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SECTION 3: PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Specific objective	1 - Support a common visa policy
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Please provide a summary of the progress made in implementing the strategy and achieving the national objectives over the financial year.

Provide any changes to the strategy or national objectives or any factors that may lead to changes in the future. Set out any significant issues which affect the performance of the national programme.

The implementation of 2 national objectives foreseen in the programme has progressed as planned. The 8 projects under 4 actions (including Specific Action) of the total value of 88.18% of the funds earmarked for SO1 were supported and carried out over the financial year. The total number of projects planned to be implemented under SO1 is 9.

- **NO1. National capacity**

In order to ensure national VIS software evolutions, procurement of hardware for VIS national site, upgrade, in whole or in part, technical and communication equipment of working places at 58 visa services, install and maintain point to point lines with the Embassies of the Republic of Lithuania and 4 other consular offices, increase flow of transmitted data as well, **4 projects** of the total value constituting 82.25% of NO1 funds were supported in 2018. One out of these 4 projects is completed up to the date of this report.

- **NO2. Union acquis**

Seeking to improve the qualitative and quantitative performance indicators of Lithuania's visa services, **2 projects** on training for consular staff of the total value constituting 100% of NO1 funds were supported and carried out up to the date of this report.

- **SA1:** Consular cooperation; Expansion of the representation at the Consulate-General of the RL in Almaty, Kazakhstan (**2 projects**) with effect of the implementation of the SA1 from March, 2017 Lithuania represents Iceland for the purpose of examining visa applications and issuing short stay Schengen visas in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The duration of the all projects were laid down in the grant agreements. As a general rule the implementation of the projects is scheduled to last three years.

There were no significant issues affecting the implementation of the programme.

Actions funded under national objective	1 - National capacity
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Two actions were supported and carried out over the financial year:

- **Implementation of the national VIS**

The ITCD continued with the implementation of the project *Adapting NVIS to changes in the Visa Code*. The data model and the integration interface between N.VIS and C.VIS, the Aliens Registry Visa Module (modified visa application form, visa issuance logic and visa sticker printing), the Electronic Application Module, and tools for working with N.VIS in “Offline” mode have been modernised in 2018.

A grant agreement on project *Implementation of the national VIS* signed in March 2019.

• **Upgrading of technical and communication equipment of working places at visa services**

A project LT/2016/PR/1121 *Upgrading of technical and communications equipment of working places at visa services, Stage I* was completed. Computer and office equipment (desktop computers (350), monitors (350), scanners (70), ink-jet and laser printers (175)) and communication equipment (UPS for the workstations of VIS (100), anti-virus software (1), portable biometric enrolment equipment (20), telephone exchanges (4), telephones (157) and equipment for VPN tunnels (2 for the MFA)) were procured. The four telephone stations and their peripheral equipment were upgraded at the Embassy of RL to the Russian Federation, the Consulate General of the RL in Saint Petersburg, the Consulate General of the RL in Kaliningrad and at the Embassy of the RL in Kiev, Ukraine. This project helped the MFA to renew the working places at visa services and to ensure efficient and uninterrupted work at visa services.

A project *Purchase the leased line service* should be finalised in 2019. Four international communications channels (leased lines) already procured: the MFA and the Embassy of the RL to the State of Israel (of 2 Mbps bandwidth); the MFA and Embassy of the RL to the USA and the United Mexican States (of 100 Mbps bandwidth); the MFA and the Permanent Delegation of the RL to NATO (of 100 Mbps bandwidth); the MFA and the Embassy of the RL to the Republic of India (of 10 Mbps bandwidth). This project helped the MFA to increase cyber security with the earlier mentioned four international communication channels worldwide also to ensure effective and uninterrupted internet connection between the MFA and four Embassies when there are internet censorship and difficulties with surveillance in those countries (where our four Embassies are).

The action plan on national programme envisaged the implementation of 5 projects.

Actions funded under national objective	2 - Union acquis
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The action supported and carried out over the financial year: **Training for employees of visa services**

The project *Training for employees of visa services, Phase I*, is in the process of completing.

Training for Consular officers was conducted on the EU common visa policy and on the verification of the correct application of the Schengen *acquis*.

Employees of visa services at regional training were trained on Issues of practical application of the Visa Code; Application of the simplification of the procedure for the issue of visas between the European Union and third countries; Problems related to the representation for other Schengen States when issuing Schengen visas; Communication with applicants, information of the public and the internal organisation of work.

As for training for consular officials, 50 staff members were trained 973 hrs in 2018. Regional training sessions for the staff of visa services covered 40 staff members in 489 hrs. 26 participants were trained in the international workshop „For personnel responsible for trainings of the EU Common Visa policy: experience and views, expecyations and reality“ in 182 hrs. In the specific training before the Schengen evaluations in 2018 were trained 14 staff members in 141 hrs. A total number of training courses: 1785 hours.

A project *Training for employees of visa services, Phase II* should have been completed in 2022.

Actions funded under national objective	3 - Consular cooperation
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No funding priorities were planned under the national objective.

Specific action	1 - Consular cooperation
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In order to set up consular cooperation mechanisms between at least two Member States resulting in economies of scale as regards the processing of applications and the issuing of visas at consulates in accordance with the principles on cooperation laid down in the Visa Code, the MFA have continued with the implementation of a project “*Broadening of representation at the Consulate-General of the RL in Almaty, I stage*”.

In accordance with this project, 1 consular officer position and 1 technical employee (filing clerk) were established and are maintained in the Consulate-General of Lithuania in Almaty starting 2016.

For the purpose of issuing Schengen visas the Consulate-General of the RL in Almaty represents Estonia (January 2012), Finland (May 2012), Sweden (June 2012), Norway (June 2015) and Iceland (March 2017).

Stage II of the project started at the beginning of 2019 (signed an agreement).

Specific objective	2 - Borders
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The implementation of objectives NO1, NO3, NO4, NO6 and of the three SAs has progressed as planned.

25 projects under 14 actions of the total value of 67.28% of the funds earmarked for SO2 were supported and carried out up to the date of this report.

In 2018 Lithuania awarded an additional amount of EUR 1,080,000 for the purchase of one coastal patrol boat to be put at the disposal of the EBCGA.

The total number of the SO2 projects planned to be implemented is 33.

- NO1: EUROSUR

Within 8 projects of the total value of 94.37% of the funds earmarked for NO1 it is planned to integrate new and upgrade the existing border surveillance systems, enhance real-time exchange and cooperation between the NCC and other borders authorities. The projects include introducing 5 new local coordination centres and modernisation of one regional and 9 local coordination centres at the RF and at Belarus borders. The projects contribute to reduce reaction time for border control, quality of analytical reports, as well as increasing of the NSP-level situational awareness. Two projects are completed.

- NO3: Common Union Standards

3 projects of the total value of 83.04% of the funds earmarked for NO3 aimed to introduce measures as are necessary 1) to automatically verify the physical and electronic protection measures of travel documents with the set-up and operation of the technical infrastructure for the connection to the ICAO PKD, 2) to harmonise voice radio communication network with Poland and Latvia as well as 3) to upgrade information system VRIS.

