Internal Security Fund

Project Ref No.	Name of beneficiary	Ministry (for Public Sector Organisations)	Name of Operation	Project Description	Committed Funding			
					Start Project Date	End Project Date	Total project value (including co-financing) €	Amount EU co-financing €
Borders and Visas								
MT/2015/ISF/1.02	AFM	MHSR	Procurement of a new Offshore Patrol Vessel	This project consists of the procurement and commissioning of a new Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) over 70m in length and with the capability to land a helicopter of up to 7,000 kg. The project will include a training package for the crew and a small quantity of spare parts. This new OPV will therefore contribute towards enhancing offshore surveillance and the reaction capability of AFM.	2016	2020	34,735,538.72	26,051,654.04
MT/2015/ISF/1.04	AFM	MHSR	Improving the reaction capability of OPV P61	This project includes the upgrade of Offshore Patrol Vessel P61, a 53m craft built by Fincantieri in Italy and commissioned by the Armed Forces of Malta in 2005. The upgrade shall be undertaken by a designated shipyard and shall include the modernisation of shipboard systems including installation of new main engines and other auxiliary equipment with the aim of improving the craft's reliability and availability and ability to complete assigned missions.	2016	2020	6,883,549.20	5,162,661.90
MT/2015/ISF/1.05	AFM	MHSR	Procurement of a third twin-engine helicopter	This project consists of the procurement of a third twin-engine helicopter to cover the time span involved to carry out both the scheduled and unscheduled maintenance while enforcing border control capability by other platforms placed on the flight line.	2015	2018	8,927,144.00	6,695,358.00
MT/2016/ISF/2.02	AFM	MHSR	The Procurement of a 3rd Fixed Wing Maritime Patrol Aircraft	The project entails for the design, procurement and commissioning of a new twin-engine fixed wing aircraft similar in type to the current fleet (B200s) and in mission systems capable to conduct and support border control missions. This project is intended to improve the AFM's operational availability, capability and sustainability of the fixed-wing component and enable the AFM to continue effectively patrolling the EU maritime blue borders both by day and by night and in support of other EU border related missions.	2015	2017	14,000,000.00	12,600,000.00

MT/2016/ISF/6.01	AFM	MHSR	Arned Forces of Malta Joint Military Operations Centre	This project involves the construction of a new Command, Control and Communications Operations Centre (OPSCEN) together with supporting facilities to the AFM. The new Operations Centre shall be designed in a way to enhance communications and ameliorate the situational awareness in order to allow decision makers to engage in a safe and secure environment. The AFM has the national responsibility to safeguard Maltese blue borders in the absence of other security agencies. The responsibility to safeguard EU's most southern borders has already seen the acquisition of various air, land and maritime assets to allow the AFM in fulfilling this obligation. The construction of a new OPSCEN will enable the AFM to be better equipped for the rapidly evolving scenarios in the Mediterranean area, and to be on the forefront in latest technology and communications capabilities.	2017	2023	2,111,099.20	1,583,324.40
MT/2017/ISF/7.01	MFEA	MFET	Training in Schengen and Immigration Matters	Through this project, the Ministry aims to continue strengthening its human resources by providing continued training of personnel in Schengen and Immigration Policy. This training shall include modules focusing on skills that provide personnel with the right tools to carry out the processing of visa applications and the necessary due diligence checks.	2017	2022	700,000.00	525,000.00
MT/2017/ISF/7.02	MFET	MFET	Operational Costs for the Administration of Schengen and Visa Matters	The project includes the reimbursement of salaries of personnel working within MFTP and its Consulates on Schengen and Visa matters.	2017	2022	1,213,364.00	1,213,364.00
MT/2017/ISF/7.03	MFET	MFET	Re-Engineering and Operating Costs of the National Visa Information System (N-VIS)	MFTP has the overall responsibility of Consulates and the issuance of visas from external borders. In this respect the Ministry is the administrator of the National Visa Information System (N-VIS) and other ancillary systems. Through this project MFTP will be looking into the current processes and how these can be improved to offer a more efficient, more transparent and more client focused service. Improvements may include, but not limited to, the introduction of web facilities, the introduction of document management systems, parallel vetting of the visa application, applicant profiling and other functionalities which will further enhance the visa process.	2016	2022	1,722,355.94	1,504,605.94
MT/2017/ISF/8.02	MPF	MHSR	Automated Border Control (ABC) Gates at the Malta International Airport (MIA)	The recent developments at EU Level concerning the Smart Borders package might result in an impact on Malta's border systems, by way of additional requirements for interaction and/or data acess. The MPF will hence install ABC Gates at the MIA, both at the Arrivals and Departures, that implement a fully automated system which authenticates the travel documents, establishes that the traveller is the rightful holder of the document, queries border control systems and helps to verify the conditions governing entry. This investment will generate more security and benefits to immigration police and reduces processing times.	2016	2021	539,842.46	445,488.40
MT/2017/ISF/8.03	MFEA	MFET	Upgrade and Refurbishment of Consular Posts	Through this project the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion will upgrade and refurbish its consular posts in China (Beijing), Egypt (Cairo), Tunisia (Tunis) and United Sates of America (Washington). Furthermore, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion will also be looking into the opening a new Embassy in Ghana (Accra). This new office will form part of the identified Consular Hubs, and will be detailed responsibility of the southern part of the African continent.	2017	2022	1,929,377.43	1,447,033.07

