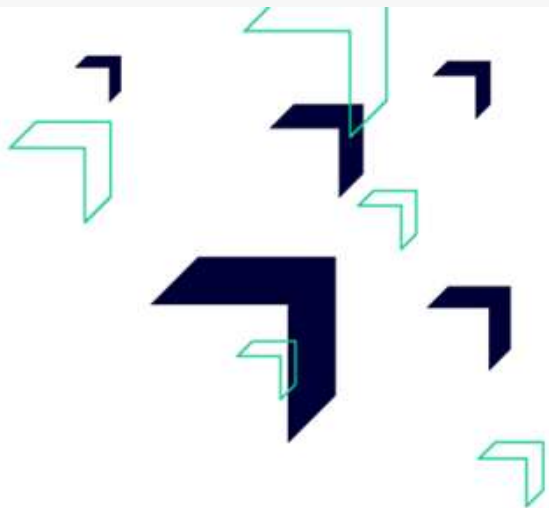


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BMVI and ISF Programmes: Implementation, Objectives, and Funding Framework



Introduction

Internal Security Fund (ISF)

Adopted on the 27.10.2022

Total Budget - €22.7m

Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI)

Adopted on the 19.09.2022

Total Budget – €38.4m



Key Features of the BMVI and ISF Programmes

- i. The **BMVI and the ISF Programmes** are regulated by the Common Provisions Regulations
- ii. Each Fund applies **different co-financing rates**, determined by the actions outlined in the Programmes and aligned with the Fund-Specific Regulations.
- iii. The Programmes focus on achieving **specific objectives** rather than national objectives, ensuring simplification.
- iv. A **performance framework** sets out milestones and targets to be reached by 2024 and 2029, respectively.
- v. **Enabling Conditions** must be assessed and fulfilled throughout the 2021–2027 programming period.
- vi. Implementation considers **EU regulatory requirements**, overarching EU objectives, and the national context.
- vii. The **intervention logic** is based on key priorities, development needs, and the types of actions identified within the Programme an intervention logic based on the main priorities/development needs and types of actions identified in the Programme.
- viii. The Programmes aim to enhance the use of **simplified cost options**.



Programmes Outline

- The BMVI and ISF Programmes are implemented through **shared, direct, or indirect management**, with the largest share allocated to national programmes under shared management.
- Building on the experience of the **2014–2020 Programmes**, the Fund has introduced greater flexibility by dedicating part of its resources to a **Thematic Facility**. This instrument enables funding to address emerging or unforeseen needs and adapt to evolving EU priorities and challenges.

Funding under the Thematic Facility can be allocated during the programming period through:

- **Shared management**
- **Direct/Indirect management**, including Union Actions and Emergency Assistance via international organisations
- **Union Actions**, which comprise calls for proposals, procurement, direct awards, and delegation agreements

For each component of the Thematic Facility, the **European Commission approves Work Programmes** that define priorities and objectives.