- NO4: Union Acquis - Borders

Within 3 projects of the total value of 100% of the funds earmarked for NO4 it is intend to ensure the professional competences and skills of border guards and to increase the number of officers who are comprehensively prepared to participate in operations coordinated by the EBCGA.

- NO6: National capacity – Borders

Within 5 actions, 8 projects of the total value of 34.67% of the funds earmarked for NO6 it is intend to ensure proper control and monitoring of the borders, taking into account the abolition of border checks at the internal border and strengthening of border checks and surveillance at the external border. It will be invested into modern, interoperable equipment, technical means for border control, as well as into strengthening the technical base for the risk analysis and crime intelligence. A secure IT based platform for the management of classified information on the external border management will enable faster data transfer and dissemination of criminal intelligence information; improve border guard contribution to Europol's SOCTA.

The start of the EES project implementation is scheduled in 2020.

There were no significant issues affecting the implementation of the programme.

The 2 actions (8 out of the 9 projects).supported and carried out over the financial year:

- **Strengthen exchange of information among all the authorities responsible for external border surveillance by obtaining advanced electronic data processing and transmission techniques in order to maintain the National Situational Picture (NSP)**

Project LT/2018/PR/2111 To procure and modernise hardware for continuous information exchange completed in January 2019. The NSP maintains with information on the status and the position of available assets, areas of operation and information on environmental conditions at the external border, all incidents related to illegal migration, cross-border crime, crisis situations as well as analytical reports, risk rating trends, regional monitoring.

- **Development of national border surveillance system**

Project LT/2017/PR/2121 Installation of border surveillance systems completed in December 2017. The border surveillance systems installed at the most vulnerable 5 border sections (180.44 km in length) with Belarus. As a result the 5 new local coordination centres (at Pavoverė FS, Švenčionys FS, Purvėnai FS, Druskininkai FS and Tribonys FS) established.

The SBGS has continued with the implementation of the 6 projects:

Project: Upgrading of border surveillance systems at Bardinai, Viešvilė, Lavoriškės and at Zagunis FSs. The previously installed land border surveillance systems at the border with the Russian Federation (57.5 km) and at the border with Belarus (33 km) will be upgraded. A part of the project, border surveillance system at Bardinai FS (27.5 km), has been completed. The initially planned activity: *Upgrading of border surveillance system at Zagunis FS* has been withdrawn in order to cover a longer section of Lavoriškės FS.

Two projects: Upgrading of the maritime border monitoring system, Stage I and Stage II. The maritime border surveillance system (119.6 km) will be upgraded. As a result a regional (at the Coast Guard Frontier District) and 3 local maritime coordination centres (at Neringa, Palanga and Kopgalis FSs) will be modernised

Three projects: Upgrading of the border surveillance system at Plaškiei FS; at the Vileikiai FS; at the Padvarionys FS. Within these projects 3 local coordination centres at the land border with Russian (2) and at the border with Belarus (1) will be modernised.

All of the said projects will hopefully be implemented successfully in due time while achieving the results provided for in the Programme.

No funding priorities were planned under this national objective.

The 3 actions (3 out of the 4 projects) supported and carried out over the financial year:

- **Implementation of the biometric data verification system, stage II**

Project LT/2017/PR/2211 Implementation of the biometric data verification system (Phase II) completed in November 2018. Lithuania established SPOC infrastructure and national DV interface to fulfil the requirements of Commission decision C (2009) 7476 to have a robust communication infrastructure for regular inter-country communication covering DV certificate exchange. SPOC ensures full-fledged Extended Access Control for electronic Machine Readable Travel Documents (eMRTD) like passports, travel documents and residents permits. Competent authorities in the Member States are granted access to Lithuania's eMRTD while relevant authorities in Lithuania have access to biometric information stored in eMRTD of other Member States.

- **Harmonisation of radio communication with Poland and Latvia through installation of the voice information communication networks integration equipment and 4 common (virtual) voice information exchange channels**

Within the project: *Modernisation of the SMRRT, implementation of the radio interfaces with Poland and Latvia* the state authorities of Lithuania and Poland that are involved in border management will have a more efficient and secure way of communication. The project planned to be completed in 2020.

- **Upgrading of the main and the back-up centres of the information system VRIS**

The ITCD has continued with the implementation of the project: *Upgrading of the main and the back-up data centres of the VRIS, Phase I*. The VRIS, based on joint information technology and telecommunications infrastructure, will ensure stable data exchange among the national information systems and SIS, VIS, Foreigners Register and Interpol's database. The completion date is foreseen for middle of 2019.

There are no threats that the projects might remain incomplete. All of the said projects will hopefully be implemented successfully in due time while achieving the results provided for in the Programme.

The 2 actions (3 out of the 3 projects) supported and carried out over the financial year:

- **Specialised and advanced training of border guards aimed to improve professional competences and skills (2 projects)**

The project: *Specialised and advanced training of border guards aimed to improve professional competences and skills, Stage I* was completed in early 2018.

A grant agreement on Stage II of the project was signed in September 2018.

The purpose of the project is to ensure the professional competences and skills of border guards and to increase the number of officers who are comprehensively prepared to participate in operations coordinated by FRONTEX.

Specific training of border guard was held on Criminal intelligence and pre-trial investigations (64) and for dog training instructors (4).

- **Implementation of the recommendations made in Schengen evaluations**

In order to implement SchEval recommendations, training of border guard officials will be provided in regard to these fields: managerial capability and communication in foreign languages related to both fulfilling of border guards daily duties and tasks and operational communication during joint operations.

A grant agreement on the project will be signed in March-April of 2019.

There are no threats that the projects might remain incomplete. All of the said projects will hopefully be implemented successfully in due time while achieving the results provided for in the Programme.

Actions funded under national objective	5 - Future challenges
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No funding priorities were planned under this national objective.

Actions funded under national objective	6 - National capacity
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The 4 actions (8 of the 13 projects) supported and carried out by the date when this report submitted:

- **Implementation of the national SIS II**

Within a project: *Implementation of the national SIS II (NSIS)* procurement of NSIS software evolutions as functionalities of the use of fingerprints in the NSIS, the transmission of biometric data to the CSIS and support of the SIRENE office operations are foreseen. The project must finish by the end of 2019.

- **Upgrading of software and hardware**

In order to ensure compatibility between systems for data exchange the SBGS will acquire hardware (236 pc) and software, fingerprint scanners (181), document scanners (181), SQL Server and Schengen Masterlist service for the document authenticity checks. A project must finish by the 30 June of 2019.

- **Acquisition of technical means for border control** (ongoing 5 out of 7 the projects)

A project on procurement of portable thermal imaging cameras (229), night-vision devices (231) and of binoculars (200) will finish by the 30 March of 2019.

A project on procurement of patrol vehicles (large all-terrain vehicles (72), minivans (18), 4-wheel motorcycles with trailers (4), 2 minivans and 2 trailers equipped for transporting of service dogs transportation) will be finished in the first half of 2019.

A project on strengthening canine operations will be implemented in three phases. The first phase of the project is completed. The second phase - ongoing. A grant agreement on the *Phase III* of the project should be signed at the first half of 2019. Dogs, portable enclosures with kennels, protective dog handling suits, dog cage boxes and etc will be purchased. Within the project it is sought to increase the number of detected state border infringements.

