Management of Internal Security

