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To: Project Leaders

From: Head of Responsible Authority

Date: 13th June 2018

Subject: De-commitment of Funds following 15th October 2018 for the Internal Security Fund

As you have been informed, the new asylum and security National Programmes are subjected to financial de-commitment¹. Consequently, if funds are not spent in line with the disbursement table which is present in the National Programmes, the respective funds can be potentially lost.

The second de-commitment process will materialise on the 15th of February 2019, if the amounts of €18,259,829 for ISF Borders (€ 13,694,872 EU share and €4,564,957 MT share) and €4,148,020 for ISF Police (€ 3,111,015 EU share and €1,037,005 MT share) are not processed completely through MSIS by the 15th of October 2018.

In view of this, we strongly encourage you to assess mechanisms in order to hasten the tendering processes and increase the disbursement allocations you have estimated for 2018, especially in cases whereby funds were shifted from 2017 to be disbursed in 2018. This would enable you to contribute as much as possible to the amounts identified above as well as ensuring that the funds allocated to your projects remain available. Committee but also for those projects under evaluation or are being planned to be submitted.

A general concerted effort is now crucial in order to keep the funds for the implementation of Malta's projects. A meeting with each beneficiary organisation will be held in due course, so that updates on time-frames of contracting and disbursements until the 15th October 2018 can be presented. Any delays which may jeopardise the funds need to be indicated during the meeting, together with mitigating measures to address the related challenges. The RA is also open to discuss any other activities which are in line with the objectives of the Funds which could be potentially financed.

Please treat this as urgent, since loss of funds will mean the inability to finance in full your projects and hence the Ministries will need to fork out their funds to cover the costs. I thank you for your co-operation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Scerri'.

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¹ Article 50 of the Horizontal Regulation 514/2014