A grant agreement for the procurement of equipment used on a mobile surveillance system should be signed in March 2019.

- **Establishment of a secure IT based platform for the management of classified information on the external border management by obtaining modern technical tools, an installed information system and a secure data transmission network**

Within a project: *Creation of the information technology platform a secure Virtual Workplace Platform for the management of classified information on the external border management to be used by up to 105 users have been created. The project completed.*

A call for proposals on development and implementation of the EU Entry-Exit System is scheduled for September 2019.

Specific action	2 - FRONTEX equipment
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As regards the 2015 exercise for one Thermal Vision Vehicle (TVV):

A revised grand agreement on the Purchase of Thermal Vision Vehicle should be signed in March 2019. The original grant agreement should have been revised as the price offered by the only one tenderer was bigger than a budget of the project. The following two projects, instead of having one, will be implemented:

- 1) Purchase of Thermal Vision Vehicle;

2) Purchase of equipment used on a mobile surveillance system. Within the project a tracking radar and any other equipment will be purchased under the ISF Borders NO6 action "Acquisition of technical means for border control".

As regards the 2017 exercise for one patrol boat (CPB):

A grant agreement was signed in September 2018.

The following calendar of the purchase of one coastal patrol boat is planned:

Launch of procurement: I quarter of the year 2019.

Contracting: II quarter of the year 2019.

Delivery: II-III quarter of the year 2020.

Registration in EBCGA pool: IV quarter of the year 2020.

As regards the 2017 exercise for one patrol vessel (CPV):

A grant agreement was signed in November 2018.

The following calendar of the purchase of one coastal patrol vessel is planned:

Launch of procurement: II quarter of the year 2019.

Contracting: IV quarter of the year 2019.

Delivery: I quarter of the year 2021.

Registration in EBCGA pool: II quarter of the year 2021.

As regards the 2018 exercise for one coastal patrol boat (CPB) - RHIB Interceptor:

A call for proposal will be launched in April 2019. Launch of procurement it is planned in IV quarter of the 2019.

Specific objective	3 - Operating support
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Within the operating support mechanism Lithuania is funding the maintenance and running costs of the national VIS and national SIS.

Within the project: *Procurement of maintenance and repair services for the national VIS in years 2016-2018* operating support ensured comprehensive operational management and regular scheduled maintenance for all facility supporting infrastructure and assets or, simply, preventive maintenance for specific assets in the national VIS infrastructure by the 31 December 2018. This project will be closed in early 2019.

A call for proposal on a project: *Procurement of maintenance and repair services for the national VIS in years 2019-2021* was scheduled in February 2019.

The ITCD shall submit to the CPMA, by a date fixed in the call for proposal, an application for national operating support in years 2019-2021.

Within the project: *Procurement of maintenance and repair services for the national SIS in years 2016-2018* operating support include comprehensive operational management and regular scheduled maintenance for all facility supporting infrastructure and assets or, simply, preventive maintenance for specific assets in the national SIS II infrastructure. These project's activities must finish by 30 June 2019.

A call for proposal on a project: *Procurement of maintenance and repair services for the national SIS in years 2019-2021* was scheduled in February 2019.

The ITCD shall submit to the CPMA, by a date fixed in the call for proposal, an application for national operating support in years 2019-2021.

All of the said projects will hopefully be implemented successfully in due time while achieving the results provided for in the Programme.

There were no significant issues affecting the implementation of the programme.

Actions funded under national objective	1 - Operating support for VISA
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- Operational management of the national VIS

Task: Implementation of the VIS and Register of Foreigners (FR); ability to provide continuous operations of the national VIS.

Actions funded under national objective	2 - Operating support for borders
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- Operational management of the national SIS

Task: Implementation of the SIS II and ability to provide continuous operations of the national SIS II.

Specific objective	5 - Preventing and combating crime
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The 78.10% of SO5 funds have been allocated to 41 out of 54 projects up to the date of this report. The 18 projects are already completed.

It has made progress in improving Lithuanian institutional commitment to the EU policy cycle on serious and organised crime, enhancing capabilities by technical development, improving information exchange between all partners and target groups involved, implementation of anti-corruption measures, improving of operational cooperation between relevant EU and 3rd actors, both at national and international level and enhancing knowledge of the law enforcement officers.

NO1: C - prevention and combating

Seeking to implement two EMPACT operational projects, to improve capacity to prevent and combat cross-border and organised crime of 4 law enforcement authorities, to achieve at least 50% of forensic institutions' field of expertise to be accredited, to execute more effective financial investigations, strengthen inter-institutional and international cooperation combating illicit drug circulation and fight against corruption, to raise public awareness of corruption, to improve security and protection of intelligence information and its exchange, **19 projects** (68.75% of NO1 funds) were continued or completed.

NO2: C - exchange of information

In order to create capacities of systemised police cross-border information exchange on central and territorial levels and implement EIXM, improve national infrastructures for habitoscopical data collection and analysis concerning international organised crime, improve system of collection of comparative crime statistics, to create analytical measures based on data of the Register of Criminal Offences, to create uninterrupted receipt of Retained Data from electronic communications in public electronic communication networks, to achieve more secure and faster data exchange about electronic communications events and to exchange information within PIU and between PIUs and Europol, **8 projects** (93.30% of total NO2 funds) were continued.

NO3: C - training

In order to strengthen the national training system by establishing new training facilities, which meet the requirements and standards of modern, properly equipped training institutions, upgrading of existing and development of new and more sufficient and EU based training programmes and capacity building for national police officers by linking their training and their career, **9 projects** (55.38% of NO3 funds) were continued or completed.

NO4: C - Victim Support

In order to protect and support witness and victims of crime by modernisation of witness and victim protection centres (including physical security equipment, computers and other related technical measures) and improve the polygraph publication and press engineering systems, **5 projects** (100% of total NO4 funds) were completed or continued.

There were no significant issues affecting the implementation of the programme,

Actions funded under national objective	1 - C - prevention and combating
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19 projects under 4 actions had made significant progress up to the date of this report.

- **Strengthening of police capacities to prevent and combat cross-border, serious and organised crime by participation in JITs and EMPACT, obtaining information technologies, special means and technical equipment in criminal intelligence, as well as technical means and software to counter cybercrime** (a total of 9 projects)

2 projects (LT/2017/PR/5113, LT/2017/PR/5111) were completed. The implementation of other 3 projects has progressed as planned.

- **Strengthening of police capacities by developing of investigative and research methods, special investigative and IT equipment, laboratory equipment, training on the use of the equipment and familiarization with new examination methods** (a total of 10 projects)

5 projects (LT/2018/PR/5121, LT/2017/PR/5124, LT/2018/PR/5128, LT/2018/PR/5129, LT/2016/PR/5120) were completed. The implementation of other 3 projects has progressed as planned.

- **Capacity building for customs divisions carrying out criminal intelligence activities and pre-trial investigations** (a total of 2 projects)

2 projects (LT/2017/PR/5132; LT/2019/PR/5131) completed.

- **Capacity building for effective financial investigations and fight against corruption: creation of an inclusive data management platform for automated processing, analysis, storage and exchange of data about violations of the financial system, development of a criminal intelligence management system at the Special Investigation Service (STT), tools for the anti-corruption education** (a total of 4 projects)

Project LT/2016/PR/5143 completed. The implementation of other 3 projects has progressed as planned.

