LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS VIDAUS REIKALŲ MINISTERIJA

SIENŲ VALDYMO IR VIZŲ POLITIKOS FINANSINĖS PARAMOS PRIEMONĖS, ĮTRAUKTOS Į INTEGRUOTO SIENŲ VALDYMO FONDĄ, IR VIDAUS SAUGUMO FONDO 2021–2027 M. PROGRAMŲ STEBĖSENOS KOMITETO RAŠYTINĖS SPRENDIMŲ PRIĖMIMO PROCEDŪROS PROTOKOLAS

Nr.

Vilnius

Sienų valdymo ir vizų politikos finansinės paramos priemonės, įtrauktos į Integruoto sienų valdymo fondą (SVVP), ir Vidaus saugumo fondo (VSF) 2021–2027 m. programų stebėsenos komiteto rašytinė sprendimų priėmimo procedūra organizuota 2024 m. balandžio 30–gegužės 6 d. (9-as posėdis).

Posėdžio pirmininkas – Arnoldas Abramavičius, Lietuvos Respublikos vidaus reikalų viceministras, SVVP ir VSF 2021–2027 m. programų stebėsenos komiteto pirmininkas.

Posėdžio sekretorė – Dalia Trinkūnienė, Lietuvos Respublikos vidaus reikalų ministerijos (VRM) Europos Sąjungos investicijų ir tarptautinių programų VSF skyriaus patarėja.

Dalyvavo komiteto nariai:

1. Nerijus Genys, Lietuvos Respublikos specialiųjų tyrimų tarnyba;

2. Artūras Kavolis, Informatikos ir ryšių departamentas prie VRM (toliau – IRD);

3. Inga Kvainauskienė, Lietuvos Respublikos socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija;

4. Inga Marcinkevičienė, Lietuvos Respublikos užsienio reikalų ministerija;

5. Rytis Muraška, Lietuvos Respublikos valstybės saugumo departamentas;

6. Tatjana Mockienė, Finansinių nusikaltimų tyrimo tarnyba prie VRM;

7. Saulius Nekraševičius, Valstybės sienos apsaugos tarnyba prie VRM (toliau – VSAT);

8. Saulius Tamulevičius, Policijos departamentas prie VRM;

Stanislava Varnienė, Viešojo saugumo tarnyba prie VRM.

Darbotvarkė:

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1. Dėl SVVP 2021-2027 m. programos veiksmų įgyvendinimo plano pakeitimų (pridedami: IRD 2024 m. balandžio 8 d. raštas Nr. 9R-733; VSAT 2024 m. kovo 21 d. raštas Nr. 21-14-614; 2024 m. balandžio 9 d. raštas Nr. 21-14-702; 2024 m. balandžio 26 d. raštas Nr. 21-14-848; Asmens dokumentų išrašymo centro prie Lietuvos Respublikos vidaus reikalų ministerijos 2024 m. balandžio 17 d. raštas Nr. 35S-119);

2. Dėl VSF 2021-2027 m. programos veiksmų įgyvendinimo plano pakeitimo (pridedamas IRD 2024 m. balandžio 22 d. raštas Nr. 9R-857);

3. Dėl VSF metinės veiklos rezultatų ataskaitos <u>pakeitimo</u> patvirtinimo (ataskaita pridedama).

1. SVARSTYTA IR NUTARTA. Atsižvelgus į SVVP 2021–2027 m. programos paramos gavėjų pateiktus prašymus, rekomenduoti vadovaujančiajai institucijai taip pakeisti SVVP 2021–2027 m. programos veiksmų įgyvendinimo planą:

1.1. Konkretaus tikslo "Europos integruotas sienų valdymas" dalyje:

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Eil. Nr.	Veiksmo ir siūlomo projekto pavadinimas	Mažinama / didinama ES lėšų dalis	ES lėšos	BF lėšos	Iš viso

1.10	KONKRETUS VEIKSMAS: Parama sienų valdymui (BMVI/2021/SA/1.5.8)							
1.10.1.	PU, Adutiškio PU, Tverečiaus PU, Puškų PU) (<i>baigtas projektas</i>)		36 014 173,00 35 991 825,94	4 001 574,79 3 999 091,78	40 015 -747,79 39 990 917,72			
1.10.2.	Sienos stebėjimo ir kontrolės techninių priemonių įsigijimas	-167 859,21	3 339 000,00 3 171 140,79	371-000,00 352 348,98	3 710 000,00 3 523 489,77			
1.10.3.	Bepiločių skraidyklių įsigijimas	+795 366,49	4 842 000,00 5 637 366,49	538 000,00 626 374,06	5 380 000,00 6 263 740,55			
Transporto priemonių,1.10.5.aprūpintų šiluminiomatymo įranga, įsigijimas		+38 060,67	2 970 000,00 3 008 060,67	330 000,00 334 228,96	3 300 000,00 3 342 289,63			
	NEPANAUDOTŲ LĖŠŲ LIKUTIS -643 22		675-000,00	75-000,00	750 000,00			
1.10 KON	IKREČIAM VEIKSMUI		31 779,11	3 531,01	35 310,12			

1.2. Apjungti projekto etapus ir pakeisti kvietimo datą:

Nr.	Projekto pavadinimas	Planuojamas kvietimo teikti projekto įgyvendinimo planą paskelbimo laikotarpis	Mažinama / didinama ES lėšų dalis	ES lėšos	BF lėšos	Iš viso
1.8.5	Europos kelionių informacijos ir leidimų sistemos (ETIAS) veikimo užtikrinimas , I etapas	2025 m. l ketv. 2024 m. III ketv.	+200 000,00	2 00 000,00 400 000,00	66 666,67 133 333,33	- <u>266 666,67</u> 533 333,33
1.8.6	Europos kelionių informacijos ir- leidimų sistemos- (ETIAS) veikimo- užtikrinimas, II- etapas	2027 m. I ketv.	-200 000,00	200 000,00	66 666,66	266 666,66

1.3. Pakeisti kvietimo datą:

	Nr.	Projekto pavadinimas	Planuojamas kvietimo teikti projekto įgyvendinimo planą paskelbimo laikotarpis
ſ	1.3.4	Skaitmeninio mobiliojo radijo	2024 m. I ketv.
	1.5.4	ryšio tinklo tobulinimas	2024 m. II ketv.

1.4. Konkretaus tikslo "Specialioji tranzito schema" dalyje:

Nr.	Projekto pavadinimas	Planuojamas kvietimo teikti projekto įgyvendinimo planą paskelbimo laikotarpis	Mažinama / didinama ES lėšų dalis	ES lėšos	BF lėšos	Iš viso
3.5.3	Papildomos PD veiklos sąnaudos 2021-2023 m. (baigtas projektas)	2020 m. IV ketv.	-3,38	18 933 585,29 18 933 581,91	0	18 933 585,29 18 933 581,91

3.5.7	Papildomos URM veiklos sąnaudos 2024–2027 m.	2023 m. II ketv.	-3 902 349,84	24 535 784,06 20 633 434,22	0	24 535 784,06 20 633 434,22
3.5.12	Papildomos ADIC 2024 m. IV		+268 108,00	500 000,00 768 108,00	0	5 00 000,00 768 108,00
NEPANAUDOTŲ LĖŠŲ LIKUTIS			+3 634 245,22	6 268,75 3 640 513,97	0	6 268,75 3 640 513,9 7

Balsavimo rezultatai: 10 balsavo už.