Internal Security Fund 2021-2027 - National Programme - Malta

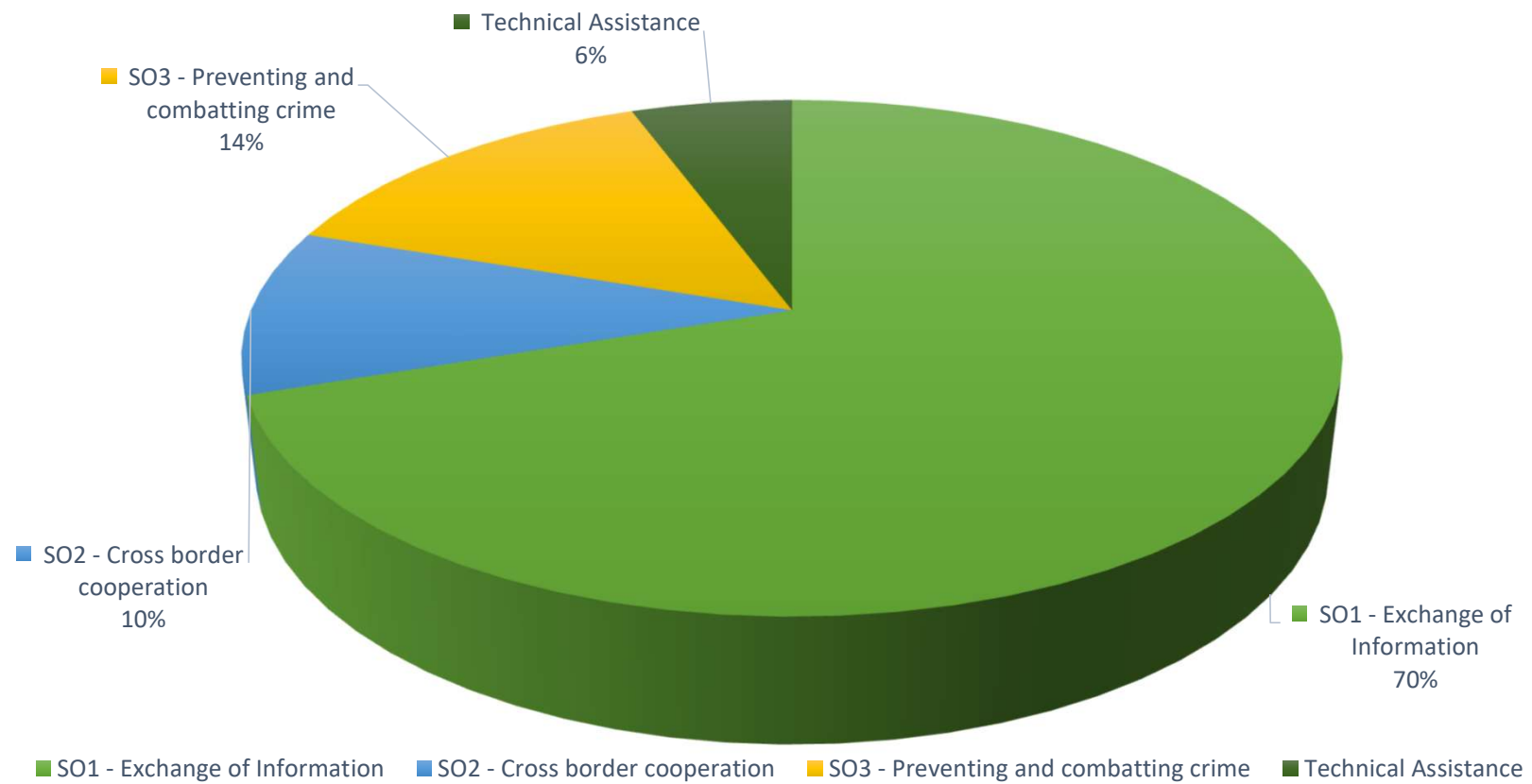


Programme Overview

The ISF aims to enhance security across the EU by preventing and countering terrorism, radicalisation, serious and organised crime, and cybercrime. It also focuses on supporting and protecting crime victims, while ensuring preparedness for, protection against, and effective management of security-related incidents, risks, and crises. ISF will contribute to the achievement of three specific objectives:

- to increase the exchange of information among and within the EU law enforcement, and other competent authorities and relevant EU bodies, as well as with non-EU countries, and international organisations
- to intensify cross-border cooperation, including joint operations, among and within the EU law enforcement and other competent authorities, in relation to terrorism and serious and organised crime with a cross-border dimension
- to support efforts to strengthen capabilities to combat and prevent crime, terrorism and radicalisation, as well as manage security-related incidents, risks and crises, in particular through increased cooperation between public authorities, civil society and private partners across the Member States

National Programme Allocation – ISF



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Funding Scope and Supported Activities

Concrete actions to be funded through ISF can include a wide range of initiatives, such as:

- the purchase/procurement of ICT systems, and associated training, testing as well as their improved interoperability and data quality
- monitoring of the implementation of EU law and policy objectives in the Member States in the area of security information systems
- operations implementing or facilitating the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle/EMPACT (European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats)
- support to thematic or cross-theme networks of specialised national units to improve mutual confidence, exchange and dissemination of know-how, information, experiences and best practices, pooling of resources and expertise in joint centres of excellence
- education and training for relevant law enforcement and judicial authorities and administrative agencies

Approved Projects – ISF (1)

Code	Project	Specific Objective	Total eligible costs of selected operations (EU Share)	Total Union contribution (Public Eligible)
ISF.SO1.01A	Reinforcing the analytical capabilities of Malta Security Services through ICT Systems	Specific Objective 1	€8,252,732.38	€7,427,459.14
ISF.SO1.01B	Reinforcing the analytical capabilities of Malta Security Services through ICT Systems	Specific Objective 1	€3,733,050.00	€3,733,050.00
ISF.SO1.03	The Setting up of a criminal and forensic data repository system for the Malta Police Force	Specific Objective 1	€ 6,420,000.00	€ 4,815,000.00
ISF.SO1.02	A Laboratory information management System (LIMS) for the Forensic Science Laboratory at the Malta Police Force (MPFSL)	Specific Objective 1	€ 830,320.00	€ 622,740.00

Approved Projects – ISF (2)

