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1. PERFORMANCE

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

For each specific objective, provide information on the progress made in the implementation of the programme and in achieving the milestones and targets set out therein, based on the most recent data for the reporting year, as required by Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. This refers to aggregated data provided by 31 July of the year preceding the year in which the report is submitted.

For each specific objective, information on progress should preferably be broken down according to the implementation measures, indicative actions and desired results set out in the programme.

Please also describe any actions taken and relevant activities related to the implementation of the partnership as provided for in Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

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The [action plan for the implementation of](#) the ISF programme, which includes the planned calls for project implementation plans under all three ISF specific objectives (SO), is published on the website of the Managing Authority [at www.vsfsvp.it](http://www.vsfsvp.it). All calls are planned in the way of state project planning.

From the start of the implementation of the programme until the end of the accounting year:

- 11 calls for project implementation plans have been launched;
- 31 grant agreements were signed out of 39 planned;
- EUR 23 295 933.06 of EU funds were contracted (77% of the EU funds planned in the ISF programme);
- EUR 7 845 688.22 (20% of the total allocation of the EU and national contribution planned in the ISF programme) was paid to final beneficiaries;
- 4 projects completed.

In the reference year:

- 4 calls for project implementation plans have been launched for all three SO;
- 6 project implementation plans were invited, 5 project implementation plans were actually received;
- sum of calls EUR 2 155 165,50 excluding the sum of call ISF.9.
- 12 new grant agreements have been signed;
- EUR 7 435 133.24 was contracted (representing 25% of the EU funds planned in the ISF

programme);

- EUR 7 122 021.10 was paid to final beneficiaries (18% of the total allocation - EU and national contribution planned in the ISF programme);

- 31 ongoing projects for all three SO, of which 3 projects were completed, 1 project was completed in the previous reporting year.

Descriptions of all ongoing ISF programme projects are published on the website of the managing authority <https://vsfsvp.lt/projects/240#c4>

To achieve SO1 objectives, 14 out of 17 projects are implemented under the following actions:

1.1. IT systems and networks (10 projects)

1.2. Education and training of relevant law enforcement, judicial and administrative agencies staff and experts (1 project)

1.3. Equipment, vehicles, communication systems and essential security-related infrastructure (3 projects)

EUR 13 990 846.62 of EU funds (80% of SO1) were contracted and EUR 3 286 473.33 of EU and national contribution (14% of SO1) was paid to final beneficiaries.

To achieve SO2 objectives, 9 (two of which are described under specific actions in paragraph 1.5 of this report) out of 11 projects are implemented under the following actions:

2.1. IT systems and networks (1 project).

2.2. *SPECIFIC ACTION* EMPACT actions implementing or facilitating the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1) – more details in section 1.5 ‘Specific actions’ of this report.

2.3. equipment, vehicles, communication systems and essential security-related infrastructure (5 projects).

2.4. *SPECIFIC ACTION* Council Recommendation on operational law enforcement cooperation – redirecting recommendations to joint actions (ISF/2023/SA/2.1.1) – for more information, see section 1.5 ‘Specific actions’ of this report.

EUR 3 578 937.99 of EU funds (86% of SO2) was contracted and EUR 2 322 248.63 of EU and national contribution (43% of SO2) was paid to final beneficiaries.

To achieve SO3 objectives, 8 out of 11 projects are implemented under the following actions:

3.1. IT systems and objectives (1 project)

3.2. Actions supporting an effective and coordinated crisis response (4 projects)

3.3. education and training of relevant law enforcement, judicial and administrative agencies staff and experts (2 projects)

3.4. Equipment, vehicles, communication systems and essential security-related infrastructure (1 project)

EUR 5 726 148.45 of EU funds (83% of SO3) was contracted and EUR 2 236 966.26 of EU and national contribution (24% of SO3) was paid to final beneficiaries.

Progress in the implementation of the ISF programme is due to the close cooperation between final beneficiaries and managing authority, intermediate body. It is important not only to successfully declare funds, but also to work together to achieve important goals and priorities for Lithuania.