2. SVARSTYTA IR NUTARTA. Atsižvelgus į IRD 2024 m. balandžio 22 d. rašte Nr. 9R-857 nurodytas aplinkybes, rekomenduoti vadovaujančiajai institucijai taip pakeisti VSF 2021-2027 m. programos veiksmų įgyvendinimo planą:

Nr.	Projekto pavadinimas	Planuojamas kvietimo teikti projekto įgyvendinimo planą paskelbimo laikotarpis
115	Teisėsaugos institucijų universalios duomenų paieškos sistemos plėtra	2024 m. I ketv. 2024 m. III ketv.

Balsavimo rezultatai: 10 balsavo už.

3. SVARSTYTA. VSF metinės veiklos rezultatų ataskaitos pakeitimai.

Vadovaujantis VSF Reglamento (ES) 2021/1149 30 straipsniu, iki 2024 m. vasario 15 d. Europos Komisijai turėjo būti pateikta VSF metinės veiklos rezultatų ataskaita, apimanti laikotarpį nuo 2022-07-01 iki 2023-06-30. Ataskaitiniu laikotarpiu projektai dar nebuvo pradėti įgyvendinti, nes pati VSF programa buvo patvirtinta tik 2022 m. lapkričio 8 d. VSF metinės veiklos rezultatų ataskaitos skyriai buvo užpildyti pagal tuo metu buvusią padėtį.

VSF vadovaujanti institucija 2024 m. balandžio 10 d. gavo kelis EK pastebėjimus, pagal kuriuos VSF ataskaita turi būti patikslinta/papildyta ir iki 2024 m. liepos 10 d. pakartotinai pateikta EK.

Kadangi SVVP/VSF stebėsenos komiteto darbo reglamento 17.5 punkte numatyta, kad komitetas "svarsto ir tvirtina metines veiklos rezultatų ataskaitas, prieš siunčiant jas Europos Komisijai", patikslinta ataskaita pateikta svarstymui.

Pirminė VSF metinės veiklos rezultatų ataskaita buvo patvirtinta 2024 m. vasario 15 d. protokoliniu sprendimu Nr. 1VL-424 ir tą pačią dieną per elektroninę duomenų mainų sistemą pateikta EK.

NUTARTA. Patvirtinti VSF metinės veiklos rezultatų ataskaitą ir ją pateikti Europos Komisijai.

Posėdžio pirmininkas

Arnoldas Abramavičius

Posėdžio sekretorė

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Dalia Trinkūnienė

<u>Member States' annual performance report on the Internal Security Fund to the</u> <u>Commission referred to in Article 30 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149</u>

IDENTIFICATION

CCI	2021LT65ISPR001
Name	Internal Security Fund Annual Performance
	Report
Versions	
Reference year	01/07/2022 - 30/06/2023
Date of approval of the report by the	Minutes of the Monitoring Committee meeting
monitoring committee	No 1VL-424 of 15 February 2024

1. OPERATIONAL RESULTS

1.1. Progress in implementation. Article 30(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

For each specific objective, report on progress in implementing the programme and in achieving the milestones and targets set out in it, taking into account the most recent data for the accounting year, as required under Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. This refers to the cumulative data provided by 31 July of the year before the year that the report is submitted.

Within each specific objective, the information on progress should preferably be structured around the implementation measures, indicative actions and desired outcomes identified in the programme.

Describe also any steps taken and relevant activities related to the implementation of the partnership as per Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

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The ISF 2021-2027 programme was approved during the accounting year <u>(preparatory work</u> was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM), a description of the management and control system has been prepared, the necessary national legislation is being prepared <u>(https://vsfsvvp.lt/teisine-informacija/lr-teises-aktai/30</u>), and work is ongoing on the establishment of the electronic data exchange system referred to in Article 69(8) of the CPR.

The ISF programme action implementation plan was approved during the accounting year, which includes calls for project implementation plans (applications) for all three ISF specific objectives (SOs):

SO1 "Better exchange of information": planned implementation of 16 regular actions;

SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation": 7 regular actions and 2 specific actions are planned;

SO3 'Strengthening capacity to prevent and combat crime': 12 regular actions are planned.

The first three calls for proposals were launched for all three SOs-:

1st call on 23/01/2023

2nd call on 24/03/2023

3rd call on 23/06/2023

By the end of the reporting period there were carring out evaluation of the applications of the 1st and 2nd calls for proposals and Intermediate body was receiving the applications of the

3rd call of proposals.

No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the specific objectives SOs, actions and planned results of the ISF programme could not be achieved. This was due to the subsequent adoption of the ISF programme, national legislation. The delay in the preparation of the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF programme was due to the approval of the Regulations in mid-2021, the presentation of the Description of Indicators Ref Ares(2021)7385050-30/11/2023 and the revised Description Ref Ares(2022)1238557-18/02/2022, as well as the delays in the implementation of SFC2021, were produced in the data transmission reporting system shortly before the submission of the data, i.e. at the end of January 2023, the last excel data import form was published on 27 March 2023.

In order to implement the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR during the implementation of the programme, a Monitoring Committee for the BMVI/ISF was set up during the accounting year. The composition of the Monitoring Committee was approved on 12/10/2022 by the order No 1V-637 and is placed on https://vsfsvvp.lt/bendra-informacija/svvp-ir-vsf-20212027-m.-programu-stebesenos-

komitetas/32 Representatives of the competent authorities shall participate in the Monitoring Committee and may involve, where appropriate, socio-economic partners and/or experts. During the reporting period, 4 Monitoring Committee meetings/written procedures took place. The rules of procedure of the Monitoring Committee, the data and information submitted to it shall be published on the website https://www.vsfsvvp.lt/bendra-informacija/svvp-ir-vsf-20212027-m.-programu-stebesenos-komitetas/32

1.2. Issues affecting performance. Article 30(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

For each specific objective, describe any issues affecting the performance of the programme during the accounting year and any actions taken to address them.

Whenever possible and relevant, you are encouraged to distinguish between issues related to:

- insufficient amount of information on achievements¹;
- setting targets²;
- procedural delays and administrative capacity³;
- context changes⁴;
- planning and/or implementation of actions⁵; and
- any other matter.

This refers to the situation when there is a gap between the nominal target achievement rate measured by the indicators and the actual progress in implementation. For instance, under-reporting of output and results could be due to issues with the development of the IT system, ongoing operations for which output and results are not yet reported, issues with the data collection leading to slow or incomplete reporting, etc.

² This refers to a situation where the low target achievement rate is not due to slow progress but rather to incorrect or unrealistic target setting. It may include lessons learned in connection with the establishment of a methodology for target setting – such as wrong or incomplete assumptions or issues with the benchmark values selected – and any planned changes to it.

³ For instance, issues related to tendering procedures, issues with audit procedures, issues linked to lack of resources at the managing authority level, an unforeseen delay in the adoption of the programme, etc.

