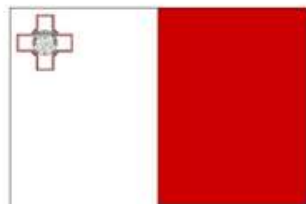




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Monitoring Committee Meeting

Friday, 24th November 2017



**Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and Internal Security Fund
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Update on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund Programme

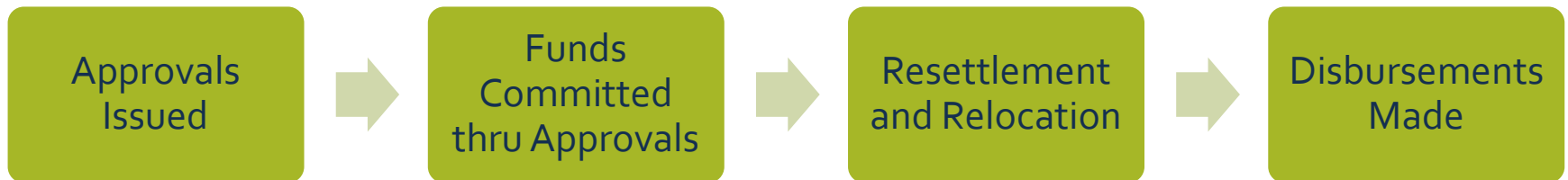
Outline:

Designation and Issuance of Calls for Proposals



Outline:

Project Approvals and Commitments Made



Outline:

Project Monitoring Undertaken



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Horizontal Activities undertaken



Designation of the Responsible Authority

- Following the opinion issued by the IAID, the RA was officially designated on the 7th of December 2015 and communication was submitted on the same day to the European Commission.
- By means of communication dated, 15th April 2016, the Commission requested information on the Management and Control System from the Responsible Authority, the Designating Authority and the Audit Authority. Feedback was submitted on 17th May 2016.
- Following this information Commission informed the RA on the 16th of September 2016 that no major issues were found to be present on the management and control systems set up.

Modification of the NP

On the 8th February 2017, the Commission has communicated that additional funds will be made available to the Member States to address the most pressing needs and requirements of the sector of each Member States.

AMIF

- 1,000,005 under Integration
- 861, 000 under Return

ISF

- 949,000 for the PNR
- 298,000 for Information Exchange

By end of May the national programmes were sent to the Commission, following a written procedure for approval of the Monitoring Committee Members. These were subsequently approved in August (AMIF) and September (ISF).

Issuance of Calls



Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
1 st Call for Applications	2 nd November 2015	27 th November 2015	12
2 nd Call for Applications	24 th June 2016	22 nd July 2016	1
3 rd Call for Applications	23 rd September 2016	21 st October 2016	1
4 th Call for Applications	3 rd October 2016	31 st October 2016	1
5 th Call for Applications	28 th October 2016	25 th November 2016	1

Issuance of Calls

Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
6 th Call for Applications	8 January 2017	3 February 2017	10
7 th Call for Applications	23 January 2017	20 February 2017	1
8 th Call for Applications	27 February 2017	27 March 2017	1
9 th Call for Applications	26 May 2017	23 June 2017	5
10 th Call for Applications	3 July 2017	31 July 2017	1

Issuance of Calls

Call Issued (thru direct award)	Date of Issue	Deadline for Submissions	No of Projects submitted
11 th Call for Applications	1 September 2017	29 September	1

Call still to be issued

Following discussions with Beneficiary organisations, envisaged calls will be issued in the near future under AMIF to receive:

- Training measures on asylum and return management.*

*The number of calls to be issued depends on the outcome of the mid-term review.

Funds Committed

Specific Objective	Funds Committed thru Calls issued
SO1 – Asylum	€11,576,420.73 (118%)
SO2- Integration	€2,060,697.19 (47%)
SO3 – Return	€2,338,384.00 (82%)
Special Cases	€1,268,000 (100%)

Projects Approved (1)

1st Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Integration	Training Third Country Nationals in Cultural Orientation, Language and work related skills for Employment (FSM)
	Integration of Third Country Nationals into Maltese Community (LCA)
	Homework aid for TCN parents enabling them to assist their children (Sliema LC)
	Bridging Cultures - Integrating People (RMCA)

Projects Approved (2)

Continued...	
National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Return	Activities of Forced Return (MPF)
	Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in the Country of Origin (RESTART VI (IOM))
Reception/Asylum	Improving and strengthening the asylum determination procedure through training and funds for interpreters (REFCOM)
Evaluation	The setting up of a unit that deals with requests related to regulation (EU) No 604/2013 (REFCOM)
Special Cases	Resettlement and Relocation (MHAS)

Projects Approved (3)

2nd Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Asylum	Provision of security services in AWAS units (AWAS)

4th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Integration	LLAPSI+ (Language Learning and Parental Support for Integration PLUS) (MEDE)

Projects Approved (4)

5th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum	Building of Asylum Seekers' Isolation Unit for Highly Infectious Diseases

Projects Approved (5)

6th Call for Applications 6

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum	Improving the cultural competence of Third Country Nationals (CCIF)
	Project Refugee Assistance Malta (ADITUS Foundation)
Cooperation	Cooperation with third countries on return matters (MPF)
Integration	Living Together – Towards understanding each other's culture (UOM)