In order to receive additional funding for the mid-term review of the ISF (Article 14 of the ISF Regulation), the managing authority carried out a specific monitoring of ISF projects during the reporting period by informing the BMVI/ISF monitoring committee of the progress. ISF final beneficiaries were asked to accelerate the activities of ongoing projects,

including their procurement and declaration of expenditure to the intermediate body. Meetings were organised with representatives of managing authorities, intermediate body and final beneficiaries to discuss the progress of project implementation, potential risks and investment speed. The objective has been achieved: **the EC allocated an additional EUR 2 649 166.00 to the LT ISF programme following the mid-term review.**

All actions and targets are planned and implemented as foreseen in the ISF programme and the [performance framework of the ISF programme for 2021-2027](#). The milestones planned in the ISF programme and its performance framework were partially achieved during the accounting year, as the planning of indicator values at the stage of preparation of the ISF programme was expected to start project implementation earlier. Nevertheless, all three LT output indicators related to the acquisition of equipment were achieved. The progress of other indicators is slower due to specificities (e.g. indicators related to the opinion of participants in training activities after training) or to the changing situation or needs. Therefore, **there were no significant deviations from the planned indicators during the reporting period.**

Progress towards the achievement of ISF programme indicators is ongoing and we do not currently see a risk of programme indicators not being achieved. Indicator values achieved for the ISF programme during the reporting period:

SO1:

- Number of ICT systems developed/adapted/maintained: 3;
- Number of items of equipment purchased: 175;
- Number of ICT systems that have become interoperable in Member States/EU and decentralised information systems related to security/international databases: 3.
- Number of administrative units that have put in place new or adapted existing mechanisms/procedures/tools/guidelines for the exchange of information with other Member States/Union bodies, offices or agencies/third countries/international organisations: 2.

SO2:

- Number of cross-border operations (of which number of joint investigation teams): 1;
- Number of expert meetings/workshops/study visits/joint exercises: 9;
- Number of items of equipment purchased: 55;
- The value of assets frozen in cross-border operations is estimated at EUR 4.01 million;
- Number of administrative units that have developed/adapted existing cooperation mechanisms/procedures/tools/guidelines with other Member States/Union bodies, offices or agencies/third countries/international organisations: 1;
- Number of staff involved in cross-border operations: 1.

SO3:

- Number of participants in training activities: 31 (of which 31 consider training useful for their work);
- Number of exchange programmes/workshops/study visits: 5;
- Number of items of equipment purchased: 86;
- Number of vehicles purchased: 1.

In order to achieve efficient data exchange between authorities, the Intermediate Body has carried out work to improve the electronic data exchange system.

During the reporting period, **4 Monitoring Committee meetings/written procedures were organised** to present progress in the implementation of the ISF programme: risks, information on calls for project implementation plans and grant agreements; communication activities. All

information on the BMVI/ISF Monitoring Committee are available on the website of the ISF Managing Authority https://www.vsfsvp.lt/background_information/svvp-ir-vsf-20212027-programme-monitoring-committee/32

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

Describe for each specific objective any issues that affected the performance of the programme during the accounting year and any actions taken to address them.

Where possible and relevant, you should distinguish between issues related to:

- insufficient information on achievements¹;
- the setting of targets²;
- procedural delays and administrative capacity;³
- contextual changes⁴;
- the planning and/or implementation of actions;⁵ and
- on any other matter.

Describe any changes to the strategy or national targets, or any factors that may lead to future changes, as well as the resulting changes to the targets calculated using the methodology for establishing the performance, monitoring and evaluation framework.

Include information on any reasoned opinions issued by the Commission under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) in relation to the implementation of the Fund.

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During the reporting period, there were no major issues or challenges affecting the performance of the ISF programme.

The milestones for indicators planned in the ISF programme and its performance framework were partially achieved during the reporting year, as the planning of indicator values at the ISF programme design stage was expected to start project implementation earlier. Nevertheless, the progress of indicator values in the implementation of projects is visible, so there were no significant deviations from the planned indicators during the reporting period. During the reporting period, a change in the values of programme indicators in the performance framework of the ISF programme was made as a result of a change in the ISF programme in the previous reporting year (EC decision of 4 May 2024). During the reporting period, the methodology for drawing up the performance framework remained unchanged.

Intensified monitoring of ISF projects was also carried out during the reporting period with a view to obtaining additional funding for the mid-term review of the ISF (Article 14 of the ISF

¹ These are cases where there is a gap between the nominal achievement rate of targets measured by indicators and the actual progress in implementation. For example, insufficient information on outputs and results may be due to problems with the development of the IT system, ongoing actions for which outputs and results have not yet been reported, or problems with data collection leading to slow or incomplete reporting, etc.

² These are cases where the low achievement rate of targets is not due to slow progress, but to the setting of inappropriate or unrealistic targets. This may include lessons learnt from the development of the methodology for setting targets, such as incorrect or incomplete assumptions or issues related to the chosen benchmarks, and planned changes to it.