⁴ This can include, for instance, socioeconomic or political factors, changes in the regulatory context, etc.

⁵ For instance, issues to do with the scope of the action (e.g. eligibility criteria), low interest from beneficiaries or participants, any deviation in the implementation of the action etc.

Describe any changes to strategy or national objectives, or any factors that may lead to changes in the future, as well as the modifications that those changes have produced in the targets estimated as per the methodology to establish the performance framework.

Include information on any reasoned opinions delivered by the Commission in respect of infringement proceedings under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and which are linked to the implementation of the fund.

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No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the SOs, actions and planned results of the ISF programme could not be achieved. This was due to the subsequent adoption of the ISF programme and national legislation. The delay in the preparation of the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF programme was due to the approval of the Regulations in mid-2021, the presentation of the Description of Indicators Ref Ares(2021)7385050-30/11/2023 and the revised Description Ref Ares(2022)1238557-18/02/2022, as well as the delays in the implementation of SFC2021, were produced in the data transmission reporting system shortly before the submission of the data, i.e. at the end of January 2023, the last excel data import form was published on 27 March 2023.

During the accounting year, the ISF programme was approved (preparatory work was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM), a description of the management and control system has been prepared, the necessary national legislation is being prepared (https://vsfsvvp.lt/teisine-informacija/lr-teises-aktai/30), and work is ongoing on the establishment of the electronic data exchange system referred to in Article 69(8) of the CPR.

the implementation plan for the ISF programme was approved and the first three calls for project implementation plans (applications) for all three SOs were launched and 10 applicants were invited to submit proposals. All calls are subject to a method of planning public projects. The ISF programme action implementation plan was approved, which includes calls for project implementation plans (applications) for all three ISF SOs:

<u>SO1 "Better exchange of information"</u>: planned implementation of 16 regular actions;

SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation": 7 regular actions and 2 specific actions are planned;

SO3 "Strengthening capacity to prevent and combat crime": 12 regular actions are planned.

The first three calls for project implementation plans (applications) for all three SOs were launched during the reporting period and 10 applicants were invited to submit proposals (all calls are subject to a method of planning public projects):

1st call on 23/01/2023

2nd call on 24/03/2023

3rd call on 23/06/2023

By the end of the reporting period there were carring out evaluation of the applications of the 1st and 2nd calls for proposals and Intermediate body was receiving the applications of the 3rd call of proposals. No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the specific objectives, actions and planned results of the ISF programme could not be achieved.

This was due to the subsequent adoption of the ISF programme, national legislation. The delay in the preparation of the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF programme was due to the approval of the Regulations in mid-2021, the presentation of the Description of Indicators Ref Ares(2021)7385050-30/11/2023 and the revised Description Ref Ares(2022)1238557-18/02/2022, as well as the delays in the implementation of SFC2021, were produced in the data transmission reporting system shortly before the submission of the

data, i.e. at the end of January 2023, the last excel data import form was published on 27 March 2023.

1.3. Specific mitigation measures

If relevant, please briefly describe how the programme-related activities have mitigated the impact of important and sudden changes in the context that may have led to unforeseen security threats. Whenever possible, refer to the volume of resources redeployed for this purpose, and the related outputs and results achieved.

Pay specific attention to activities carried out to mitigate the unforeseen security threats and whose achievements may not be fully captured by the common output and result indicators.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the specific objectives, actions and planned results of the ISF programme could not be achieved.

1.4. Operating support. Article 16(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

If operating support was used in the accounting year, please describe how it contributed to the achievement of the Fund's objectives⁶.

If the total cumulative eligible cost of operating support for the operations selected for support exceeds 20 % of the total programme allocation at the end of the accounting year, explain the reasons. Additionally, if there is a risk that the threshold is exceeded by the end of the programming period, describe the measures envisaged to mitigate it.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

No project contracts (including operating support) were signed during the accounting year. <u>There is no projects for operating support programmed.</u>

1.5. Concrete actions⁷

Describe the main achievements of the specific actions carried out during the accounting year and how they contributed to the achievement of the programme's objectives and Union added value⁸.

Describe the progress of the individual actions⁹, both procedurally¹⁰ and operationally, and highlight any problems affecting their results, in particular any risk of under-implementation of appropriations.

If relevant, break this information down to the project level. If any deviation from the original planning is expected, explain the reasons for this, describe any mitigating actions taken, and provide the revised timetable.

If relevant for this purpose, refer to the recommendations from quality control and evaluation mechanisms, such as: (I) the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism established by Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis* and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen (OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27) and Council Regulation (EU) 2022/922 of 9 June 2022 on the establishment and operation of an *evaluation* and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 (OJ L 160, 15.6.2022, p. 1), or (ii) other quality control and evaluation mechanisms, as applicable.

⁷ In the case of specific actions with a transnational nature, the scope of this section varies according to the distribution of roles and responsibilities between the lead Member States and the other participating Member States, as well as the choice of the reporting method. This is described in the Commission Notice of 14 February 2022 entitled 'Specific cross-border actions under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVI) and the Internal Security Fund (ISF). Partner Agreements' (Ares(2022) 1060102).

⁸ Union added value is defined as the generation of results beyond what would have been achieved by Member States acting alone.

⁹ For instance, in connection to procurement activities or any other preparatory steps taken.

¹⁰ For instance, in terms of deliverables, outputs, results etc.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 5000 characters.

The approved ISF programme included two projects to be implemented under SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation" specific action_<u>European Multidisciplinary Platform</u> <u>Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT)</u> <u>EMPACT actions implementing or facilitating the</u> <u>implementation of the EU Policy Cycle_</u>(ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1):

(1) Project of the Police Department "*European Research Team*" (contract signed on 18/09/2023, project duration 01/02/2023 - 29/02/2024). The eligible official and the successful official was posted to work in Spain until the date of signature of the contract;

(2) the Customs Department's project "*Fighting excise offences in the Baltic Sea Region*" (contract signed on 08/08/2023, project duration 01/06/2023_-__31/12/2025); prior to the signature of the contract, i.e. a project preparatory meeting organised by the ETCB in Tallinn on 7-8 March 2023, officials were selected to participate in study visits at Europol.

Project activities started before project contracts were signed. Project contracts were signed after the reporting period due to the preparation of the implementation of the entire ISF programme (due to the subsequent approval of the ISF programme, national legislation)— the first ISF call for proposals, including this specific action, was published on 31/01/2023, the evaluation of the proposals and the signature of the contracts continued.

No specific action project contracts were signed during the reporting year. <u>Project activities</u> <u>started before project contracts were signed.</u> Project contracts were signed after the reporting period due to the preparation of the implementation of the entire ISF programme – the first ISF call for proposals, including this specific action, was published on 31/01/2023, the evaluation of the proposals and the signature of the contracts continued.

This was due to the subsequent adoption of the ISF programme – the ISF 2021-2027 programme was approved during the accounting year (preparatory work was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM) and national legislation. The delay in the preparation of the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF programme was due to the approval of the Regulations in mid-2021, the presentation of the Description of Indicators Ref Ares(2021)7385050-30/11/2023 and the revised Description Ref Ares(2022)1238557-18/02/2022, as well as the delays in the implementation of SFC2021, were produced in the data transmission reporting system shortly before the submission of the data, i.e. at the end of January 2023, the last excel data import form was published on 27 March 2023.