MT/2018/ISF/12.01	AFM	MHSR	Armed Forces of Malta New Aircraft Hangar	The project will involve the design and building of a new Aircraft Hangar, including a supporting building that will host both Support Squadron and Operations Squadron personnel, a maintenance work shop, an electricity sub-station and a service road. Such project is justified by the upgrade and improvement of the base facilities to accommodate and facilitate the Armed Forces of Malta's Operational assets in a single operational structure to ensure a faster response during operations.	2018	2020	€ 4,045,594.92	€ 2,073,367.40
MT/2018/ISF/13.01	AFM	MHSR	Optronic devices for the Armed Forces of Malta Maritime Assets	With this project, the Armed Forces of Malta intends to equip one Offshore Patrol Boat and four Coastal Patrol Boats with highend thermal cameras with the intent of enhancing the assets' border control capability.	2019	2021	2,336,184.63	1,752,138.47
MT/2019/ISF/16.01	MPF	MHSR	Entry Exit System for the Malta Police Force at the National Maltese Borders	The Entry/Exit System (EES) is a new scheme that is established by the European Union through regulation (EU) 2017/2226 and that has to be operative by end 2020. The main purpose behind the founding of the EES is to register entry and exit data of non-EU nationals crossing the external borders of EU Member States in order to strengthen and protect the external borders of the Schengen area, and to safeguard and increase the security for its citizens. The main objectives of the Entry/Exit System of the EU are as follows: • To modernize the management of external borders by improving the quality and efficiency of external border controls of the Schengen Area. • To help Member States dealing with ever increasing number of travellers to the EU, without having to increase the number of border guards. • Assist in the identification of third-country nationals who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions for entry. • To reduce irregular migration by systematically identifying and addressing the phenomenon of overstaying. • To allow refusals of entry in the EES to be checked electronically. • To enable the automation of border checks on third-country nationals. • To facilitate the management of migration flows. • To contribute to the fight against terrorism and serious crime. • To ensure a high level of internal security. • To inform third-country nationals of the duration of their authorized stay. • To combat identity fraud and the misuse of travel documents. • To contribute to the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offenses or of other serious criminal offenses. All the above will be managed through a webservice that is interoperable with VIS and other EU databases. .	2019	2023	6,412,600.00	6,412,600.00