³ For example, issues related to tender procedures, issues related to audit procedures, issues related to lack of resources at managing authority level, unforeseen delays in the adoption of the programme, etc.

⁴ These may include, for example, social, economic or political factors, changes in the regulatory context, etc.

⁵ For example, issues related to the scope of the action (such as eligibility criteria), low interest of beneficiaries or participants, any deviations during the implementation of the action, etc.

Regulation). Following the successful smooth cooperation between the institutions, the acceleration of the implementation of projects and the declaration of expenditure, additional funding for the mid-term review of the ISF was received during the accounting year and preparations for the amendment of the ISF programme started.

1.3. Specific mitigation measures

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

Pay particular attention to actions taken to mitigate the impact of unforeseen security threats, the results of which may not be fully reflected in the assessment of common output and result indicators.

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During the reporting year, no activities were undertaken or grant agreements were signed for ISF projects with specific measures to mitigate important and sudden changes in the context, as there was no such need.

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

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

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

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No operational support project contracts were signed during the reporting year.

1.5. Specific actions⁷

Describe the main achievements of the specific actions carried out during the accounting year and how they contributed to the objectives of the programme and to the creation of Union added value.⁸

Describe the progress of the individual actions,⁹ both procedurally¹⁰ and operationally, and highlight any issues affecting their results, in particular any risk of under-implementation.

⁶ If relevant, refer to the recommendations made in the context of the 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 For specific actions with a cross-border dimension, the scope of this section varies depending on the distribution of roles and responsibilities between the lead Member States and the other participating Member States, as well as the reporting approach chosen. 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 results achieved beyond what would have been achieved by Member States acting alone.

⁹ For example, in relation to procurement activities or other preparatory actions undertaken.

¹⁰ For example, in terms of implementation measures, outputs, etc.

If necessary, please break down this information at project level. If deviations from the original plan are likely to occur, please explain the reasons for them, describe the mitigation actions taken and provide a revised timeline.

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During the reporting year, 2 projects were implemented under ISF-specific actions:

2.2. SPECIFIC ACTION: EMPACT (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1)

Customs Department Project “Combating excise crime in the Baltic Sea Region” (contract signed 08/08/2023, project duration 01/06/2023 – 31/12/2025).

The project contributes directly to the following SO2 results:

1. Support to operational projects of EMPACT or Joint Investigation Teams;
2. Improved capacity to control international drug trafficking and strengthen the fight against serious and organised cross-border crime.

Equipment purchased:

- sound recording equipment (25 pcs.);
- endoscope (1 pc.);
- video recording equipment (Compendium 2).

Study visits:

- 4 study visits at Europol, Eurojust and customs offices in Netherlands 16 Customs Criminal Service officers (26.10.2023, 07.12.2023, 17-21.3.2025, 19-23.05.2025).

International and local training:

In Lithuania, the Customs Criminal Service organised 3 trainings in the field of IT:

- 06/06/2024 - 06/12/2024 Magnet Forensics Training Annual Pass;
- 29.10.2024-25.11.2024 Cellebrite Training;
- 15-19.09.2025 ‘OSINT: Foundations’;
- 11-13.11.2025 i2 Analyst's Notebook Advanced training.

Ad hoc study meetings:

- meeting on examination of excise goods by X-ray control in Riga (Latvia);
- meeting on ongoing investigations concerning illegal cigarette factories in the region of Bialystok (Poland);
- meeting on ongoing investigations concerning illegal cigarette factories and tobacco smuggling in the region of The Hague, the NL;
- meeting on an ongoing investigation into illicit tobacco trafficking in the region of Cologne, DE.

Following the study visits and trainings, cooperation with Eurojust and Europol also intensified between the participating authorities (the customs investigation units of LT, LV and EE) and the exchange of operational information between the said authorities in the field of excise investigations, e.g. sent during the half of 2024-2025.

Customs Criminal Service officers participated in the following international operations:

- EMPACT "TRIDENT" of 13/10/2023, to organise joint targeted actions to fight organised crime by carrying out checks on ferry passengers and vehicles in ports of the Baltic Sea region countries;
- EMPACT ‘Action Days HANSA’ of 31/10/2023 and 15/12/2024 to combat the illicit trafficking of tobacco and tobacco products;

- EMPACT JAD FINESTRA 3 and 4, coordinated by Frontex on 17/11/2023 and 15/11/2024, to control the movement of illegal excise goods, the fight against illegal migration and document fraud across the EU south-eastern borders;
- EMPACT JAD ARCTOS 6, coordinated by Frontex addressing the same subjects across the EU eastern borders;
- Operation 'Baltika', coordinated by the Estonian Customs and Tax Service on 13/06/2025, to combat the smuggling of excise goods by sea ferries.