7th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed	Title of Project
Reception / Asylum	New Open Centre at Hal Far (AWAS)

Projects Approved (6)



8th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed

Title of Project

Reception / Asylum

Renovation & Extension project at two Open Centres at Hal Far

10th Call for Applications

National Objective Addressed

Title of Project

Reception / Asylum

Provision of material aid and support services to assist asylum seekers

Evaluation

Project Selection Committee – Fact sheet

Date of 1 st Meeting	4 th April 2016
Number of Meetings held	38
Number of Clarification letters issued	31
Number of Clarification Meetings set up	2
Number of Project' s Ranked and recommended for approval	19

Resettlement and Relocation

Type of Action	Target Group	2016 - 2017
Resettlement from UNHCR camp in Turkey	Syrian Nationals	14
Resettlement 2018 pledging exercise	Regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa (Egypt, Libya)	20
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Greece	24
Relocation (2015/1523)	Asylum seekers in Italy	36
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Greece	97
Relocation (2015/1601)	Asylum seekers in Italy	31

Disbursements Made

Specific Objective	% of Disbursements Made
SO1 – Asylum	24% (€2,735,993.41)
SO2- Integration	8% (€154,636.46)
SO3 – Return	6% (€145,544.45)
SO5 – Special Cases	91% (€2,224,023)

On the Spot Checks Carried out

Projects	Date of On the Spot Checks
LLAPSI +	5 th September 2017
Provision of Material Aid and Support Services to Assist Asylum Seekers	31 st August 2017 and continued up till 13 th October 2017
Resettlement & Relocation	1 st & 7 th August 2017, 24 th October 2017
Training Third Country Nationals in Cultural Orientation, Language and Work Related Skills for Employment	10 th October and 17 November 2017

Targets Reached

Indicator	Target Value
Number of target group persons provided with assistance through projects in the field of reception and asylum systems supported under this Fund	8959 (out of 16,100)
Number of returnees who received pre or post return reintegration assistance co-financed by the Fund	12 (out of 5,400)
Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were returned voluntarily	32 (out of 400)
Number of returnees whose return was co-financed by the Fund, persons who were removed	200 (out of 400)

Targets Reached

Indicator	Target Value
Number of projects supported under this Fund to develop, monitor and evaluate asylum policies in Member States	1 (target is 1)
Number of target group persons assisted by this Fund through integration measures in the framework of national, local and regional strategies	130 (target is 14,000)
Number of local, regional and national policy frameworks/measures/tools in place for the integration of TCNs and involving civil society, migrant communities as well as other relevant stakeholders	7 (target out of 10)

Annual Balance of Accounts

Financial Year	Amount to put forward to Commission
2015	nil
2016	Nil
2017	€4,474,582.72

Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the Report was submitted to the European Commission on the 21st April 2017 and this was subsequently approved by the Commission on the 24th May 2017.
- The results as shown in this presentation will be reproduced in the Annual Implementation Report and circulated for the Committee's review.

Interim Evaluation

- Following the RA's participation in all the Evaluation Network meetings organised by the European Commission, and the adoption of the Delegated Act, the RA embarked on the procurement of Independent Evaluators in order to fulfil the requirement set out in Article 57 of the Regulation 514/2014.
- MOU between the FPD and the SID was signed on the 30th March 2017

Interim Evaluation

- Time-line of deliverables:

November 2017 – Draft Report

November 2017 – Presentation to the MC

December 2017 – Final Report and upload on the SFC

Capacity Building

Trainings Organised	Dates
Training sessions were organised on the use of the Migration and Security Information System	25 & 26 th May 2017
Public Procurement Regulations 2016	15 March 2017

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Trainings Attended to Abroad	Dates
New Challenges for the Implementation of AMIF & ISF, Berlin	16 th – 17 th March 2017
DG Home information day - EU funding for the integration of Third Country Nationals, Brussels	29 th March 2017
Project Management for AMIF & ISF, Berlin	22 nd – 23 rd May 2017
Public Procurement 2017, Berlin	26 th – 28 th June 2017
Control and Management in ISF and AMIF, Berlin	28 th – 29 th September 2017

Publicity Measures

- Constant updates are made to the RA website www.eufunds.gov.mt
- The List of Approved Projects is published on the website.
- Press Releases have been issued whenever a project has been approved. In addition, as part of the annual event of 2016, a general press release covering the achievement of the Funds was published.
- Preparations for the Annual Event for this year are at an advanced stage. Two 4-minute promotional video clips are being produced, one on AMIF and one on ISF. These will be launched on the RA website on 18th December, which is the International Migrants Day.

Publicity Measures

- A promotion campaign is also underway. A leaderboard advert has been placed on Times of Malta; Malta's most visited website. This has been done to promote ISF and AMIF with a link to the RA website. This campaign will run for 7 weeks and will then be connected with a link to the promotional video clips.



MIGRATION AND SECURITY INFORMATION SYSTEM 2014-2020

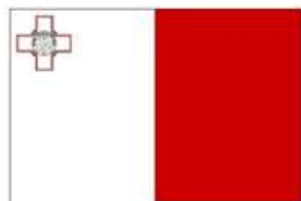
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- The Migration and Security Information System has been launched in June 2016.
- So far 87 users have been provided access to the system
- 530 AMIF Payments have already been processed
- Further updates to the system are envisaged



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