Code	Project	Specific Objective	Total Union contribution (Public Eligible)	Total eligible costs of selected operations (EU Share)
ISF.SO1.02	A Laboratory information management System (LIMS) for the Forensic Science Laboratory at the Malta Police Force (MPFSL)	Specific Objective 1	€ 535,000.00	€ 535,000.00
ISF.SO1.04	Setting up an Asset Recovery Facility	Specific Objective 1	€ 2,033,000.00	€ 1,524,750.00
ISF.SO3.202	Enhancing the protection of public spaces through the procurement of specialised vehicles	Specific Objective 3	€1,006,656.00	€754,992.00
ISF.SO3.261	Enhancement to MPF's capacity to protect EU's financial interests through i2 System	Specific Objective 3	€881,844.78	€793,660.30

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Approved Projects – ISF (3)

Code	Project	Specific Objective	Total eligible costs of selected operations (EU Share)	Total Union contribution (Public Eligible)
ISF.SO3.344	An Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) System for the Malta Police Force (MPF)	Specific Objective 3	€ 267,542.80	€ 200,657.10
ISF.SO3.283	The procurement of Two Tethered Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) including One Surveillance Van - [Police]	Specific Objective 3	€ 674,100.00	€505,575
ISF.SO3.284	Protecting public spaces through security equipment and transport - [MSS].	Specific Objective 3	€ 2,182,895.25	€ 1,637,171.44
ISF.SO1.291	Enhancing information sharing solutions to tackle encrypted devices, malware analysis and big data (MPF)	Specific Objective 3	€ 1,741,726.80	€ 1,567,554.12

Border Management and Visa Instrument 2021-2027 - National Programme - Malta

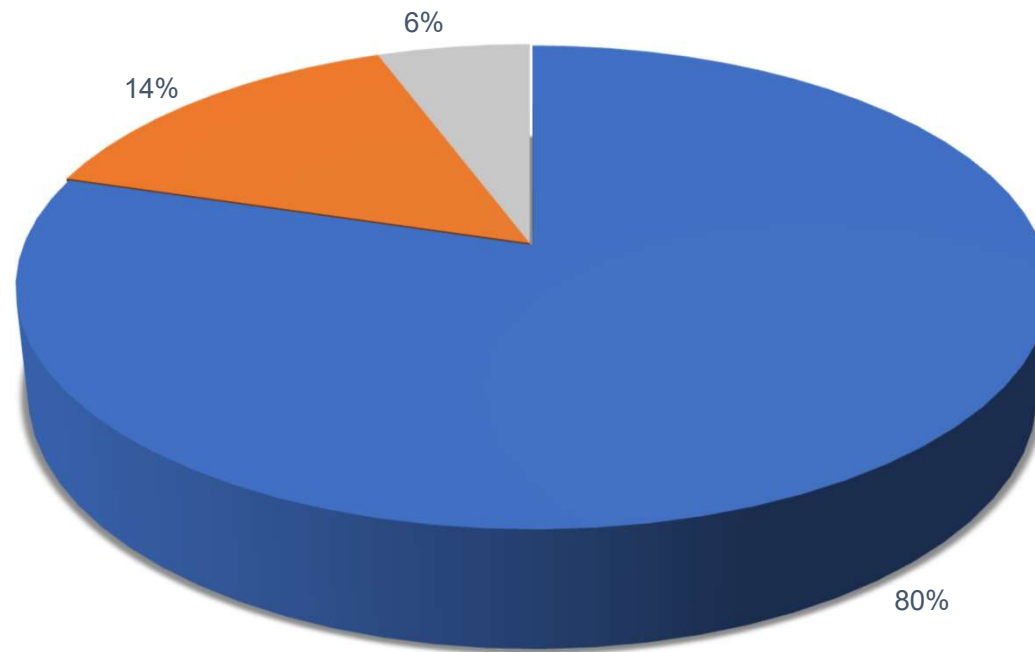


Programme Overview

BMVI's mission is to ensure a strong and effective European integrated border management at the Union's external borders, ensuring a high level of internal security within the Union while safeguarding the free movement of persons within it. BMVI will contribute to the achievement of two specific objectives:

- to support an effective European integrated border management at the external borders, implemented by the European Border and Coast Guard as a shared responsibility with the national authorities responsible for border management, to facilitate legitimate border crossings, to prevent and detect illegal immigration and cross-border crime and to effectively manage migratory movements
- to support the common visa policy, to ensure a harmonised approach with regard to the issuance of visas and to facilitate legitimate travel, while helping to prevent migratory and security risks
BMVI Programme aims to strengthen surveillance at the EU's external borders while safeguarding the free movement of persons within the Union. This can be achieved through robust control mechanisms that support a common visa policy.