Enter in the Tablebelow the details of all the national specific actions implemented in the programme. Reporting on specific cross-border actions should be compatible with the chosen reporting method¹¹.

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As set out in the Commission's note of 14 February 2022 (Ares (2022)1060102).

Specific objective	Name/ reference number of	Beneficiary	Implementing period	Eligible costs ¹²	Eligible costs ¹³	and/or progra	relevant common amme specific ators ¹⁴
	the action					Product	Result
<u>\$02</u>	European Multidiscip linary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT) (ISF/2022/ SA/2.2.1) (project ref number ISF/2022/S A/2.2.1/001)	Police Departmen t under the Ministry of Interior	<u>01/02/2023 –</u> <u>29/02/2024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SO2</u>	European Multidiscip linary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT) (ISF/2022/ SA/2.2.1) (project ref number ISF/2022/S A/2.2.1/012)	Customs Departmen t under the ministry of Finance	<u>01/06/2023 –</u> <u>31/12/2025</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Q

1.6. Compliance with Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Report the total cumulative amount of incurred and paid expenditure for equipment, means of transport or the construction of security-relevant facilities pursuant to Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149, as per the data to be stored electronically in line with field 142, Annex XVII of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

Please enter the amount

Confirm that the total cumulative eligible cost of operations selected for support for equipment, means of transport or the construction of security-relevant facilities pursuant to Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 does not exceed 35 % of the total allocation of the programme by the end of the accounting year, or explain the reasons for this. Additionally, if there is a risk that the threshold is exceeded by the end of the programming period, describe the measures envisaged to mitigate it, or the duly justified reasons to exceed the threshold.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 3000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, therefore it is not possible to indicate the

¹² Total eligible cost of selected operations, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

¹³ Total amount of eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

¹⁴ If specific actions represent a top-up of previous operations and there are no dedicated monitoring arrangements, report the output and results pro-rata.

total amount of expenditure incurred and paid for the purchase of equipment, vehicles or the installation of security-related infrastructure.

1.7. Only in 2024: continuation of projects. Article 34(4), point (e), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Please provide information on all projects carried out after 1 January 2021 that have been selected and started in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, in accordance¹⁵ with Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁶.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

Not applicable.

2. COMPLEMENTARITY

2.1. Complementarity with other Union funds. Article 30(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Describe the complementarity and, if relevant, synergies between the actions supported by the fund and the support provided by other Union funds in the field of security, for example:

- The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF), including the Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI) and the Instrument for Financial Support for Customs Control Equipment;
- the cohesion funds, especially the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF);
- the security research part of Horizon Europe;
- The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme;
- The Digital Europe programme;
- the InvestEU Programme;
- the Technical Support Instrument;
- the ReSCUE reserve,
- The Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) Global Europe; and
- The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

Pay particular attention to:

- complementarity with Union's external financing instruments for actions taken in or in relation to third countries, underlining the aspects that are consistent with the principles and general objectives of the Union's external policy; and
- the use of enabling mechanisms, such as organisational and procedural arrangements that help achieve complementarities, and, if relevant, synergies, and to any actions taken to improve them during the accounting year.

If relevant, describe also:

 ¹⁵ Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93).

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112).

- complementarity of ongoing actions to strengthen inter-agency cooperation¹;
- synergies in relation to security of infrastructure and public spaces, cybersecurity, the protection of victims and the prevention of radicalisation.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 6000 characters.

Consistency with other programmes during the reporting period was ensured through the implementation of the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR, the involvement of the various relevant bodies involved in the planning and/or implementation of other EU funds and programmes in the monitoring of the implementation and progress of the ISF 2021-2027 programme through the establishment of the Monitoring Committee, the approval of its Work Regulation and the organisation of 4 meetings/written procedures during the reporting period. During the reporting period, progress in preparation for the implementations were made on how to combine the funding of actions. Recommendations by the Monitoring Committee to approve ISF action implementation plan are based on the applicants letters where they explain why it is needed to revise ISF action implementation plan. All calls are subject to a method of planning public projects. Managing authority analysis all the requests to change ISF action implementation plans taking into account all the possible risks (decommitment, planning of funds, mid-term review, other).

2.2. Multifunctional equipment and ICT systems. Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Describe briefly the relevant operations involving equipment and ICT systems purchased within the programme and partly used in the complementary area covered by Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 and for achieving the objectives of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy. Indicate the place(s) where the multipurpose equipment and ICT systems were deployed.

For equipment, also provide information on the period when it was used in the complementary areas of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 3000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, therefore there are no specific cases of use of equipment and ICT systems financed by the ISF in the additional area of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

For a Union information system funded under the Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 which also serves the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 (multipurpose) or activities² required under the EU interoperability legal framework, fill in the table below.

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Such as cooperation at Union level between the Member States, and between Member States and relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, as well as cooperation at national level among the competent authorities within each Member State.

² Regulation (EU) 2019/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of borders and visa and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240, (EU) 2018/1726 and (EU) 2018/1861 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decisions 2004/512/EC and 2008/633/JHA (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 27). Regulation (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a

Regulation (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2018/1862 and (EU) 2019/816 (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 85).

Specific objective	Operation title	Beneficiary of the operation	Purpose of action	Implementing period	Co- financing rate	Eligible costs ³	Eligible costs ⁴
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3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION *ACQUIS*: ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (D), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Describe how, during the accounting year, the programme contributed to implementing the relevant Union *acquis* (the body of Union law) on security and exchange of relevant information, and to any relevant action plans.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

As no project contracts were signed during the reporting year, the projects of the ISF 2021-2027 programme did not contribute to the implementation of the EU *acquis* and EU action plans.

4. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY. ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (E), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Describe how communication and visibility actions were carried out during the accounting year. In particular, refer to any progress made on the objectives set out in the communication strategy, as measured by the relevant indicators and their targets. If relevant, describe any good practices in reaching out to the target groups and/or disseminating and exploiting the results of the projects.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

The following communication and visibility actions were carried out during the reporting year:

- the managing authority organised the procurement of a communication event. The purpose of the event is to present the event participants with the results of the implementation of the ISF 2014-2020 programme and to present the BMVI and ISF programmes for 2021-2027. The target audience is the authorities involved in the administration and implementation of the ISF 2014-2020 programme, the BMVI and the ISF 2021-2027 programmes. The event took place in the next reporting year.
- the managing authority carried out communication on the implementation of the ISF programme on the single website of the Ministry of Interior and on social media accounts (knowledge on the approval of the ISF programme, on the meetings of the Monitoring Committee).
- the intermediate body organised an event for applicants on 21 December 2022 on the requirements for completing the project implementation plan (application) and other documents.
- the intermediate body, together with the managing authority, has started to develop a communication manual for applicants and final beneficiaries. This publication will present the main requirements to guide communication on the draft ISF/BMVI programmes for 2021-2027 and the results achieved.
- the managing authority participated in events organised by the National

³ Total eligible cost of selected operations, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

Total amount of eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

Coordinator and the European Commission to discuss communication issues.