2.4. *SPECIFIC ACTION*: Council Recommendation on operational law enforcement cooperation – redirecting recommendations to joint actions (ISF/2023/SA/2.1.1)

Police Department Project 'Empowering law enforcement authorities in the Baltic Sea Region to tackle new cross-border threats' (contract signed 12/12/2024, project duration 01/11/2024 – 31/10/2026).

The project contributes directly to the following SO2 result: increased operational cooperation.

- On 28-29/05/2025, a project opening event was organised with the participation of LT, LV and PL law enforcement authorities. The partner countries presented the state of implementation of the Council recommendations in their countries and discussed the further development of the project. Separate meetings of representatives of the three components of the project were also organised to determine the most effective way of achieving the project indicators.
- On 29/05/2025, representatives of LT, LV and PL prepared the specification of the car. The vehicle will be used for joint exercises in the border areas of LT, PL and LV in order to strengthen the capacity of officials during joint cross-border operations.

Meetings between LT, LV and PL:

1. 01/03/2025 and 04/04/2025 - meetings on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and SPOC Capability Assessment Methodology;
2. 14/04/2025 meeting on "Development of a common training programme for SPOC officers";
3. 25/05/2025 meeting on "Developing proposals for enhancing synergies and information exchange between law enforcement authorities (police, customs, border authorities) operating in border regions and establishing common standards in this area";
4. 18/06/2025 meeting on "Expanding SPOC cooperation with regional police headquarters through capacity building and reviewing the model framework for international cooperation at regional level".

1 project under ISF-specific action completed:

2.2. *SPECIFIC ACTION* : EMPACT (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1)

Police Department Project 'European Investigation Team' (contract signed 18/09/2023, project duration 01/02/2023 – 29/02/2024).

The project directly contributed to the outcome of SO2: support for operational projects of EMPACT or Joint Investigation Teams (JITs).

An official from the Lithuanian Police was posted to Spain, the Costa del Sol region. It joined an international operational team focused on identifying and dismantling high-risk criminal networks. During the official's mission, the following results were achieved:

5 persons of Lithuanian nationality were arrested for various crimes;

- Investigative actions were taken against 8 individuals identified by the Lithuanian Police as

high-risk targets.

The project budget was intended for the support of an expert of the Lithuanian Police in the investigation team and covered mission expenses (accommodation, daily allowances, travel expenses, etc.). The budget was fully invested and there were no difficulties in implementing the project.

Please fill in the table below for details of all specific actions implemented at national level under the programme. Reporting on specific cross-border actions should be consistent with the chosen way of reporting.¹¹

¹¹ As referred to in the Commission Notice of 14 February 2022 (Ares(2022) 1060102).

Specific objective	Name/number of the operation	Beneficiary	Implementation period	Eligible costs ¹²	Eligible costs ¹³	Progress on relevant common and/or programme-specific indicators ¹⁴	
						Product	Outcome
SO2	EMPACT actions implementing or facilitating the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle	Customs Department under FM	01/06/2023 – 31/12/2025	313 844,17	176 328,70	O.2.2. Number of expert meetings/workshops/study visits/joint exercises: 7 units; O.2.3. The number of items of equipment purchased is 28.	R.2.5. The value of assets frozen in cross-border operations was estimated at EUR 4 010 504.00.
SO2	EMPACT actions implementing or facilitating the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle	Police Department under the Ministry of Interior	01/02/2023 – 29/02/2024	58 759,86	58 759,86	O.2.1. Number of cross-border transactions: 1 unit; O.2.1.1. The number of joint investigation teams shall be reported separately: 1 unit;	R.2.8. Number of administrative units that have developed/adapted existing cooperation mechanisms/procedures/tools/guidelines with other Member States/Union bodies, offices or agencies/third countries/international organisations – 1 unit; R2.9. Number of employees involved in cross-border operations – 1 unit
SO2	Council Recommendation on operational law enforcement cooperation – redirecting recommendations to joint actions (ISF/2023/SA/2.1.1)	Police Department under the Ministry of Interior	01/11/2024 – 31/10/2026	338 762,11	8 894,03	Programme indicators were not declared in the project during the reporting year.	Programme indicators were not declared in the project during the reporting year.