MT/2019/ISF/17.01	MPF	MHSR	The implementation of the Regulation 2018/1240 establishing the European Travel Information and Authorisation System and respective ETIAS National Unit	The MPF is responsible for the law enforcement of the country as well as its borders. Thus as all other Member States, Malta has to set up an ETIAS National Unit and the ETIAS to fulfil regulation(EU)2018/1240 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 September 2018. The MPF is embarking on this project which will seek to procure the ETIAS (hardware and software) thus establishing the ETIAS National Unit and procuring the respective services needed to integrate this system with the existing national border infrastructure, the connection to the NUI, and the connection to the ETIAS Central Unit. The MPF will set up a system that upholds article 4 or the ETIAS Regulation by following article 6 of the same regulation. After the system and the setting up of the office are completed, the MPF shall train the ETIAS staff accordingly.	2020	2023	3,216,666.66	3,216,666.66
MT/2019/ISF/18.01	MPF	MHSR	The Implementation of the Schengen Information System (SIS) Recast as per Regulations (EU) 2018/1860, 1861, 1862 of the European Parliament	The SIS is composed of a large-scale information system, which supports both the border control and law enforcement cooperation. It specifically enables law enforcement authorities to include and consult several alerts related to wanted or missing persons, as well as lost and stolen property. Three years after SIS II was brought into operation, the Commission carried out an evaluation of the system in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1987/2006 and Decision 2007/533/JHA. It was concluded that it is appropriate to reinforce the functioning of the SIRENE Bureaux for an increased efficient exchange of supplementary information. Therefore, such system is now being strengthened through new updated rules, aimed at introducing several important changes on the types of alert entered, which eventually contribute to further strength in the fight against serious crime and also terrorism, at the same time ensuring increased level of security and migration management as required under Regulation (EU) 2018/1860, 1861 and 1862. These regulations provide the guidelines on the eligible costs under ISF Borders and Visa which is dedicated to the immediate and effective upgrading of the national components of the SIS. Moreover, this will include the introduction of the new categories of alerts, authorities would be able to adapt more to the changing needs. More specifically, some of the main changes of system as proposed by the Commission include; -SIS's better security and accessibility through uniform data processing requirements for officers on the ground. -A new "unknown wanted persons" alert category to ease information sharing and cooperation between Member States, and full access rights for Europol. -An obligation to create a SIS alert for terrorist offences and conduct a new "inquiry check" to help authorities gather essential information needed for combatting terrorism. -Increased enforcement due to compulsory introduction of third-country nationals' entry bans at the external border in the SIS. -An improved way of using facial imaging and palm prints data to establish the persons entering the Schengen area.	2020	2022	1,227,000.00	1,227,000.00

MT/2020/ISF/19.01	MPF	MHSR	The development of the IT Systems covered by Article 15 of the ISF Borders and Visa and the pemises hosting them	This project addresses the needs stated in Article 15 of ISF which sees the investment in the existing and/or new Border Management IT systems and their communication infrastructure with the aim, in particular, of improving the management and control of travel flows at the external borders by reinforcing checks while speeding up border crossings for regular travellers. This project also foresees the setting up of a secure premises, additional storage space for servers whilst the MPF will be refurbishing the datacentre hosting these systems. Included in these IT systems are the VIS, SIS, EURODAC (border related activities), EES, ETIAS, as well as EUROSUR information exchange IT systems. There is also the related training for the ICT team.	2020	2023	2,672,240.84	2,004,180.63
MT/2020/ISF/21.01	MPF	MHSR	Malta Police Force's Specific Actions for Border Surveillance	The increase in migration flows to the EU's external borders is urging the MPF to invest in better tools for border surveillance. The MPF aims to enhance its border control by procuring an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), Rigid-Hulled Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) with trailer, floating dock, Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs), minibuses/vehicles and garage equipment. This project will also involve the training of immigration and field officers on the equipment procured and the recruitment of a Risk Analyst.	2020	2023	2,666,666.67	2,400,000.00
MT/2020/ISF/22.01	AFM	MHSR	Midlife Mission System Upgrade of the AFM's KingAir Maritime Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft	The project shall consist of the mid-life mission system upgrade used for maritime surveillance of the first two fixed wing aircraft KingAir B200s maritime patrol aircraft (MPA). The 2 MPAs from 2011 till date have been extensively used in the southern maritime borders of the EU and other FRONTEX Operational Areas, identifying thousands of migrants crossing the treacherous journey from north Africa and trying to reach the EU coasts. The upgrade will ensure maximum operational performance and to extend the life of the mission system through a process of upgrades. The project shall see the replacement of obsolescence equipment related to the mission system, upgrade of SATCOM capability with installation of ancillary equipment relating to decoders and direction finding and sensor fusion for better planning and the conduct of missions.	2020	2023	5,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
				Police Cooperation				
MT/2015/ISF/1.01	MHSR	MHSR	Research on the network of criminal organisations involved in people smuggling	The project is composed of a research component aiming to generate insight into smuggling networks. Research is expected to focus on the flow of migrants that tend to reach Europe so as to better understand migration, smuggling and its security implications, including, but not limited to terrorism.	2016	2017	133,333.00	99,999.75