A total number of projects planned to be implemented under NO1 is 25.

All of the said projects will hopefully be implemented successfully in due time while achieving the results provided for in the programme.

No changes to the strategy are needed in view of the developments on the ground or developments in respective policy area on the national level over the past year.

Actions funded under national objective	2 - C - exchange of information
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The 8 out of 9 projects under 6 actions had made significant progress up to the date of this report:

- **Development of capacities on cross-border information exchange and joint actions at the borders in accordance to the recommendations of the European Information Exchange Model (EIXM)** through Installation of hardware and software necessary for the Lithuanian Police to conduct cross-border information exchange and joint actions on central and territorial levels

A project should be finished up to the 2nd quarter of 2020.

- **Modernisation of the Habitoscopic Data Register (HDR) and creation of working stations for the collection of HDR data through technologies of advanced personal face identification and personal search according to identification attribute, improvement of the interoperability of the HDR and other data registry systems, creation of working stations for the collection of HDR data in the territorial police units**

One project will be completed up to the end of 2019, another one - up to the mid of 2020.

- **Creation of analytical measures for the Register of Criminal Offences in order to improve the collection and the comparison of statistics at national and EU level through improvement of the system of collection of comparative crime statistics for transmission to designated European institutions and creation of the records of victims helping to develop support measures for victims**

A project should be finished up to the end of 2019.

- **Creation of a centralised Information system of Retained Data from electronic communications in public electronic communication networks by obtaining specialised hardware and software that would allow law enforcement authorities of Lithuania and the EU (automatically in 24/7 mode) to receive of Retained Data from electronic communications in the public electronic communication networks.**

A project completed in April 2019.

- **Development of existing national PIU to develop and implement a Passenger Name Recorder IT system**

A project will be implemented in two phases. The first phase of the project was launched and should be finished by the end of 2020.

- **Development of the necessary IT solutions to increase information exchange with other MSs and the interoperability with the IT systems and databases developed by the EU or other MSs**

The 2 projects were launched and should be finished respectively by the end of 2019 and by the mid of 2020, in accordance with the calendar that is included in the grant agreements.

Actions funded under national objective	3 - C - training
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- Specialised training to law enforcement officials on topics derived from the EU policies has been founded:
 - Improvement of police officers knowledge and skills in national and EU (internal and external) priority areas (including EU Policy Cycle, LETS, SOCTA, etc.), including specialised training for criminal intelligence officers
 - Special capacity building of the STT staff in the area of Criminal Prosecution for Corruption-Related Criminal Acts
 - Improvement of basic knowledge of the EU dimension of Law Enforcement (LETS strand 1) and bilateral, as well as multilateral cooperation (LETS strand 2), including foreign language training
 - Improvement of knowledge and skills of forensic experts in carrying out examinations under the quality assurance requirements defined in Council Decision 2009/905/JHA of 30/11/2009 on the accreditation of forensic service providers carrying out laboratory activities

The following 4 projects were completed:

LT/2017/PR/5313 - *Foreign language training, I Phase*

LT/2016/PR/5315 – *Capacity building of police officers in the area of cross-border cooperation*

LT/2017/PR/5316 – *Familiarisation with advanced preventive measures and models*

LT/2017/PR/3110 - *Specialised training for criminal intelligence officers, I Phase*

The projects implemented by the Police Department covered the following activities: police staff traineeship in other EU Member States, foreign language learning, development of international cooperation skills, familiarisation with advanced preventive measures and models, participation in bilateral and multilateral cooperation trainings, specialised training for police officers in the field of

criminal investigation, trace evidence examination, narcotic and psychotropic substance examination by applying HPLC method, DNA examination by applying different methods and etc.

LT/2016/PR/3112 – *Special capacity building of the STT staff in EU Policy Cycle, stage I.*

The trainings on topics relating the use of chemical substances and of the camouflage of technical means as well as the body language in criminal intelligence were conducted for the STT staff.

In 2018, implementation of the 5 projects continued.

A total number of projects planned to be implemented under NO3 is 15.

No changes to the strategy are needed in view of the developments on the ground or developments in respective policy area on the national level over the past year.

Actions funded under national objective

4 - C - victim support

- **Protection and support of witness and victims of crime by modernisation of witness and victim protection centres (including physical security equipment, computers and other related technical measures) and improvement of the polygraph publication and press engineering systems**

The following 3 projects were completed:

LT/2017/PR/5411 – *Modernisation and repair of the infrastructure of security centres, Phase I*

LT/2017/PR/5413 – *Enhancing the efficiency of protection measures against criminal intimidation, Phase I*

LT/2017/PR/5415 – *Acquisition and modernisation of publishing and printing engineering equipment*

In 2018, implementation of the second phases of the two projects were supported.

There are no threats that the projects might remain incomplete. All of the said projects will hopefully be implemented successfully in due time while achieving the results provided for in the Programme.

No funding priorities were planned under this national objective.

Please provide a summary of the progress made in implementing the strategy and achieving the national objectives over the financial year.

Provide any changes to the strategy or national objectives or any factors that may lead to changes in the future. Set out any significant issues which affect the performance of the national programme.

The 93.01% of SO6 funds have been allocated to 18 out of 21 projects under NO1, NO2 and NO3 up to the date of this report. The 10 projects have been completed.

NO1: R - prevention and combating

In order to prevent violent extremism and terrorism more effectively, the acquisition and further upgrading of technical equipment, expertise, secure facilities, especially ICT systems and their components at the Union level, including for the purpose of European cooperation on cyber security and cyber-crime, notably the European Cybercrime Centre, **13 projects** with the total value constituting 91.63% of NO1 funds were supported and carried out up to the date of this report.

NO2: R - Exchange of information

In order to develop a system for the monitoring, prevention or de-radicalisation of the radicalisation processes including the local community, local governance authorities and non-governmental organisations, Identify possibilities for the promotion of radicalism and extremism and the methods of recruitment for terrorist activities, and seek to suppress the activities, make use of the possibilities made available by the Anti-Radicalisation Network (RAN) as set up by the EC, and exchange of best practices of other countries, as well as to create ballistic data retaining, identification and international exchanging system and seeking to retain and automatically identify ballistic data obtained during the investigation of firearms related crimes and ballistic data exchange via the INTERPOL IBIN, **2 projects** with the total value constituting 100% of NO2 funds were finalised up to the date of this report.

NO 3: R – Training

In order to improve capabilities of police officers in investigating terrorism and other related crimes, strengthen the capability of police officers to perform criminal intelligence and criminal prosecution and expand national and international cooperation in these areas, **3 projects** with the total value constituting 100% of NO3 funds were supported and carried out up to the date of this report.

There were no significant issues affecting the implementation of the programme.

- **Capacity building for the fight against terrorism perpetrated by individuals and prevention of violent attacks at national and EU level by obtaining equipment for the detection of cyber-attacks and other cyber-crimes, data collection, recording and expeditious preservation, as well as the data processing and analysis, equipment for responding to terrorist attacks (CBRN equipment, special utility vehicle, etc.), forensic laboratory equipment for carrying out examinations of explosive materials, firearms, ammunition and improvised devices** specified in the programme has been funded.