National Programme Allocation – BMVI



- SO1 - European integrated border management
- SO2 - Common Visa Policy
- Technical Assistance

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Funding Scope and Supported Activities

Actions funded through BMVI can include a wide range of initiatives, such as:

- improving border controls, in line with the European Agenda on Migration and in compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, enhancing the cooperation at EU level for tasks carried out at borders
- funding efficient services to visa applicants, while maintaining the security and integrity of visa procedures
- investing in common large-scale IT systems in the area of borders management and visa policy, including in their interoperability
- investing in infrastructure and equipment, systems and services, training, exchange of experts, deployment of immigration liaison officers, innovative solutions and new technologies, studies
- providing operating support for the implementation of the European integrated border management and of the common visa policy.

Approved Projects – BMVI (1)

Code	Project	Specific Objective	Total eligible costs of selected operations (EUR)	Total Union contribution (EUR)
BMVI.SO1.01	Midlife Mission System Upgrade of the AFM's King Air Maritime Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft and Ground Simulator Device	Specific Objective 1	€8,042,013.00	€6,031,509.75
BMVI.SO1.02	Upgrade of Existing Coastal Surveillance System (including electro-optical cameras)	Specific Objective 1	€21,995,134	€16,496,350.50
BMVI.SO1.03	Simulator Training for AFM Rotary and Fixed Wing Pilots	Specific Objective 1	€1,893,900	€1,420,425
BMVI.SO1.04	Pilot Training- AB Initio	Specific Objective 1	€2,260,255.37	€1,695,191.53

Approved Projects – BMVI (2)

Code	Project	Specific Objective	Total eligible costs of selected operations (EUR)	Total Union contribution (EUR)
BMVI.SO2.222A	Operate, maintain and enhance the Foreign Affairs Visa Information System	Specific Objective 2	€963,000.00	€866,700
BMVI.SO2.222B	Operate, maintain and enhance the Foreign Affairs Visa Information System	Specific Objective 2	€493,257.16	€493,257.16
BMVI.SO2.252	Operational Costs and Capacity building for the Administration of Schengen and Visa Matters	Specific Objective 2	€1,766,648.14	€1,766,648.14
BMVI.SO2.263	Upgrading of existing consular posts in line with Schengen standards	Specific Objective 2	€1,297,375	€1,167,638
BMVI.SO1.281	Specific Action BMVI - Support to Member States for Smart Borders	Specific Objective 1	€2,093,076	€1,883,769

Planned Calls: BMVI & ISF Programme

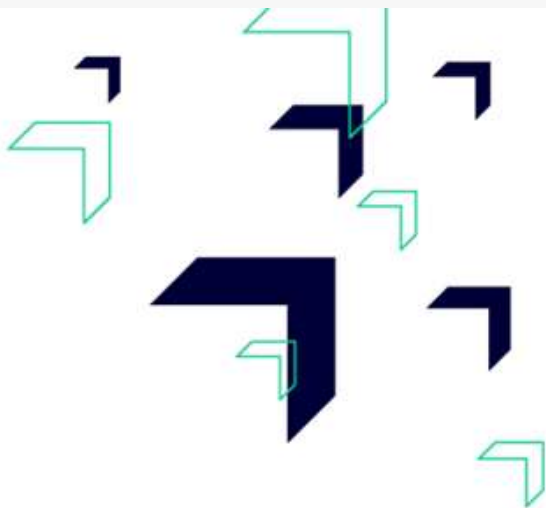
Timetable of Calls – BMVI (Mid-Term)

Planned calls	Call No.	Specific objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€) as per programme	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
SIS II Enhancement and Screening Regulation Compliance Measures	16	Specific Objective 1	Restricted call for MHSE (Malta Police Force)	€256,112.00	Jan-26	Jan-26	Feb-26
Strengthening business and security and risk planing for law enforcement authorities	17	Specific Objective 1	Restricted call for MHSE (Malta Police Force)	€200,000.00	May-26	May-26	Jun-26
Measures Supporting System Interoperability	18	Specific Objective 1	Restricted call for MHSE (Malta Police Force)	€1,033,090.00	Jun-26	Jun-26	Jul-26

Timetable of Calls – BMVI (PACT)

Planned calls	Call No.	Specific objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€) as per programme	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Enhancing the EURODAC system	14	Specific Objective 1	Restricted call for MHSE (Malta Police Force)	€1,403,000.00	Jan-26	Jan-26	Mar-26
Setting up of a National Border Control System	15	Specific Objective 1	Restricted call for MHSE (Malta Police Force)	€4,500,000.00	Jan-26	Jan-26	Mar-26

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