MT/2015/ISF/1.03	AFM	MHSR	Supply of an EOD/IEDD low emmission response vehicle complete with robot and ancillary equipment	The project involves the supply and commissioning of a specialised low emmission Explosive Ordnance Disposal/ Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (EOD /IEDD) response vehicle; this vehicle togther with an EOD robot and other specialist EOD equipment wil be used to enhance the AFM's EOD capabilities. The EOD vehicle will be used as a quick response vehicle and will allow the AFM EOD members to deploy rapidly on any EOD related incident. The EOD vehicle will be used as a Forward Command post so as to enable the deployment and the remote operation of the EOD robot. The EOD robot will be used to investigate and if necessary disrupt or dispose of any explosive devices. Such disposal operstions will be carried out remotely thus ensuring the EOD operators to work in a safe and secure manner without necessarily being exposed to dangers posed by potential explosive devices. The project is therefore envisaged to have four distinct phases: • Supply of an EOD/IEDD Low Emission Response Vehicle; • Supply of EOD/IEDD Equipment; • Supply of EOD/IEDD Robot; • Training for AFM EOD disposal personnel in the operation of the above mentioned vehicle and equipment. Training envisages the participation of 5 EOD personnel who currently form the core of the AFM's EOD platoon.	2015	2018	1,807,673.06	1,355,754.80
MT/2015/ISF/1.06	MPF	MHSR	The purchase of four covert surveillance systems with video analytics	The project involves the setting up and installation of four covert surveillance systems for internal security activities.	2016	2019	49,968.03	37,476.02
MT/2015/ISF/1.07	MPF	MHSR	Purchase of covert surveillance van	The project entails the design, manufacture and integration of a covert surveillance van.	2016	2018	86,310.90	64,733.18

MT/2015/ISF/1.08	MPF	MHSR	Procurement of police equipment	The project will aim to purchase bullet proof over vests, bullet proof under vests, stab vests, riot kits (helmet,guard,shield, carrier bags for anti-riot kits), balistic plate sets, radios and flame retardant suits with hood. The radios will contribute to the exchange of information and access to data in a timely and efficient manner as well as improve police-cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including joint investigative teams and any other form of cross-border joint operations. The rest of the equipment namely the bullet proof vests, stab vests, riot kits, ballistic plate sets and flame retardant suits with hoods will provide more adequate equipment to asisst the Malta Police Force deliver a better service. This equipment will maximise the safety of police officers during raids and surveillance of dangerous areas which pose security-related risks and crisis. It will also help in preventing, combating and protecting people and critical infrastructure against cross-border, serious and organised crime including terrorism.	2015	2018	256,145.04	192,108.78
MT/2016/ISF/2.01	AFM	MHSR	Improving the Security of the Ammo and Explosives Storage Facilities at Fort Mosta	The strengthening of the integrity of the Ammo and Explosives Storage facilities at Fort Mosta (Upper Fort Storage facilities and Lower Magazines) through physical means namely the erection of a new adequate high density mesh perimeter fence complete with fence spikes, two complementary double leaf swing gates, three pedestrian gates, the installation of flood lights along both perimeter fences and the extension of the current CCTV System.	2018	2021	978,920.21	734,190.15
MT/2016/ISF/2.03	CPD	MHSR	Bolstering of the HAZMAT Section within the Civil Protection Department	This project aims at increasing the Hazardous Material capabilities of the Civil Protection Department in dealing with terrorist induced incidents that involve Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear Material. Besides increasing the national compliment of equipment to deal with such matters, the project aims at increasing the national capability of decontaminating civilians who have been exposed, provide internal training to personnel and provide basic training to emergency services such as Police and the Armed Forces as well as NGO's that operate within the rescue sector.	2017	2019	67,360.19	50,520.14
MT/2016/ISF/2.04	MPF	MHSR	Access to INTERPOL and EUROPOL databases for competent law enforcement authorities	This project involves the integration of Europol and Interpol databases with MPF's National Police Systems to allow for searches on a hit/no hit bases and for comparisons against the contents of these databases.	2016	2021	603,172.50	452,379.38