The following 7 projects were completed up to the date of this report:

LT//2017/PR/6111: Two off-road (4WD) minivans acquired. The LPAOR are able to arrive to the site of an incident quickly under difficult access conditions and to carry out special antiterrorist, hostage rescue and dangerous criminals' catching operations.

LT/2018/PR/6112: A special-purpose armoured storming vehicle with the hydraulically lifted platform and Class 4 ballistic protection shields acquired.

LT/2018/PR/6113: Snipers of unit ARAS were equipped with special-purpose field clothing for snipers-observers (10 sets), devices (a spotting scope, a multifunctional laser DME and a tactical tripod) and equipment (10 sets).

LT/2018/PR/6115: Special-purpose computer-aided X-ray machines (2 pc.), compressed-air breathing apparatuses (SCBA, 5 sets) acquired.

LT/2017/PR/1110: Laboratory equipment for IT investigations, portable investigation equipment, hardware for a training classroom acquired.

LT/2017/PR/1113: An automated monitoring of internet resources and automated submission of reports by detected keywords are secured.

LT/2017/PR/1115: One set of vehicle control equipment which would be integrated into the unified vehicle control system was procured.

Implementation of the other 6 projects was continued.

The total number of projects planned to be implemented under SO6 NO1 is 16.

The 2 actions specified in the programme have been completed up to the date of this report:

- **Establishment of platforms/networks for first-line practitioners to exchange information/knowledge in order to develop a system for the monitoring, prevention or deradicalisation of the radicalisation processes including the local community, local governance authorities and non-governmental organisations, Identify possibilities for the promotion of radicalism and extremism and the methods of recruitment for terrorist activities, and seek to suppress the activities, make use of the possibilities made available by the Anti-Radicalisation Network (RAN) as set up by the EC, and exchange of best practices of other countries**

A project *Establishment of platforms/networks for first-line practitioners* finalised in March 2019. The actual results in comparison to the targets set in the programme have been achieved.

- **Preparing to an automated information exchange through the INTERPOL Ballistic Information Network (IBIN) through the installation of an integrated ballistic identification system (IBIS) that would allow the law enforcement authorities of Lithuania to retain and automatically identify ballistic data obtained during the investigation of firearms related crimes and ballistic data exchange via the INTERPOL IBIN**

LT/2017/PR/6221 *Preparation for carrying out automated data exchange through the Interpol Ballistic Information Network (IBIN)* completed in December 2018. The Lithuanian Police Forensic Science Centre is ready for exchanging ballistic data via IBIN. The actual results in comparison to the targets set in the programme have been achieved.

Actions funded under national objective	3 - R - training
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- **Awareness-raising training in terms of awareness on radicalisation for first line police officers on how to recognise, prevent and to tackle radicalisation, forensic science for police officers, criminal intelligence and investigation terrorism and other related crimes for police officers**

The following 2 projects were finalised up to the date of this report:

Project LT/2016/PR/6311 *Specialised training for criminal intelligence officers, Phase I*. The training sessions were conducted on the following topics: Cover story making process; Radical Islamism; Andragonics; Explosives; Customs and culture of the Islamic religion; Muslim community. Certificates were awarded to 500 officers and to 56 trainers. The actual results in comparison to the targets set in the programme have been achieved.

Project LT/2016/PR/6313 *Awareness-raising training in terms of investigation terrorism and extremism*. In order to protect the public and its most important values from terrorism threats and dangerous consequences, 23 employees of forensic police units, who perform ballistic investigations, investigations of explosion circumstances, dactyloscopic, polygraph, information technology and image investigations, improved their qualifications in specialized courses, practical and theoretical seminars and symposia in other Member States.

The second phase of the project *Specialised training for criminal intelligence officers* should be finished by the end of 2019.

The total number of projects planned to be implemented under SO6 NO3 is 3.

Actions funded under national objective	4 - R - victim support
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No funding priorities were planned under this national objective.

Actions funded under national objective	5 - R - infrastructure
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No funding priorities were planned under this national objective.

Actions funded under national objective	6 - R - early warning and crisis
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No funding priorities were planned under this national objective.

Actions funded under national objective	7 - R - threat and risk assessment
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No funding priorities were planned under this national objective.

INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

Specific objective	NO/SA	Main action	Name of action	Start of planning phase	Start of implementation phase	Start of closing phase
SO1 - Support a common visa policy	NO1 - National capacity	1	Implementation of the national VIS	2014	2015	2022
SO1 - Support a common visa policy	NO1 - National capacity	2	Upgrading of technical and communication equipment of working places at visa services	2015	2015	2022
SO1 - Support a common visa policy	NO2 - Union acquis	1	Training for consular officers and staff of visa services	2015	2015	2022
SO1 - Support a common visa policy	SA1 - Consular cooperation	1	Broadening of representation for the purpose of issuing Schengen visas at the Consulate-General of t	2015	2015	2022
SO2 - Borders	NO1 - EUROSUR	1	Strengthen exchange of information among all the authorities responsible for external border surveillance	2015	2016	2018
SO2 - Borders	NO1 - EUROSUR	2	Development of national border surveillance system	2015	2015	2020
SO2 - Borders	NO3 - Common Union standards	1	Implementation of biometric data verification system (Stage II)	2015	2016	2018
SO2 - Borders	NO3 - Common Union standards	2	Harmonisation of radio communication with Poland and Latvia	2015	2019	2020
SO2 - Borders	NO3 - Common Union standards	3	Upgrading of the main and back-up centres of the VRIS	2015	2016	2019
SO2 - Borders	NO4 - Union acquis	1	Specialised and advanced training for border guards	2016	2016	2021
SO2 - Borders	NO4 - Union acquis	2	Implementation of the recommendations from Scheval	2018	2019	2022
SO2 - Borders	NO6 - National capacity	1	Implementation of the national SIS	2015	2016	2022
SO2 - Borders	NO6 - National capacity	2	Upgrading of software and hardware equipment to reconcile data between IS	2017	2018	2019
SO2 - Borders	NO6 - National capacity	3	Acquisition of technical means for border control	2015	2016	2022
SO2 - Borders	SA2 - FRONTEX equipment	1	Purchase of thermal vision vehicle	2017	2019	2019
SO2 - Borders	SA2 - FRONTEX equipment	2	Purchase of coastal patrol vessel	2018	2019	2021
SO2 - Borders	SA2 - FRONTEX equipment	3	Purchase of coastal patrol boat	2017	2018	2020
SO3 - Operating support	NO1 - Operating support for VISA	1	Operational management of the national VIS	2015	2016	2022
SO3 - Operating support	NO2 - Operating support for borders	1	Operational management of the national SIS	2015	2016	2022
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO1 - C - prevention and combating	1	Strengthening of police capacities to prevent and combat cross-border and organised crime	2015	2016	2022
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO1 - C - prevention and combating	2	Strengthening of police capacities by developing of investigative and research methods	2015	2016	2022
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO1 - C - prevention and combating	3	Capacity building for effective financial investigations and fight against corruption	2015	2016	2022
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO2 - C - exchange of information	1	Modernisation of HDR and creation of working places for the collection of HDR data	2016	2017	2019
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO2 - C - exchange of information	2	Creation of analytical measures for the Register of Criminal Offences	2016	2017	2019
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO2 - C - exchange of information	3	Creation of a centralized Information system of Retained Data from electronic communications	2016	2017	2019
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO3 - C - training	1	Specialised training to LE officials on topics derived from the EU policies	2016	2017	2022
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	NO4 - C - victim support	1	Capacity building of police for Witness/Victim Support	2015	2015	2022
SO6 - Risks and crisis	NO1 - R - prevention and combating	1	Capacity building for the fight against terrorism perpetrated by individuals and prevention of viole	2015	2015	2022
SO6 - Risks and crisis	NO2 - R - exchange of information	1	Establishment of the platforms/networks for first-line practitioners to exchange information/knowled	2016	2017	2019
SO6 - Risks and crisis	NO2 - R - exchange of information	2	Preparing to an automated information exchange through the INTERPOL Ballistic Information Network	2016	2017	2018
SO6 - Risks and crisis	NO3 - R - training	1	Awareness-raising training	2015	2015	2022