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

¹² Total eligible expenditure of selected operations notified to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year

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

¹⁴ Where specific actions complement previous actions and there are no specific monitoring arrangements, the output and results shall be reported on a pro rata basis.

Indicate the total amount of expenditure incurred and paid in relation to the purchase of equipment, vehicles or installation of security-related infrastructure, as referred to in Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149, on the basis of the data to be stored electronically, as referred to in field 142 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

EUR 4 301 214.66 (EU share)

Validate that, as referred to in Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149, the total eligible cost of selected operations for the purchase of equipment, means of transport or the installation of security-related infrastructure does not exceed 35% of the total allocation to the programme by the end of the accounting year, or explain the reasons therefor. In addition, if there is a risk that this threshold will be exceeded by the end of the programming period, please describe the measures envisaged to mitigate this risk or the duly justified reasons for exceeding this threshold.

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The ISF managing authority shall confirm that the eligible expenditure for the common support for the purchase of equipment, means of transport or the installation of security-related infrastructure for selected operations as referred to in Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 does not exceed 35 % of the total allocation to the programme by the end of the accounting year and amounts to 14 %. The managing authority shall monitor from the beginning of the implementation of the projects under the ISF programme that this threshold is not exceeded until the end of the programming period, as each expenditure line in the project budget is assigned the intervention code(s) in accordance with Table 2 of Annex VI to the ISF Regulation in the project implementation plan and accepts the expenditure as eligible. The managing authority shall systematise all eligible and declarable expenditure for EC projects under codes 008, 009 and 010 in Table 2 of Annex VI to the ISF Regulation. This ensures traceability in accordance with Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149, the eligible expenditure of selected operations for the purchase of general support equipment, means of transport or for the installation of security-related infrastructure shall not exceed 35 % of the total allocation to the programme by the end of the accounting year.

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 under Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁵ in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of¹⁶ the European Parliament and of the Council .

Please enter 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, where relevant, synergies between actions supported by the Fund and security support provided by other Union funds, such as:

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 Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF), as well as the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVI) and the Instrument for Financial Support for Customs Control Equipment,
- cohesion funds, in particular 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;
- technical support measures,
- rescUE reserve
- the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe; and
- the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

Pay particular attention to:

- complementarity with the Union's external financing instruments for actions in or in relation to third countries, emphasising aspects consistent with the principles and general objectives of the Union's external policy; and
- the enabling mechanisms used, such as organisational and procedural arrangements, to achieve complementarity and, where appropriate, synergies, and any actions taken during the reporting year to improve these aspects.

If relevant, please also describe:

- the complementarity of existing actions with a view to enhancing inter-agency cooperation;¹⁷
- synergies related to ensuring the security of infrastructure and public spaces, cybersecurity, protection of victims and prevention of radicalisation.

Please enter text. Maximum length: 6000 characters.

Complementarity with other programmes during the reporting period is ensured by implementing the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR. Involvement of representatives of three organisations as observers in the activities of the Monitoring Committee (Lithuanian branch of the International Police Association; Lithuanian Defence and Security Industry Association; Mykolas Romeris University's Academy of Public Security) ensures broader involvement of relevant partners in monitoring the ISF programme and considering progress.

Representatives of the intermediate body and/or independent evaluators/experts may be invited to a meeting of the Monitoring Committee upon a decision of the Chair of the Monitoring Committee, as well as upon a proposal of other members or observers of the Monitoring Committee, and other socio-economic partners and/or experts in the relevant field may attend meetings of the Monitoring Committee, as appropriate.

For BMVI, AMIF, ESF, ERDF and ISF investments, an informal coordination mechanism takes the form of informal consultations between representatives of the authorities coordinating investments from different sources of funding. Representatives of the BMVI and

¹⁷ Such as inter-agency cooperation between Member States and between Member States and relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies at Union level, as well as inter-agency cooperation between competent authorities at national level in each Member State.

the ISF Managing Authority participates in the AMIF Monitoring Committee.

In the project implementation plan form prepared by the managing authority, the prospective applicant must provide information on implemented, ongoing projects that have received support from other EU funds or national sources, in order to make sure that the same project/activity will not receive a second funding.

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

Please provide a short description of the relevant actions related to the equipment and ICT systems procured under the Programme, which are partly used in the complementary area covered by Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 and which pursue the objectives of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy. Please indicate the location(s) where the multifunctional equipment and ICT systems were installed.