Provide a link to the website portal referred to in Article 46, point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and, if different, to the website referred to in Article 49(1) of that Regulation.

The single web portal provided for in Article 46(b) CPR was created during the accounting year:

https://lrv.lt/lt/es-fondu-investicijos-lietuvoje-2021-2027-m/

The Registry of the Government of Lithuania is responsible for its establishment and supervision.

During the accounting year, the managing authority organised public procurements for the creation of a new website to publish information on the 2021-2027 ISF/BMVI programmes at https://www.vsfsvvp.lt/. Work has been carried out to develop the website. The Act of Reception and Transmission of the Website was signed in the following accounting year.

5. ENABLING CONDITIONS AND HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES

5.1. Enabling conditions: Article 30(2), point (f), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Describe how it was ensured that the applicable enabling conditions in Annex III of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 were fulfilled and applied throughout the accounting year, in particular as regards complying with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. If relevant, describe any change that had an impact on how the enabling conditions were fulfilled, as provided for in Article 15(6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 5000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the situation has not changed due to enabling conditions specified in the ISF programme. Enabling conditions are specified in Table 9 of the ISF 2021-2027 programme.

5.2. Respect for horizontal principles: Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060

Describe how you ensured compliance during the accounting year with the horizontal principles laid down in the Common Provision Regulation, in particular equality between men and women and the promotion of gender mainstreaming, as well as avoiding discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 5000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, but in order to ensure compliance with horizontal principles, the ISF 2021-2027 programme legislation included a requirement for projects to respect horizontal principles. The project management and funding rules lay down general criteria for the selection of projects, one of which ensures that the project cannot adversely affect the horizontal principles referred to in Article 9 of CPR and national legislation. The general criteria for selecting projects must be met by all projects, both at the time of the evaluation of the project implementation plans (applications) and at the time of project implementation.

During the 4th meeting of the Monitoring Committee, the members of the Monitoring Committee were briefed on the state of play on the implementation of the horizontal principles and were informed that no complaints were received regarding the implementation of the horizontal principles in the BMVI and ISF 2021-2027 programmes.

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES OR PROJECTS RELATED TO THIRD COUNTRIES. ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (G), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Describe any actions taking place in or in relation to third countries during the accounting year and how these bring Union added value in achieving the objectives set by the fund. Indicate the names of the third countries concerned. If relevant, refer to the consultations with the Commission before the project was approved (Article 13(11) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149).

Enter the text. Maximum length: 6000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the accounting year and therefore no actions were carried out in third countries.

7. SUMMARY. ARTICLE 30(2) OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Provide a summary of sections 1 to 6, which will be translated and made available to the public.

As a minimum, the summary must cover all the points listed in Article 30(2), and should preferably be structured around them.

The use of bullet points, bold text or informative headings is encouraged, so that interested stakeholders can easily identify the programme's main achievements and the main issues affecting its performance.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 7500 characters

1.1. — 1.3. Progress in implementation. Article 30(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149; Issues affecting performance. Article 30(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149; Specific mitigation measures:

In the accounting year in order to prepare the implementation of the ISF 2021-2027 programme and the signature of project contracts:

- the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF 2021-2027 programme was finalised;
- a description of the management and control system has been drawn up;
- work was undertaken to create the electronic data exchange system referred to in Article 69(8) of the CPR;

- a Monitoring Committee was set up with the main function of overseeing the implementation and progress of the BMVI and ISF programmes.

1.5. Specific actions. The approved ISF programme included two projects to be implemented under SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation" specific action. *European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT) EMPACT actions implementing or facilitating the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle* (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1):

(1) "European Investigation Team" project (ref number ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1/001) of the Police Department. The eligible official and the successful official was posted to work in Spain until the date of signature of the contract. The main objective of the project is to create a European Operational Team (EOT) focusing on high-risk criminal networks, their identification and dismantling in the Costa del Sol region of Spain. After the creation of the EOT, it will be possible to respond to the identified large-scale criminal activities of dangerous individuals or groups and their members with the help of joint and coordinated intelligence data. The EOT team will consist of 30 officers from various EU member states who, working in established working groups, will carry out assigned investigative tasks by the means provided for by Spanish law;

(2) the Customs Department's project "Fighting excise crime in the Baltic Sea Region" (ref number ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1/012). The project is aimed at reducing crime in the field of excise duties by improving the efficiency and capabilities of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian law

enforcement agencies in the fight against the shadow economy (trade in illegal tobacco products, fuel, alcohol) in the Baltic Sea region and the European Union (EU) in general.

Projects activities started before the project contracts were signed. Project contracts were signed after the reporting period due to the preparation of the implementation of the entire ISF programme (due to the subsequent approval of the ISF programme (preparatory work was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM) and national legislation) – the first ISF call for proposals, including this specific action, was published on 31/01/2023, the evaluation of the proposals and the signature of the contracts continued.

2.1. Complementarity with other Union funds. Article 30(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149. Consistency with other programmes during the reporting period was ensured through the implementation of the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR, by involving the various relevant bodies involved in the planning and/or implementation of other EU funds and programmes in the monitoring of the implementation and progress of the ISF 2021-2027 programme.

4. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY. ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (E), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149. The following communication and visibility actionsshall be carried out in uvo: organisation of an information event for applicants, dissemination of information on websites and social media, creation of a single web portal provided for in Art. 46(b) CPR https://lrv.lt/lt/es-fondu-investicijos-lietuvoje-2021-2027-m/.

5. Enabling conditions and horizontal principles. No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, but in order to ensure compliance with horizontal principles, the ISF 2021-2027 programme legislation included a requirement for projects to respect horizontal principles.

<u>Member States' annual performance report on the Internal Security Fund to the</u> <u>Commission referred to in Article 30 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149</u>

IDENTIFICATION

CCI	2021LT65ISPR001
Name	Internal Security Fund Annual Performance
	Report
Versions	
Reference year	01/07/2022 - 30/06/2023
Date of approval of the report by the	Minutes of the Monitoring Committee meeting
monitoring committee	No 1VL-424 of 15 February 2024

1. OPERATIONAL RESULTS

1.1. Progress in implementation. Article 30(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

For each specific objective, report on progress in implementing the programme and in achieving the milestones and targets set out in it, taking into account the most recent data for the accounting year, as required under Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. This refers to the cumulative data provided by 31 July of the year before the year that the report is submitted.

Within each specific objective, the information on progress should preferably be structured around the implementation measures, indicative actions and desired outcomes identified in the programme.

Describe also any steps taken and relevant activities related to the implementation of the partnership as per Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

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The ISF 2021-2027 programme was approved during the accounting year (preparatory work was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM), a description of the management and control system has been prepared, the necessary national legislation is being prepared (<u>https://vsfsvvp.lt/teisine-informacija/lr-teises-aktai/30</u>), and work is ongoing on the establishment of the electronic data exchange system referred to in Article 69(8) of the CPR.

The ISF programme action implementation plan was approved during the accounting year, which includes calls for project implementation plans (applications) for all three ISF specific objectives (SOs):

SO1 "Better exchange of information": planned implementation of 16 regular actions;

SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation": 7 regular actions and 2 specific actions are planned;

SO3 'Strengthening capacity to prevent and combat crime': 12 regular actions are planned.