SECTION 4: SPECIAL CASE: OPERATING SUPPORT FOR THE SPECIAL TRANSIT SCHEME

Provide an overview of the implementation of the Special Transit Scheme in the financial year. Provide any changes to the strategy or altering factors that may lead to changes.

The 93.08% of STS funds have been allocated to 58 projects (out of 71) and to foregone visa fees up to the date of this report. The 27 projects have been closed.

- **NO1: Upgrading of FTD/FRTD issuing and delivery systems**

In order to ensure smooth and continuous operation of the IT system of FRTD, to upgrade communications equipment for the IT of FRTD as well as hardware and office equipment for the issuance of FRTDs and FTDs, to improve working and living conditions of the staff serving the FTD/FRTD system in Russia and to ensure safe and reliable transfer of the STS personnel and to maintain around-the-clock communication between all officials involved in the STS, **9 projects** with the total value constituting **68.74%** of NO1 funds were completed or had made significant progress.

- **NO2: Ensuring and development of the control over the persons traveling with FTD/FRTD**

In order to upgrade portable devices for document checks in transit trains, hardware and software for border checks of FRTD/FTD travellers, to develop information systems for controlling persons travelling with the FTD/FRTD, to install Wi-Fi network at the Kybartai railway BCP, to maintain a secure database on the transit passengers and to ensure proper digital mobile radio communication along the Kena–Kybartai railway, **6 projects** (50.88% of NO2 funds) were completed or carried out.

- **NO3: Development of the electronic control system of transit trains**

In order to replace the roof-mounted equipment on trains, to upgrade hardware and software for monitoring transit trains, to develop video surveillance system along the Kena–Kybartai railway and to upgrade video surveillance systems at Kybartai BCP and Kena BCP, **4 projects** (100% of NO3 funds) had made significant progress.

- **NO4: Improving the reaction capability of patrol units for the smooth functioning of transit by Russian citizens**

In order to improve the reaction capability of patrol units for the smooth functioning of the STS by replacement of vehicles and procurement of four unmanned aerial vehicles, upgrading of helicopters equipment, procurement of technical means for apprehension of illegal immigrants, strengthening of dog handling units, procurement of the Signal Receiving and Processing Systems ensuring the efficient control of persons traveling through Lithuania, construction of hangars and renovation of garages for 22 parking places, as well as introduction of vehicle licence plate recognition system at borders, **11 projects** (72.54% of NO4 funds) were completed or had made significant progress.

Training of STS staff

In order to continue with courses and improve quality and methods of training for the STS staff, funding was allocated to **5 projects**, with the total value constituting **83.03%** of STS training funds were completed or had made significant progress.

Additional operational costs

23 projects with the total value constituting **99.26%** of additional operational costs were completed or carried out.

List the main actions supported and carried out over the financial year, successes and problems identified (and resolved).

NO1: Upgrading of FTD/FRTD issuing and delivery systems (9 out of 13 projects)

Upgrading hardware and software of FRTD IT system

Upgrading communication equipment for FRTD IT system

Replacement of outdated computers, laptops, printers, MRZ scanners, office equipment

Renew administrative, living and leisure premises of the staff serving the FTD/FRTD system in Russia

Replacement of vehicles serving STS staff in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kaliningrad

Replacement of mobile communication devices

NO2: Ensuring and development of the control over the persons traveling with FTD/FRTD (6 out of 10 projects)

Procurement of portable devices for checking documents of the FRTD passengers

Replacement of hardware and software for border guards

Upgrading of FTD/FRTD subsystem of the information system VSATIS

Wi-Fi installation at the Kybartai Railway BCP

Replacement of the STS domain controller and other software

Upgrading of the Digital Mobile Radio Communication Network

NO3: Development of the electronic control system of transit trains (4 out of 4 projects)

Replacement of the roof-mounted equipment on trains

Replacement of hardware and software for monitoring transit trains

Upgrading of video surveillance systems at the Kybartai BCP and Kena BCP

Development of video surveillance systems along the Kena–Kybartai railway

NO4: Improving the reaction capability of patrol units for the smooth functioning of transit by Russian citizens (11 out of 15 projects)

Acquisition of new and upgrade existing vehicles

Replacement of helicopters equipment

Technical means for border surveillance and apprehension of illegal immigrants in high-risk areas

Acquisition of service dogs and dog handling gear

Acquisition of vehicle license plate recognition equipment

Procurement of the signal receiving and processing systems

Construction of hangars and renovation of garages

Training of staff ensuring functionality of STS (5 out of 6 projects)

Additional operational costs (23 out of 24 projects)

Additional operational costs of the MFA in years 2014-2021

Additional operational costs of the SBGS in years 2014-2021

Additional operational costs of the PD in years 2014-2021

Additional operational costs of the ITCD in years 2014-2021

Additional operational costs of the JSC ‘Lithuanian Railways’ in years 2014–2018

Additional operational costs of the PSS in years 2016–2020

Additional operational costs of the ADIC in years 2016-2021

There are no threats that the projects might remain incomplete.

SECTION 5: COMMON INDICATORS AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC INDICATORS

Provide an explanation of any indication that may have a significant impact on the achievement of any targets, in particular a lack of progress.

Remarks:

Indicators of STS projects not included in to indicators of SO1 or of SO2 (for example, the indicators for SO1: C2.1; C2.2, C4.1, C4.2 or under SO2: C1.1, C1.2, C2 and etc).