Please also provide information on the period during which the equipment was used in the additional areas of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

Please enter text. Maximum length: 3,000 characters.

During the reporting year, the ISF did not procure equipment and ICT systems that are partly used in the additional area covered by Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 and that pursue the objectives of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

For a (multifunctional) Union information system funded under Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 that also contributes to the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 or for actions¹⁸ required by the EU interoperability legal framework, please fill in the table below.

Specific objective	Title of the action	Beneficiary of the operation	Objective of the action	Implementation period	Co-financing rate	Eligible costs ¹⁹	Eligible costs ²⁰
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION ACQUIS: ARTICLE 30(2), POINT (D), OF REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149

Describe how during the reporting year the programme contributed to the implementation of the relevant Union *acquis* (Union legislation) in the field of security and exchange of relevant information and the related action plans.

Please enter text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

Final beneficiaries shall provide information on how the project has contributed to the implementation of the EU *acquis* only **with the final payment request**.

Since the start of the ISF programme, 31 projects have been implemented during the reporting

¹⁸ 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).

¹⁹ Total eligible expenditure of selected operations notified to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year

²⁰ Total amount of eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority and notified to the Commission by 31 July of the last accounting year.

period and 4 projects have been completed:

1. Special Investigation Service (STT) “Improvement of IS used in STT”

Improvements to STT IS have increased their resilience to cyber threats and operational reliability. At the same time, as the STT is the main anti-corruption institution in Lithuania, a secure and reliable STT IS contributes to the implementation of the objectives set for STT in the field of anti-corruption, thereby also contributing to the 1997 Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union.

2. Customs department „Acquisition and deployment of equipment for the Customs Criminal Intelligence Information System“

Information technology equipment was acquired, on the basis of which a modernized, interoperable criminal intelligence IS was launched in customs criminal intelligence activities in 2025, ensuring legal, secure, automated and integrated processing and transfer of information relevant to criminal intelligence to other law enforcement institutions (2023/C 217/02).

3. Police Department „European Research Team“

The project contributed to EMPACT Operational Action 2.6 under the priority “Production, trafficking and distribution of cannabis, cocaine and heroin.” Intelligence activities supported the disruption of international organised crime groups involved in drug trafficking, including networks linked to southern Spain, while also strengthening responses to related security threats and enhancing crime prevention in line with the EU Drug Strategy 2021–2025.

4. Police Department „Capacity building of special task units, Phase I“

The acquired hardware and software significantly contributed to expanding the capabilities of audio and video data collection, aiming to prevent the cross-border travel of individuals who may have committed criminal acts and are evading detention ([2021/784](#); [2022/915](#); [2008/615](#); [2008/616](#)).

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 reporting year. In particular, please indicate the progress towards the objectives set out in the communication strategy as measured by the relevant indicators and their targets. If relevant, please describe good practices in terms of assistance to target groups and/or dissemination and exploitation of project results.

Please enter text. Maximum length: 4000 characters.

During the reporting year, the following communication and visibility actions were carried out:

- The Intermediate Body organised an event for final beneficiaries on 20 February 2025 to improve the quality of the ISF and BMVI project implementation plans and compliance with visibility requirements. 24 participants participated in the event.
- To ensure the successful management of the 2021-2027 BMVI and ISF programmes and to raise awareness of the importance of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, the managing authority organised [an event](#) entitled ‘What the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights Means to

Us' for applicants and final beneficiaries of projects funded by the BMVI and ISF programmes and representatives of programme authorities.

- the managing authority carried out communication on the implementation of the ISF programme on the joint website of the Ministry of the Interior and on the website of the managing authority <https://www.vsfsvp.lt>.

- the managing authority, together with the intermediate body, participated in projects with a value of more than EUR 10 000.00 EUR, at the communication events organised by the final beneficiaries, where the results achieved during the implementation of the projects were presented.

- the managing authority oversees the functions delegated to the intermediate body, including ensuring visibility and project information requirements implemented by final beneficiaries.

- The Managing Authority participated in events organised by the National Coordinator, the three Baltic States and the European Commission to discuss communication issues, share national experiences and exchange good practices with representatives of other countries.

Please provide a link to the web 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.

Single web portal provided for in Article 46(b) of the CPR:

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

The Office of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania is responsible for its creation and maintenance.