The first three calls for proposals were launched for all three SOs:

1st call on 23/01/2023

2nd call on 24/03/2023

3rd call on 23/06/2023

By the end of the reporting period there were carring out evaluation of the applications of the 1st and 2nd calls for proposals and Intermediate body was receiving the applications of the

3rd call of proposals.

No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the SOs, actions and planned results of the ISF programme could not be achieved. This was due to the subsequent adoption of the ISF programme, national legislation. The delay in the preparation of the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF programme was due to the approval of the Regulations in mid-2021, the presentation of the Description of Indicators Ref Ares(2021)7385050-30/11/2023 and the revised Description Ref Ares(2022)1238557-18/02/2022, as well as the delays in the implementation of SFC2021, were produced in the data transmission reporting system shortly before the submission of the data, i.e. at the end of January 2023, the last excel data import form was published on 27 March 2023.

In order to implement the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR during the implementation of the programme, a Monitoring Committee for the BMVI/ISF was set up during the accounting year. The composition of the Monitoring Committee was approved on 12/10/2022 the order No 1V-637 and placed by is on https://vsfsvvp.lt/bendra-informacija/svvp-ir-vsf-20212027-m.-programu-stebesenoskomitetas/32 Representatives of the competent authorities shall participate in the Monitoring Committee and may involve, where appropriate, socio-economic partners and/or experts. During the reporting period, 4 Monitoring Committee meetings/written procedures took place. The rules of procedure of the Monitoring Committee, the data and information submitted to it shall be published on the website https://www.vsfsvvp.lt/bendra-informacija/svvp-ir-vsf-20212027-m.-programu-stebesenos-komitetas/32

1.2. Issues affecting performance. Article 30(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

For each specific objective, describe any issues affecting the performance of the programme during the accounting year and any actions taken to address them.

Whenever possible and relevant, you are encouraged to distinguish between issues related to:

- insufficient amount of information on achievements¹;
- setting targets²;
- procedural delays and administrative capacity³;
- context changes⁴;
- planning and/or implementation of actions⁵; and
- any other matter.

Describe any changes to strategy or national objectives, or any factors that may lead to changes in the future, as well as the modifications that those changes have produced in the targets estimated as per the methodology to establish the performance framework.

¹ This refers to the situation when there is a gap between the nominal target achievement rate measured by the indicators and the actual progress in implementation. For instance, under-reporting of output and results could be due to issues with the development of the IT system, ongoing operations for which output and results are not yet reported, issues with the data collection leading to slow or incomplete reporting, etc.

² This refers to a situation where the low target achievement rate is not due to slow progress but rather to incorrect or unrealistic target setting. It may include lessons learned in connection with the establishment of a methodology for target setting – such as wrong or incomplete assumptions or issues with the benchmark values selected – and any planned changes to it.

³ For instance, issues related to tendering procedures, issues with audit procedures, issues linked to lack of resources at the managing authority level, an unforeseen delay in the adoption of the programme, etc.

⁴ This can include, for instance, socioeconomic or political factors, changes in the regulatory context, etc.

⁵ For instance, issues to do with the scope of the action (e.g. eligibility criteria), low interest from beneficiaries or participants, any deviation in the implementation of the action etc.

Include information on any reasoned opinions delivered by the Commission in respect of infringement proceedings under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and which are linked to the implementation of the fund.

Enter the text. Maximum length: Characters

No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the SOs, actions and planned results of the ISF programme could not be achieved. This was due to the subsequent adoption of the ISF programme and national legislation. The delay in the preparation of the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF programme was due to the approval of the Regulations in mid-2021, the presentation of the Description of Indicators Ref Ares(2021)7385050-30/11/2023 and the revised Description Ref Ares(2022)1238557-18/02/2022, as well as the delays in the implementation of SFC2021, were produced in the data transmission reporting system shortly before the submission of the data, i.e. at the end of January 2023, the last excel data import form was published on 27 March 2023.

During the accounting year, the ISF programme was approved (preparatory work was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM), a description of the management and control system has been prepared, the necessary national legislation is being prepared (<u>https://vsfsvvp.lt/teisine-informacija/lr-teises-aktai/30</u>), and work is ongoing on the establishment of the electronic data exchange system referred to in Article 69(8) of the CPR.

The ISF programme action implementation plan was approved, which includes calls for project implementation plans (applications) for all three ISF SOs:

SO1 "Better exchange of information": planned implementation of 16 regular actions;

SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation": 7 regular actions and 2 specific actions are planned;

SO3 "Strengthening capacity to prevent and combat crime": 12 regular actions are planned.

The first three calls for project implementation plans (applications) for all three SOs were launched during the reporting period and 10 applicants were invited to submit proposals (all calls are subject to a method of planning public projects):

1st call on 23/01/2023

2nd call on 24/03/2023

3rd call on 23/06/2023

By the end of the reporting period there were carring out evaluation of the applications of the 1st and 2nd calls for proposals and Intermediate body was receiving the applications of the 3rd call of proposals.

1.3. Specific mitigation measures

If relevant, please briefly describe how the programme-related activities have mitigated the impact of important and sudden changes in the context that may have led to unforeseen security threats. Whenever possible, refer to the volume of resources redeployed for this purpose, and the related outputs and results achieved.

Pay specific attention to activities carried out to mitigate the unforeseen security threats and whose achievements may not be fully captured by the common output and result indicators.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the specific objectives, actions and planned results of the ISF programme could not be achieved.

1.4. Operating support. Article 16(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

If operating support was used in the accounting year, please describe how it contributed to the achievement of the Fund's objectives⁶.

If the total cumulative eligible cost of operating support for the operations selected for support exceeds 20% of the total programme allocation at the end of the accounting year, explain the reasons. Additionally, if there is a risk that the threshold is exceeded by the end of the programming period, describe the measures envisaged to mitigate it.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

No project contracts (including operating support) were signed during the accounting year. There is no projects for operating support programmed.

1.5. Concrete actions⁷

Describe the main achievements of the specific actions carried out during the accounting year and how they contributed to the achievement of the programme's objectives and Union added value⁸.

Describe the progress of the individual actions⁹, both procedurally¹⁰ and operationally, and highlight any problems affecting their results, in particular any risk of under-implementation of appropriations.

If relevant, break this information down to the project level. If any deviation from the original planning is expected, explain the reasons for this, describe any mitigating actions taken, and provide the revised timetable.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 5000 characters.

The approved ISF programme included two projects to be implemented under SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation" specific action *European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT)* (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1):

(1) Project of the Police Department "*European Research Team*" (contract signed on 18/09/2023, project duration 01/02/2023 - 29/02/2024). The eligible official and the successful official was posted to work in Spain until the date of signature of the contract;

(2) the Customs Department's project "Fighting excise offences in the Baltic Sea Region" (contract signed on 08/08/2023, project duration 01/06/2023 - 31/12/2025); prior to the signature of the contract, i.e. a project preparatory meeting organised by the ETCB in Tallinn on 7-8 March 2023, officials were selected to participate in study visits at Europol.