MT/2016/ISF/2.05	MPF	MHSR	Smart Policing - Enhancing the capacities of the Cyber Crime Unit	The project will fund equipment used in investigations undertaken by the Cyber Crime Unit. This investment will upgrade already existing equipment, replace obsolete equipment and introduce new equipment and capacities that are, to date, not available. The investment will be directed towards four project objectives: a) Upgrading of tools used in the search and seizure of digital evidence. This includes the setting up of mobile laboratories to facilitate the collection of evidence from large scale computer systems, b) Replacement of laboratory equipment used for the analysis of digital evidence. This will include the introduction of new capabilities in the analysis of portable devices and storage of seized evidence, c) Upgrading of computer systems and equipment used for technical enquiries and online investigations, and d) Capacity building in investigating Online Child Abuse. This includes new possibilities in the analysis of Child Sexual Exploitation Material and the setting-up of a Victim-ID function.	2016	2021	518,179.17	388,634.39
MT/2016/ISF/3.01	MPF	MHSR	Consolidation of the NS-SIS Unit IT Operations Room together with respective offices	The NS-SIS Unit within the Malta Police premises is a host for all Police National Systems and also Information Systems related to Border Control and European Union. The project is divided in two. A) The enhancement of the current Operations Rooms that host these systems at the Primary and Secondary site and B) the furnishing of offices where the NS-SIS Unit Operators (Police Staff) operate and manage the daily running of the operative systems.	2017	2019	17,729.82	13,297.37
MT/2016/ISF/3.02	MPF	MHSR	Extension of the existing Automated Case Management System	This project concerns the extension of the Automated Case Management System with the aim to help the International Relations Unit offices in police investigations. Since there is the need to upgrade the ICT tools and resources, the extension of the already owned Case Management system will allow the timely exchange of information between all national and EU agengies' systems involved in the fight against serious organised crime and terrorism as well as immigration issues through the external users' application. The project is required by Immigration authorities in order to be in a position to share information in-between the Interpol and Europol and SIRENE Bureau. This development will also pave the way for IRU to request information in terms of VIS decision and the Euroduct regulation.	2017	2020	691,517.16	518,637.87
MT/2016/ISF/4.01	Department of Customs	MFE	X-Ray scanning equipment for carrying out non-intrusive controls	The project will involve the purchase of an x-ray scanning equipment that will enhance, upgrade and replace the current VACIS system and will be used for non-intrusive inspections of local and transhipment units at the operating area of the Customs facility at the Malta Freeport. The investment being contemplated by the Department of Customs is aimed at protecting the Member States' financial interests while fighting contraband, fraud and counterfeit activities which drastically cause damage to the safety, security and budget of both the Member States and the Commission.	2017	2018	1,125,000.00	843,750.00

MT/2016/ISF/5.01	MPF	MHSR	Procurement of Forensic Equipment	In order to strenghten the Malta Police Force (MPF) capacity, investigative and analytical capabilities, and to deter crime with new surveillance systems, the MPF needs special forensic devices to identify, detect illicit substances and narcotics. This equipment may be utilized by first responding officers and crime scene investigators, both on the field, as well as in the laboratory. These instruments also identify unknown chemicals including explosives, toxic chemicals and precursors. The project involves the procurement of the equipment and related training. The general aim of the project is to equip the MPF with sophisticated devices to be more efficient in investigations whilst coordinating cooperation between all Police departments involved.	2017	2019	75,000.00	56,250.00
MT/2017/ISF/8.01	MPF	MHSR	Passenger Name Record System (PNRS)	The project involves the purchasing of software and hardware for the setting up the Passenger Name Record System (PNRS) in line with Commission Directive 681/2016 obligations. The aim of the project is to assess PNR data allowing identification of persons who are suspected to be involved in terrorist offences or serious crime prior to such assessment, and who should be subject to further examination by the competent authorities.	2017	2018	1,932,203.74	1,449,152.81
MT/2017/ISF/9.01	MSS	MHSR	Upgrade Malta Security Service ICT Infrastructure to improve its information management capabilities	-	2017	2018	272,559.00	204,419.25
MT/2017/ISF/10.01	FIAU	MFE	Implement an integrated software platform for managing compliance supervisory activities in Malta	The project sets out to ensure the FIAU has the right tools and processes to operate investigations in an effective and pro-active manner, and strengthen its risk-based supervisory capabilities.	2017	2020	341,537.18	256,152.89
MT/2018/ISF/15.01	MSS	MHSR	Upgrade Malta Security Service ICT Infrastructure to improve its information management capabilities - Phase 2	-	2019	2021	1,723,906.74	1,099,795.28

| MT/2020/ISF/20.01 | MPF | MHSR | Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for the Malta Police Force | The AFIS is utilised by law enforcement agencies for criminal detection purposes, the most important of which is the identification of individuals suspected of committing a crime, as well as linking a suspect to other unresolved crimes. More specifically, AFIS is a biometric identification methodology which utilises digital imaging technology to obtain, store and analyse fingerprint data. The project involves the procurement of the system which includes the necessary equipment, components for software, hardware and all available licenses required for its operations. In addition to this, MPF will seek to procure specialised training for its forensic officers who will operate the system. | 2020 | 2022 | 3,252,780.00 | 2,439,585.00 |

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