Website of the managing authority for the publication of information on the 2021-2027 ISF/BMVI programmes <https://www.vsfsvp.lt/>

Intermediate body website for publication of information on ISF/BMVI programmes 2021-2027 www.cpva.lt

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 appropriate enabling conditions set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 were fulfilled and applied throughout the accounting year, in particular as regards compliance with the principles of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. If relevant, describe any changes that affected how the enabling conditions were met, as referred to in Article 15(6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

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The appropriate enabling conditions set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and specified in the ISF programme were fulfilled and applied during the reporting year.

[Paragraph 156](#) of the Rules on project management and funding stipulates that "Dignity, freedom, equality, solidarity, civil rights and justice provisions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities must be respected during the implementation of the project and contribute to the implementation of the EU acquis and/or the EU Action Plan". [Paragraph 65](#) of the BMVI and ISF programme management rules provides that, by 20 January each year, the intermediate body shall provide the managing authority, if necessary within other deadlines specified by the managing authority, with information on the fulfilment of the horizontal enabling conditions (effective application and implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and implementation and application

of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in accordance with Council Decision 2010/48/EC) during the previous accounting year: information on complaints received about violations of the Charter and the UNCRPD.

The rules of procedure of the Monitoring Committee shall provide for the notification to the BMVI/ISF Monitoring Committee of cases of non-compliance with the Charter by actions supported by the ISF programme and of complaints related to the Charter submitted in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to Article 69(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, as well as of cases of non-compliance with the UNCRPD by actions supported by the programme and of complaints related to the UNCRPD submitted to the relevant authorities.

During the reporting period, no complaints were received regarding the Charter and the implementation of the UNCRPD in the ISF 2021-2027 programme.

5.2. Compliance with horizontal principles. Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060

Describe how during the reporting year you ensured compliance with the horizontal principles set out in the Common Provisions Regulation, in particular the promotion of equality between men and women and gender mainstreaming, as well as the avoidance of discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

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In line with Article 9 of the Common Provisions Regulation, and in order to ensure the successful management of the 2021-2027 BMVI and ISF programmes and to raise awareness of the importance of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, the Managing Authority organised an event entitled 'What the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights Means to Us' on 13 May 2025 for applicants and project promoters of projects funded by the BMVI and ISF programmes and for representatives of programme authorities. The event featured presentations on "The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights – a value compass" and a presentation on "Instructions for the use of the compass – the implementation of the Charter". They were presented by the experts of the Centre for the Development of Equal Opportunities. 24 participants participated in the event.

In order to ensure compliance with the horizontal principles, the ISF 2021-2027 programme legislation includes a requirement for projects to respect the horizontal principles. The project management and financing rules set out general criteria for the selection of projects, one of which ensures that a project cannot have a negative impact on the horizontal principles referred to in Article 9 of the CPR and in national legislation. All projects must meet the general project selection criteria both during the assessment of project implementation plans and during project implementation.

During the reporting period, no complaints were received regarding the implementation of the horizontal principles in the ISF 2021-2027 programme.

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

Describe any actions carried out in or in relation to third countries during the accounting year and how they have generated Union added value in relation to the objectives set by the Fund. Please indicate the third countries concerned. If relevant, please indicate the consultation of the Commission prior to the approval of the project (Article 13(11) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149).

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No grant agreements for actions in third countries were signed during the reporting year.

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

Please provide a summary of sections 1 to 6, which will be translated and made public.

The summary shall describe at least all the points listed in Article 30(2) and shall preferably be structured around these points.

Break down the text into paragraphs, use bold parts of the text or informative headings so that stakeholders can easily identify the main achievements and problems related to the programme that have had an impact on its results.

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1. PERFORMANCE

1.1. Progress made in the implementation of the programme

The [action plan for the implementation of](#) the ISF programme, which includes the planned calls for project implementation plans under all three ISF-specific objectives (SOs), is published on the website of the managing authority [at www.vsfsvp.lt](http://www.vsfsvp.lt). All calls are planned in the way of state project planning.

From the start of the implementation of the programme until the end of the accounting year:

- 11 calls for project implementation plans have been launched;
- 31 grant agreements were signed out of 39 planned;
- EUR 23295933.06 of EU funding was contracted (77% of the EU funds planned in the ISF programme);
- EUR 7 845 688.22 (20% of the total allocation of the EU and national contribution planned in the ISF programme) was paid to final beneficiaries;
- 4 projects completed.

All actions and targets are planned and implemented as foreseen in the ISF programme, the [performance framework of the ISF programme for 2021-2027](#). Progress towards the achievement of the ISF programme indicators is ongoing and there is no risk of programme indicators not being achieved.

