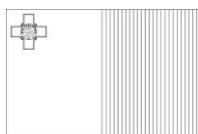


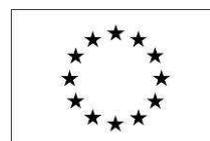
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and Internal Security Fund 2014–2020

Selection Criteria

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The Following information is an extract of the information provided in the Guidance Notes to the Application Forms, which lay down the eligibility criteria and the selection criteria for both the AMIF or ISF project proposals.

Eligibility Criteria

A proposal must meet all the criteria listed below in order to be eligible under this call for proposals.

1. The application must be submitted by the deadline defined in the call;
2. The application submitted must be complete;
3. The applicant shall be an eligible applicant;
4. The applicant must declare to implement the project respecting the non-profit principle. As provided in Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, net revenue directly generated by a project during its implementation which has not been taken into account at the time of approval of the project shall be deducted from the eligible expenditure of the project at the latest in the final payment request submitted by the beneficiary.
5. The proposed action has a duration that does not exceed the implementation period of the ISF/ AMIF Programme i.e. ie.31 December 2022;
6. The objective(s) of the proposed action correspond(s) to the relevant objectives defined under the ISF/ AMIF Programme;
7. Provide proof of co-financing;
8. Address at least one of the indicators of the ISF/AMIF National Programme.
9. Project remit in line with the mandate of the Beneficiary; and
10. The action does not involve state aid.

Selection (Award) Criteria

Projects that meet the validity check shall proceed to an eligibility assessment and to the selection/award phase and will be assessed and ranked on the basis of the selection/award criteria listed below.

In case of open calls Proposals must obtain at least 50% of the total available points in order to qualify for funding. Funding will be awarded to proposals with the highest scores in order of merit to the extent of available budget for this call. Any projects that make the pass-mark but for which there is no budget available, will be placed on a reserve list which will be activated should additional budget become available throughout the lifetime of the Programme.

A project must achieve 50% of the marks to be considered for funding. However, the project must achieve the threshold for each of the relevant criteria (where applicable), in order to be considered further, even if the total points achieved exceed 50%.

The voting members shall decide how the project proposal addresses each of the above criteria and assign points according to the following guide:

- Excellent 81 to 100% of points
- Very good 76 to 80% of points
- Satisfactory 50 to 75% of points
- Very poor 26 to 49% of points
- Unacceptable 1 to 25% of points.

<i>Relevance and Justification</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Does the proposal address an existing EU-relevant challenge? ❖ Does the applicant demonstrate a clear understanding of the context and of the challenge that the organisation is planning to address? ❖ Does the proposal add value in relation to previous projects of similar nature? ❖ Are the proposed activities adequately justified and designed to address the issue and to achieve the stated objectives? 	Total Points: 20 Threshold: 10
<i>Quality of the proposed action</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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)? 	Total Points: 5 Threshold: NA
<i>Capacity of the Organisation to implement the activities proposed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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? ❖ How well is the Project Leader versed with EU funding rules? ❖ Is the experience of the Project Leader in the field of migration substantial? 	Total Points: 20 Threshold: 10
<i>Results and Indicators</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Does the proposal identify quantifiable results? ❖ Does the proposal address more than one indicator? 	Total Points: 15 Threshold: NA
<i>Cost effectiveness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is the added value of the project? ❖ Is the proposed expenditure justified and does it address the objectives proposed? ❖ How cost effective is the forwarded proposal? ❖ Does the proposal addresses cost reduction through effective procurement? 	Total Points: 20 Threshold: 10
<i>Dissemination of project results¹</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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? 	Total Points: 5 Threshold: NA
<i>Complementarity with other actions funded by the EU or national programmes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The extent to which the project is compatible with existing national policies in the area of integration and social inclusion; ❖ The extent to which the project complements other actions funded by the general budget of the EU or as part of national programmes; ❖ Avoidance of duplication of effort with existing projects or services in the relevant geographical area 	Total Points: 10 Threshold: 5
<i>Readiness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ How ready the project is to start: (have tenders/request for quotations been launched)? ❖ Have participants been identified? ❖ Have the relevant partners identified their respective roles and functions? ❖ Is there anything hindering the start of implementation? 	Total Points: 5 Threshold: NA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Are the necessary resources and processes available to the RA to ensure a proper technical evaluation of proposals? ❖ Are the actors involved properly trained and knowledgeable and the objectives of the fund? 	
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Assessment Stages

These are stages that applications undergo in order to determine a list of successful applicants who will be awarded grants under ISF/AMIF. These are:-

- Acknowledgement of the application;
- Validity check;
- Eligibility, Assessment/Evaluation by the Projects Selection Committee based on the appraisal criteria outlined above;
- This procedure may entail clarifications from the applicant organisation;
- On completion of the evaluation,, a list of successful applications shall be presented to the Head RA;
- The RA notify all applicants of the outcome of their applications;
- Where a proposal has been approved for co-financing, RA will deal with all aspects of the delivery of the Grant Agreement with the Beneficiary. This will involve the offer of a contract, financial transfers and the monitoring of performance and expenditure.

Confidentiality

The RA and the applicant will undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any document, information, data or other material communicated to them in whatever medium including electronically and orally, in confidence, where disclosure of same could harm the other party.

However, applicants are reminded that the information supplied on any application form may be made available on request, in accordance with the RA obligations under law.

Information provided in the application forms is necessary in order to assess a proposal and this information will be processed solely for that purpose by the Responsible Authority. All personal data (such as names, addresses, CVs, etc.) will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Any queries regarding Data Protection matters should be brought to the attention of the Data Controller within the Permanent Secretariat MEAIM. The officer in charge, can be contacted by email on: datapro-ppcd.opm@gov.mt

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information submitted in applying for funding under ISF/AMIF, should not be disclosed because of sensitivity. If this is the case, applicants should state when providing the information, identify and

specify the reasons for its sensitivity. The RA will consult with the applicant about such sensitive information before making a decision on any request received by either or both.