



PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT  
FOR THE EU PRESIDENCY 2017 AND EU FUNDS  
AUBERGE D'ARAGON, INDEPENDENCE SQUARE, VALLETTA, MALTA

## The Direct Award for calls under ISF & launch of calls

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**



**Internal Security Fund**  
2014-2020

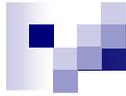
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- As per article 7 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1042/2014 which lays down the provisions with regard to the designation and management and control responsibilities of Responsible Authorities and with regard to status and obligations of Audit Authorities,
  - one of the tasks of the Responsible Authority is to issue calls for applications.



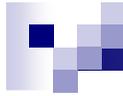
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- In this respect Article 7 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1042/2014 provides that:
  - As a general rule, the Responsible Authority shall award grants for projects under the national programme on the basis of **open calls for proposals**.
  - This means that the call is open to all organisations interested in applying.



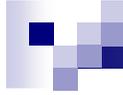
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- Article 7 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1042/2014 also provides that:
  - The Responsible Authority may award grants for projects on the basis of a **restricted call for proposals**.
  - **Restricted calls for proposals are open only to selected organisations** because of the specific nature of the project or the technical or administrative competence of the bodies invited to submit proposals. The grounds justifying the use of a restricted call for proposals shall be set out in the call for proposals.



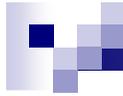
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- The third option laid down in the Regulation is to provide direct award. In this respect article 7 provides that:
- The Responsible Authority **may award grants directly** where the specific nature of the project or the technical or administrative competence of the relevant bodies leaves no other choice, such as in the case of *de jure or de facto monopolies*.
- The grounds justifying the use of a direct award shall be set out in the award decision.



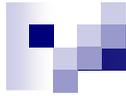
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- In view of the nature of the activities that will be undertaken by the Fund the Responsible Authority will be making use of the **direct award option**.
- The National Programme in fact outlines the entities that will be supported through the Fund. These are the Armed Forces of Malta, the Malta Police Force, the Customs Authority, the Malta Secret Services, the Civil Protection Department and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.



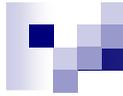
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- Although the direct award method will be utilised, projects will still need to be submitted by means of a project application by a specified deadline, outlined in the direct call which will be issued.
- To guide the applicants in the filing in of the project application, Guidance Notes are provided together with the application form.
- The RA is always available to answer any queries beneficiaries have on the project application.



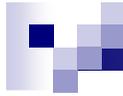
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- Upon deadline of the submission of the project applications the RA will check that all the required documentation that has to be annexed to the application have been so submitted.
- The RA shall request any missing documentation which is marked as required, but not submitted by the applicant. The applicant will be allowed to submit the documentation within a week from the request made.



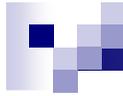
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- The PSC will then review the application to ensure good quality proposals. Clarifications may also be asked by the PSC. The Application will also be submitted to the State Aid Monitoring Board (SAMB) to ensure that the project activities do not entail state aid.
- Once clearance is obtained, an approval of the project will be issued by the PSC, the RA shall proceed to sign a Grant Agreement with the relevant organization.



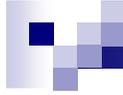
## Launch of Calls

- As announced, today the Responsible Authority will be inviting the submission of the first project applications under ISF.
- The projects which will need to be submitted relate to the continued co-financing of the third wing helicopter and the procurement of a helicopter capable Patrol Vessel for the Armed Forces of Malta under the National Capacity objective. The Armed Forces of Malta will need also to submit the project that will improve the reaction capability of the current OPV as one of the actions outlined under the EUROSUR national objective. .



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- Apart from these, the Armed Forces of Malta will also need to submit their project as part of the Crime Prevention and combating national objective under the police cooperation aspect of the Internal Security Fund, which involves the procurement of an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Platoon.
- The Malta Police Force will also submit their projects in relation to Transmission systems and surveillance equipment.



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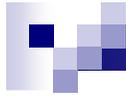
- The Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security as the umbrella organisation will submit a research project on the networks and operations of criminal organisations involved in people smuggling and terrorism as part of the early warning and crisis National objective.



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- The budgets made available are the following:

The projects	EU Funds made available
Improving capability of P61	€5,595,000
Third wing Helicopter	€5,436,933.50
New Patrol Vessel	€25,463,066.50
EOD	€1,018,500
Police Equipment	€417,576.75
Research on Smugglers	€100,000
Total	€38,031,076.76



## Launch of Calls

- The Deadline for the Submission of all Applications is set for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- An email will be issued to the respective Ministry delineating the details outlined as well as the respective Application Form and guidance notes.
- Other calls are envisaged to be issued in January and also in April next year.



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