In order to receive additional funding for the mid-term review of the ISF (Article 14 of the ISF Regulation), the managing authority carried out a specific monitoring of ISF projects during the reporting period by informing the BMVI/ISF monitoring committee. The objective has been achieved: **the European Commission allocated an additional EUR 2 649 166.00 to the Lithuanian ISF programme following the mid-term review.**

During the reporting period, **4 Monitoring Committee meetings/written procedures were organised** to present progress in the implementation of the ISF programme: risks, information on calls for project implementation plans and project contracts; communication activities. All information on the BMVI/ISF Monitoring Committee, its working arrangements and meeting materials are available on the website of the ISF Managing Authority <https://www.vsfsvp.lt/background-information/svvp-ir-vsfs-20212027-programme-monitoring-committee/32>

1.2. Issues affecting the performance of the programme

During the reporting period, there were no major issues or challenges affecting the performance of the ISF programme.

The milestones for indicators planned in the ISF programme and its performance framework were partially achieved during the reporting year, as the planning of indicator values at the ISF programme design stage was expected to start project implementation earlier.

1.3. Specific mitigation measures

During the reporting year, no activities were undertaken or contracts were signed for ISF projects with specific measures to mitigate important and sudden changes in the context, as there was no such need.

1.4. Operational support

No operational support project contracts were signed during the reporting year.

1.5. Specific actions

During the reporting year, 2 projects were implemented under ISF-specific actions:

SPECIFIC ACTION : EMPACT actions implementing or facilitating the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1) – Customs Department project “Combating excise crime in the Baltic Sea Region” (contract signed 08/08/2023, project duration 01/06/2023 – 31/12/2025).

SPECIFIC ACTION : Council Recommendation on operational law enforcement cooperation – redirecting recommendations to joint actions (ISF/2023/SA/2.1.1) – Police Department project ‘Empowering law enforcement authorities in the Baltic Sea region to address new cross-border threats’ (contract signed 12/12/2024, project duration 01/11/2024 – 31/10/2026).

1 project under ISF-specific action completed:

SPECIFIC ACTION: EMPACT actions implementing or facilitating the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle (ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1) – Police Department project ‘European Investigation Team’ (contract signed 18/09/2023, project duration 01/02/2023 – 29/02/2024).

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

The ISF managing authority shall confirm that the eligible expenditure for the common support for the purchase of equipment, means of transport or the installation of security-related infrastructure for selected operations as referred to in Article 13(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1149 **does not exceed 35 %** of the total allocation to the programme by the end **of the accounting year and amounts to 14 %**.

1.7. Only in 2024: Continuation of projects

Not applicable.

2. COMPLEMENTARITY

2.1. Complementarity with other Union funds

Complementarity with other programmes during the reporting period is ensured by implementing the partnership principle provided for in Article 8 of the CPR. For BMVI, AMIF, ESF, ERDF and ISF investments, an informal coordination mechanism is applied. Representatives of the BMVI and the ISF Managing Authority participate in the AMIF Monitoring Committee.

2.2. Multifunctional equipment and ICT systems

During the reporting year, the ISF did not procure equipment and ICT systems that are partly used in the additional area covered by Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 and that pursue the objectives of the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION ACQUIS

Final beneficiaries shall provide information on how the project has contributed to the implementation of the EU acquis and EU action plans with a final payment request. Since the

start of the implementation of Lithuania's 2021-2027 ISF programme, 31 projects have been implemented and 4 projects have been completed during *the reporting period*.

4. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

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5. ENABLING CONDITIONS AND HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES

5.1. Enabling conditions

The appropriate enabling conditions set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and specified in the ISF programme were fulfilled and applied during the reporting year. The requirements set out in the national legislation of the ISF to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during the implementation of the projects; an obligation for the intermediate body to provide information on the fulfilment of horizontal enabling conditions to the managing authority.

5.2. Compliance with horizontal principles

The managing authority invited applicants and final beneficiaries of projects funded by the BMVI and ISF programmes, as well as representatives of programme authorities, to [an event](#) entitled 'What the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights Means to Us', which took place on 13 May 2025. Experts from the Centre for the Development of Equal Opportunities made presentations at the event.

In order to ensure compliance with the horizontal principles, the ISF 2021-2027 programme legislation includes a requirement for projects to respect the horizontal principles.

During the reporting period, **no complaints were received** regarding the implementation of the horizontal principles in the ISF 2021-2027 programme.

6. Implementation of projects in or in relation to third countries No grant agreements for actions in third countries were signed during the reporting year.