- *SO1 indicator C2.2 was calculated by multiplying the number of training participants by the duration of training in hours.*

- *SO2 indicator C4.c -Local coordination centres. Values "2": at Viesvile FS and at Plaskiai FS.*

- *SO2 indicator C2.b - Fleet. Values "94": all-terrain vehicles - 72; minivans - 18; 4-wheel moto-cycles - 4;*

- *SO2 indicator C2.c - Equipment. Values "206": Computers - 206;*

- *SO5 indicator C2.2 was calculated by multiplying the number of event participants by the duration of the event in days;*

- *SO5 indicator C3.1 was calculated by adding all projects that have been launched for implementation under NO1 and NO4;*

- *SO5 indicator C4 was calculated by adding projects 5141, 5129, 5241, 5211, 5221, 5222, 5231.*

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Indicators table

Specific objective		1 - Support a common visa policy													
Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Target value	Source of data	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cumulative value
C1 - Number of consular cooperation activities developed with the help of the Fund	Number	0.00	1.00	ProjectsProject under SA	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00						1.00
C1.a - Number of co-locations	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C1.b - Number of common application centres	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C1.c - Number of representations	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00						1.00
C1.d - Number of others	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C2.1 - Number of staff trained in common visa policy related aspects with the help of the Fund	Number	0.00	400.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	48.00	55.00	130.00						233.00
C2.2 - Number of training courses (hours completed)	Number	0.00	80,000.00	Projectshours completed Projects	0.00	0.00	1,758.00	2,144.00	1,785.00						5,687.00
C3 - Number of specialised posts in third countries supported by the Fund	Number	0.00	0.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C3.a - ILOs	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C3.b - Others	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C4.1 - Number of consulates developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund out of the total number of consulates	Number	0.00	40.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	17.00	21.00	20.00						58.00
C4.2 - Percentage of consulates developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund out of the total number of consulates	%	0.00	80.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	29.31	36.21	34.48						100.00

Specific objective		2 - Borders													
Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Target value	Source of data	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cumulative value
C1.1 - Number of staff trained in borders management related aspects with the help of the Fund	Number	0.00	1,960.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	122.00	242.00	68.00						432.00
C1.2 - Number of training courses in borders management related aspects with the help of the Fund	Number	0.00	98,000.00	Projectshours completed Projects	0.00	0.00	9,008.00	15,727.00	1,736.00						26,471.00
C2 - Number of border control (checks and surveillance) infrastructure and means developed or upgraded with the help of the Fund	Number	0.00	358.00	ProjectsProjects (173 vehicles for border control (not including STS), upgraded equipment at 181 work station of border guards, as well as 4 means for the EBCGA)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	300.00						302.00
C2.a - Infrastructure	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C2.b - Fleet (air, land, sea borders)	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	94.00						96.00
C2.c - Equipment	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	206.00						206.00
C2.d - Others	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C3.1 - Number of border crossings of the external borders through ABC gates supported from the Fund	Number	0.00	0.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C3.2 - Total number of border crossings	Number	0.00	11,000,000.00	ProjectsProjects	10,852,706.00	9,119,473.00	9,837,428.00	10,221,501.00	11,665,131.00						51,696,239.00
C4 - Number of national border surveillance infrastructure established/further developed in the framework of EUROSUR	Number	0.00	14.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	2.00						8.00
C4.a - National coordination centres	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C4.b - Regional coordination centres	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C4.c - Local coordination centres	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	2.00						8.00
C4.d - Other types of coordination centres	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C5 - Number of incidents reported by the Member State to the European Situational Picture	Number	0.00	4,000.00	projects	2,965.00	2,785.00	4,564.00	4,886.00	4,431.00						19,631.00
C5.a - Illegal immigration, including on incidents relating to a risk to the lives of migrants	Number				0.00	2,506.00	4,278.00	4,536.00	4,155.00						15,475.00
C5.b - Cross-border crime	Number				0.00	279.00	286.00	350.00	273.00						1,188.00
C5.c - Crisis situations	Number				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00

Specific objective		5 - Preventing and combating crime													
Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Target value	Source of data	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cumulative value
C1 - Number of JITs and EMPACT operational projects supported by the Fund, including the participating Member States and authorities	Number	0.00	2.00	ProjectsP rojects	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00						3.00
C1.a - Leader (Member State)	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C1.b - Partners (Member States)	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00
C1.c - Participating authorities	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00

C1.d - Participating EU Agency (Eurojust, Europol), if applicable	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00										3.00
C2.1 - Number of law enforcement officials trained on cross-border-related topics with the help of the Fund	Number	0.00	480.00	ProjectsP rojects	0.00	0.00	236.00	130.00	155.00										521.00
C2.1.a - Terrorism	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.1.b - Trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of women and children	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.1.c - Illicit drug trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00										1.00
C2.1.d - Illicit arms trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.1.e - Money laundering	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.1.f - Corruption	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.1.g - Counterfeiting of means of payment	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.1.h - Computer crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.1.i - Organised crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	45.00	26.00	0.00										71.00
C2.1.j - Area of law enforcement: information exchange	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	14.00	0.00	0.00										14.00
C2.1.k - Area of law enforcement: operational cooperation	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	176.00	104.00	155.00										435.00
C2.2 - Duration of the training (carried out) on cross-border related topics with the help of the fund	Person days	0.00	1,440.00	ProjectsP rojects	0.00	0.00	1,278.00	1,165.00	1,976.00										4,419.00
C2.2.a - Terrorism	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.2.b - Trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of women and children	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.2.c - Illicit drug trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00										5.00
C2.2.d - Illicit arms trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.2.e - Money laundering	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.2.f - Corruption	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.2.g - Counterfeiting of means of payment	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.2.h - Computer crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C2.2.i - Organised crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	156.00	105.00	0.00										261.00
C2.2.j - Area of law enforcement: information exchange	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	28.00	0.00	0.00										28.00
C2.2.k - Area of law enforcement: operational cooperation	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1,089.00	1,060.00	1,976.00										4,125.00
C3.1 - Number of projects in the area of crime prevention	Number	0.00	30.00	ProjectsP rojects	0.00	0.00	15.00	5.00	7.00										27.00
C3.1.a - Terrorism	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00										1.00
C3.1.b - Trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of women and children	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C3.1.c - Illicit drug trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00										2.00
C3.1.d - Illicit arms trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C3.1.e - Money laundering	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00										1.00
C3.1.f - Corruption	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	1.00										3.00
C3.1.g - Counterfeiting of means of payment	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C3.1.h - Computer crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	2.00										4.00
C3.1.i - Organised crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	9.00	3.00	4.00										16.00
C3.2 - Financial value of projects in the area of crime prevention	EUR	0.00	9,958,000.00	ProjectsP rojects	0.00	0.00	4,335,002.64	1,844,913.13	2,089,232.76										8,269,148.53
C3.2.a - Terrorism	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.00										150,000.00
C3.2.b - Trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of women and children	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C3.2.c - Illicit drug trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	578,199.42	0.00	0.00										578,199.42
C3.2.d - Illicit arms trafficking	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C3.2.e - Money laundering	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1,038,816.00	0.00	0.00										1,038,816.00
C3.2.f - Corruption	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	625,659.00	0.00	20,418.75										646,077.75
C3.2.g - Counterfeiting of means of payment	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C3.2.h - Computer crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	386,835.32	940,170.00	1,180,444.12										2,507,449.44
C3.2.i - Organised crime	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1,705,492.51	754,743.13	888,369.89										3,348,605.53
C4 - Number of projects supported by the Fund, aiming to improve law enforcement information exchanges which are related to Europol data systems, repositories or communication tools (e.g. data loaders, extending access to SIENA, projects aiming to improving input to analysis work files etc.)	Number	0.00	7.00	ProjectsP rojects	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00										9.00
C4.a - Data loaders	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00										1.00
C4.b - Extending access to SIENA	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
C4.c - Projects aiming to improving input to analysis work files etc.	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	2.00	3.00	3.00										8.00