No specific action project contracts were signed during the reporting year. Project activities started before project contracts were signed. Project contracts were signed after the reporting period due to the preparation of the implementation of the entire ISF programme – the first ISF call for proposals, including this specific action, was published on 31/01/2023, the

If relevant for this purpose, refer to the recommendations from quality control and evaluation mechanisms, such as: (I) the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism established by Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis* and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen (OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27) and Council Regulation (EU) 2022/922 of 9 June 2022 on the establishment and operation of an *evaluation* and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 (OJ L 160, 15.6.2022, p. 1), or (ii) other quality control and evaluation mechanisms, as applicable.

⁷ In the case of specific actions with a transnational nature, the scope of this section varies according to the distribution of roles and responsibilities between the lead Member States and the other participating Member States, as well as the choice of the reporting method. This is described in the Commission Notice of 14 February 2022 entitled 'Specific cross-border actions under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVI) and the Internal Security Fund (ISF). Partner Agreements' (Ares(2022) 1060102).

⁸ Union added value is defined as the generation of results beyond what would have been achieved by Member States acting alone.

⁹ For instance, in connection to procurement activities or any other preparatory steps taken.

¹⁰ For instance, in terms of deliverables, outputs, results etc.

evaluation of the proposals and the signature of the contracts continued.

This was due to the subsequent adoption of the ISF programme – the ISF 2021-2027 programme was approved during the accounting year (preparatory work was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM) and national legislation. The delay in the preparation of the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF programme was due to the approval of the Regulations in mid-2021, the presentation of the Description of Indicators Ref Ares(2021)7385050-30/11/2023 and the revised Description Ref Ares(2022)1238557-18/02/2022, as well as the delays in the implementation of SFC2021, were produced in the data transmission reporting system shortly before the submission of the data, i.e. at the end of January 2023, the last excel data import form was published on 27 March 2023.

Enter in the Tablebelow the details of all the national specific actions implemented in the programme. Reporting on specific cross-border actions should be compatible with the chosen reporting method¹¹.

Specific objective	Name/ reference number of	Beneficiary	Implementing period	Eligible costs ¹²	Eligible costs ¹³	and/or progra	relevant common amme specific ators ¹⁴
	the action					Product	Result
SO2	European		01/02/2023 – 29/02/2024	0	0	0	0
SO2	European Multidiscip linary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT) (ISF/2022/ SA/2.2.1) (project ref number ISF/2022/S A/2.2.1/012)	t under the ministry of Finance	01/06/2023 – 31/12/2025	0	0	0	0

¹¹ As set out in the Commission's note of 14 February 2022 (Ares (2022)1060102).

¹² Total eligible cost of selected operations, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

¹³ Total amount of eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

¹⁴ If specific actions represent a top-up of previous operations and there are no dedicated monitoring arrangements, report the output and results pro-rata.

1.6. Compliance with Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Report the total cumulative amount of incurred and paid expenditure for equipment, means of transport or the construction of security-relevant facilities pursuant to Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149, as per the data to be stored electronically in line with field 142, Annex XVII of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

Please enter the amount

Confirm that the total cumulative eligible cost of operations selected for support for equipment, means of transport or the construction of security-relevant facilities pursuant to Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 does not exceed 35 % of the total allocation of the programme by the end of the accounting year, or explain the reasons for this. Additionally, if there is a risk that the threshold is exceeded by the end of the programming period, describe the measures envisaged to mitigate it, or the duly justified reasons to exceed the threshold.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 3000 characters.

No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, therefore it is not possible to indicate the total amount of expenditure incurred and paid for the purchase of equipment, vehicles or the installation of security-related infrastructure.

1.7. Only in 2024: continuation of projects. Article 34(4), point (e), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Please provide information on all projects carried out after 1 January 2021 that have been selected and started in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, in accordance¹⁵ with Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁶.

Enter the text. Maximum length: 4000 characters. Not applicable.

2. COMPLEMENTARITY

2.1. Complementarity with other Union funds. Article 30(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Describe the complementarity and, if relevant, synergies between the actions supported by the fund and the support provided by other Union funds in the field of security, for example:

- The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF), including the Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI) and the Instrument for Financial Support for Customs Control Equipment;
- the cohesion funds, especially the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF);
- the security research part of Horizon Europe;
- The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme;
- The Digital Europe programme;

¹⁵ Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93).

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112).

- the InvestEU Programme;
- the Technical Support Instrument;
- the ReSCUE reserve,
- The Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) Global Europe; and
- The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

Pay particular attention to:

- complementarity with Union's external financing instruments for actions taken in or in relation to third countries, underlining the aspects that are consistent with the principles and general objectives of the Union's external policy; and
- the use of enabling mechanisms, such as organisational and procedural arrangements that help achieve complementarities, and, if relevant, synergies, and to any actions taken to improve them during the accounting year.

If relevant, describe also:

- complementarity of ongoing actions to strengthen inter-agency cooperation¹;
- synergies in relation to security of infrastructure and public spaces, cybersecurity, the protection of victims and the prevention of radicalisation.

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Consistency with other programmes during the reporting period was ensured through the implementation of the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR, the involvement of the various relevant bodies involved in the planning and/or implementation of other EU funds and programmes in the monitoring of the implementation and progress of the ISF 2021-2027 programme through the establishment of the Monitoring Committee, the approval of its Work Regulation and the organisation of 4 meetings/written procedures during the reporting period. During the reporting period, progress in preparation for the implementations of the ISF programme was presented at the Monitoring Committee meetings and recommendations were made on how to combine the funding of actions. Recommendations by the Monitoring Committee to approve ISF action implementation plan are based on the applicants letters where they explain why it is needed to revise ISF action implementation plan. All calls are subject to a method of planning public projects. Managing authority analysis all the requests to change ISF action implementation plans taking into account all the possible risks (decommitment, planning of funds, mid-term review, other).

2.2. Multifunctional equipment and ICT systems. Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Describe briefly the relevant operations involving equipment and ICT systems purchased within the programme and partly used in the complementary area covered by Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 and for achieving the objectives of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy. Indicate the place(s) where the multipurpose equipment and ICT systems were deployed.

For equipment, also provide information on the period when it was used in the complementary areas of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

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No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, therefore there are no specific cases of use of equipment and ICT systems financed by the ISF in the additional area of the

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Such as cooperation at Union level between the Member States, and between Member States and relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, as well as cooperation at national level among the competent authorities within each Member State.

Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

For a Union information system funded under the Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 which also serves the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 (multipurpose) or activities² required under the EU interoperability legal framework, fill in the table below.

Specific objective	1	Beneficiary of the operation	Purpose of action	Implementing period	Co- financing rate	Eligible costs ³	Eligible costs ⁴
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3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION ACQUIS: ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (D), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Describe how, during the accounting year, the programme contributed to implementing the relevant Union *acquis* (the body of Union law) on security and exchange of relevant information, and to any relevant action plans.

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As no project contracts were signed during the reporting year, the projects of the ISF 2021-2027 programme did not contribute to the implementation of the EU *acquis* and EU action plans.

4. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY. ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (E), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Describe how communication and visibility actions were carried out during the accounting year. In particular, refer to any progress made on the objectives set out in the communication strategy, as measured by the relevant indicators and their targets. If relevant, describe any good practices in reaching out to the target groups and/or disseminating and exploiting the results of the projects.

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The following communication and visibility actions were carried out during the reporting year:

- the managing authority organised the procurement of a communication event. The purpose of the event is to present the event participants with the results of the implementation of the ISF 2014-2020 programme and to present the BMVI and ISF programmes for 2021-2027. The target audience is the authorities involved in the administration and implementation of the ISF 2014-2020 programme, the BMVI and the ISF 2021-2027 programmes. The event took place in the next reporting year.
- the managing authority carried out communication on the implementation of the

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Regulation (EU) 2019/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of borders and visa and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240, (EU) 2018/1726 and (EU) 2018/1861 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decisions 2004/512/EC and 2008/633/JHA (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 27). Regulation (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a

framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2018/1862 and (EU) 2019/816 (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 85).

³ Total eligible cost of selected operations, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

Total amount of eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority, as reported to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

ISF programme on the single website of the Ministry of Interior and on social media accounts (knowledge on the approval of the ISF programme, on the meetings of the Monitoring Committee).

- the intermediate body organised an event for applicants on 21 December 2022 on the requirements for completing the project implementation plan (application) and other documents.
- the intermediate body, together with the managing authority, has started to develop a communication manual for applicants and final beneficiaries. This publication will present the main requirements to guide communication on the draft ISF/BMVI programmes for 2021-2027 and the results achieved.
- the managing authority participated in events organised by the National Coordinator and the European Commission to discuss communication issues.

Provide a link to the website portal referred to in Article 46, point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and, if different, to the website referred to in Article 49(1) of that Regulation.

The single web portal provided for in Article 46(b) CPR was created during the accounting year:

https://lrv.lt/lt/es-fondu-investicijos-lietuvoje-2021-2027-m/

The Registry of the Government of Lithuania is responsible for its establishment and supervision.

During the accounting year, the managing authority organised public procurements for the creation of a new website to publish information on the 2021-2027 ISF/BMVI programmes at https://www.vsfsvvp.lt/. Work has been carried out to develop the website. The Act of Reception and Transmission of the Website was signed in the following accounting year.

5. ENABLING CONDITIONS AND HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES

5.1. Enabling conditions: Article 30(2), point (f), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149

Describe how it was ensured that the applicable enabling conditions in Annex III of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 were fulfilled and applied throughout the accounting year, in particular as regards complying with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. If relevant, describe any change that had an impact on how the enabling conditions were fulfilled, as provided for in Article 15(6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

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No project contracts were signed during the accounting year, therefore the situation has not changed due to enabling conditions specified in the ISF programme. Enabling conditions are specified in Table 9 of the ISF 2021-2027 programme.

5.2. Respect for horizontal principles: Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060

Describe how you ensured compliance during the accounting year with the horizontal principles laid down in the Common Provision Regulation, in particular equality between men and women and the promotion of gender mainstreaming, as well as avoiding discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

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No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, but in order to ensure compliance with horizontal principles, the ISF 2021-2027 programme legislation included a requirement for projects to respect horizontal principles. The project management and funding rules lay

down general criteria for the selection of projects, one of which ensures that the project cannot adversely affect the horizontal principles referred to in Article 9 of CPR and national legislation. The general criteria for selecting projects must be met by all projects, both at the time of the evaluation of the project implementation plans (applications) and at the time of project implementation.

During the 4th meeting of the Monitoring Committee, the members of the Monitoring Committee were briefed on the state of play on the implementation of the horizontal principles and were informed that no complaints were received regarding the implementation of the horizontal principles in the BMVI and ISF 2021-2027 programmes.

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES OR PROJECTS RELATED TO THIRD COUNTRIES. ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (G), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Describe any actions taking place in or in relation to third countries during the accounting year and how these bring Union added value in achieving the objectives set by the fund. Indicate the names of the third countries concerned. If relevant, refer to the consultations with the Commission before the project was approved (Article 13(11) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149).

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No project contracts were signed during the accounting year and therefore no actions were carried out in third countries.

7. SUMMARY. ARTICLE 30(2) OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Provide a summary of sections 1 to 6, which will be translated and made available to the public.

As a minimum, the summary must cover all the points listed in Article 30(2), and should preferably be structured around them.

The use of bullet points, bold text or informative headings is encouraged, so that interested stakeholders can easily identify the programme's main achievements and the main issues affecting its performance.

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1.1. — 1.3. Progress in implementation. Article 30(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149; Issues affecting performance. Article 30(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149; Specific mitigation measures:

In the accounting year in order to prepare the implementation of the ISF 2021-2027 programme and the signature of project contracts:

- the national legislation necessary for the implementation of the ISF 2021-2027 programme was finalised;
- a description of the management and control system has been drawn up;
- work was undertaken to create the electronic data exchange system referred to in Article 69(8) of the CPR;

- a Monitoring Committee was set up with the main function of overseeing the implementation and progress of the BMVI and ISF programmes.

1.5. Specific actions. The approved ISF programme included two projects to be implemented under SO2 "Enhanced operational cooperation" specific action *European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT)* (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1):

(1) "European Investigation Team" project (ref number ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1/001) of the Police Department. The eligible official and the successful official was posted to work in Spain until

the date of signature of the contract. The main objective of the project is to create a European Operational Team (EOT) focusing on high-risk criminal networks, their identification and dismantling in the Costa del Sol region of Spain. After the creation of the EOT, it will be possible to respond to the identified large-scale criminal activities of dangerous individuals or groups and their members with the help of joint and coordinated intelligence data. The EOT team will consist of 30 officers from various EU member states who, working in established working groups, will carry out assigned investigative tasks by the means provided for by Spanish law;

(2) the Customs Department's project "Fighting excise crime in the Baltic Sea Region" (ref number ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1/012). The project is aimed at reducing crime in the field of excise duties by improving the efficiency and capabilities of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian law enforcement agencies in the fight against the shadow economy (trade in illegal tobacco products, fuel, alcohol) in the Baltic Sea region and the European Union (EU) in general.

Projects activities started before the project contracts were signed. Project contracts were signed after the reporting period due to the preparation of the implementation of the entire ISF programme (due to the subsequent approval of the ISF programme (preparatory work was carried out for the approval of ISF programme coordinating programme with COM) and national legislation) – the first ISF call for proposals, including this specific action, was published on 31/01/2023, the evaluation of the proposals and the signature of the contracts continued.

2.1. Complementarity with other Union funds. Article 30(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149. Consistency with other programmes during the reporting period was ensured through the implementation of the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR, by involving the various relevant bodies involved in the planning and/or implementation of other EU funds and programmes in the monitoring of the implementation and progress of the ISF 2021-2027 programme.

4. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY. ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (E), OF **REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149.** The following communication and visibility actionsshall be carried out in uvo: organisation of an information event for applicants, dissemination of information on websites and social media, creation of a single web portal provided for in Art. 46(b) CPR https://lrv.lt/lt/es-fondu-investicijos-lietuvoje-2021-2027-m/.

5. Enabling conditions and horizontal principles. No project contracts were signed during the reporting year, but in order to ensure compliance with horizontal principles, the ISF 2021-2027 programme legislation included a requirement for projects to respect horizontal principles.

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