Specific objective

6 - Risks and crisis

Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Target value	Source of data	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cumulative value
C1 - Number of tools put in place or upgraded with the help of the Fund to facilitate the protection of critical infrastructure by Member States in all sectors of the economy	Number	0.00	3.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00						2.00
C2 - Number of projects relating to the assessment and management of risks in the field of internal security supported by the Fund	Number	0.00	0.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	7.00	2.00	1.00						10.00
C3 - Number of expert meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, publications, websites and (online) consultations organised with the help of the Fund	Number	0.00	15.00	ProjectsProjects	0.00	0.00	10.00	4.00	0.00						14.00
C3.a - Relating to critical infrastructure protection	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	7.00	2.00	0.00						9.00
C3.b - Relating to crisis and risk management	Number			Projects	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.00	0.00						5.00

SECTION 6: FRAMEWORK FOR PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME BY THE MEMBER STATE

6.1 Monitoring Committee (Article 12(4) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014)

Provide a list of the main decisions taken and issues pending before the monitoring committee.

During the 2018 financial year the ISF Monitoring Committee put forward recommendations to the RA through decisions adopted in writing (written submissions).

The written decision-making procedures covered the following:

18 December 2017 (Minutes No 16):

- Review of the ISF Interim Evaluation Report for 01/01/2014 - 30/06/2017

- Update of the ISF Action Plan on:
 - Cut in funding for the STS project "*Additional operational costs of the PSS in 2016-2018*"
 - Allocation of the STS savings to the Foregone Visa Fees in 2017
 - Reallocation of funds within three SO2 projects

22 December 2017 (Minutes No 17):

- Update of the ISF Action plan by the 2018 Specific Action under ISF-b for the purchase of 1 coastal patrol vessel (CPV) and 1 coastal patrol boat (CPB)

18 January 2018 (Minutes No 18):

- Update of the ISF Action Plan on allocating additional funds to the SO6 project "*Building the capacities of Anti-Terrorist Operations Unit ARAS, Phase III*", respectively reducing the financing for other four SO6 projects

2 February 2018 (Minutes No 19):

- Update of the ISF Action Plan on:
 - Adjustment in name of projects on PNR
 - Postponement of call for proposals for four projects
 - Reallocation of funds within three STS projects
 - Allocation of the STS savings to the Foregone Visa Fees in 2018

13 February 2018 (Minutes No 20):

- Draft payment request for the annual balance to the EC for 2017 financial year

- Update of the ISF Action Plan: Reallocation of funds within six STS projects and Foregone Visa Fees in 2018

13 March 2018 (Minutes No 21):

- Update of the ISF Action Plan on projects under SO1, SO2, SO3 and STS implemented by the ITCD Allocation of the STS savings to the Foregone Visa Fees in 2017

30 March 2018 (Minutes No 22):

- Review of the draft implementation report ISF in 2017

30 May 2018 (Minutes No 23):

- Revision of the ISF national programme in the context of the mid-term review
- Update of the ISF Action Plan on:
 - Withdrawal of a project *"Additional operational costs of JSC "Lietuvos geležinkeliai" in 2019-2021"* ; Allocation of additional funds to STS project *"Additional operational costs of the PD in 2019-2021"*
 - *Withdrawal of a project "Improvement of the Kybartai Road BCP infrastructure"; Reallocation of unused funds to the Foregone Visa Fees in 2018*
 - *Postponement of call for proposals for two projects*

26 June 2018 (Minutes No 24):

- Revision of the ISF national programme in the context of the mid-term review (an adjustment)

30 August 2018 (Minutes No 25):

- Revision of the ISF national programme in the context to the implementation of the EES
- Update of the ISF Action Plan on projects under SO2, SO6 and STS (including extra amount to the TA and reallocations within the STS project and Foregone Visa Fees in 2019)

6.2 Common monitoring and evaluation framework (Article 14(2)(f) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014)

Monitoring and evaluation measures taken by the Responsible Authority, including data collection arrangements, evaluation activities, difficulties encountered and steps taken to resolve them.

Responsible authority (RA) as well as delegated authority (DA) have monitored the ISF common indicators and programme specific indicators as well as other project results. According to project agreements, every project has an ISF programme indicator (if applicable) that is planned to achieve and project performance indicators. In accordance with a pre-agreed payment application submission schedule, project promoter submits payment applications to a delegated authority and reports on the project performance indicators set in a project agreement as well as ISF common indicators and programme specific indicators (if applicable). Indicators and their achievement are monitored through the ISF information system VORAS.

DA verifies payment applications while analysing project performance indicators provided in the payment application for the reporting period as well as ISF common indicator and programme specific indicator (if applicable). DA monitors the level of achievement of project performance indicators and ISF programme indicator (if applicable) while also considering indicator values provided in a project agreement. If the desired level of an ISF programme indicator and/or project performance indicator provided in a project agreement is not achieved, the delegated authority assesses the reasonableness of funding for such project, and can propose to reduce the funding to this project in accordance with the ISF programme's project administration and financing rules. There were no such problems in the 2018 financial year. Project providers implemented projects consistently and smoothly, so it is expected that in accordance with the submitted project provider's payment applications, all the planned project performance indicators and ISF programme indicators will be achieved at the end of the project's implementation.

Ensuring an overall monitoring system, on-the-spot controls are also carried out and can be organised by either RA or DA. In the 2018 financial year, both RA and DA organised project inspections and on-the-spot controls. On-the-spot control revealed that project provider ensure good progress of projects and control their implementation, provide orderly documentation and its storage.

ISF programme monitoring revealed good cooperation between the RA and DA and maintenance of direct control over the implemented projects. Following the beginning of the programme's implementation in the 2018 financial year, the RA and DA discussed the implementation progress of ISF programme projects, the absorption of funds, problems encountered and possible solutions.

The role of the ISF Monitoring Committee is very important in the monitoring process as it oversees all reports that are submitted to the European Commission, i.e. before its submission to the European Commission the annual balance payment application and annual implementation report for the 2018 financial year went through the coordination process.

6.3 Partnership involvement in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the national programme (Article 12(3) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014)

Provide a brief description of the main input and opinions given by partners during the financial year.

The following national authorities are involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the national programme:

- State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of Interior;
- Police Department under the Ministry of Interior;
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Information Technology and Communications Department under the Ministry of Interior;
- Financial Crime Investigation Service under the Ministry of Interior;
- Special Investigation Service;
- State Security Department of the Republic of Lithuania;
- Personalization of Identity Documents Centre under the Ministry of Interior;
- Public Security Service under the Ministry of Interior;
- Customs of the Republic of Lithuania;
- Forensic Science Centre of Lithuania;
- State Forensic Medicine Service;
- JSC “Lietuvos geležinkeliai” (Lithuanian Railways).

The ISF Monitoring Committee is led by the Vice-Minister of the Interior. Their representatives (real and alternate member) were delegated to the Committee by:

- State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of Interior;
- Police Department under the Ministry of Interior;

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Ministry of Social Security and Labour;
- State Security Department of the Republic of Lithuania;
- Special Investigation Service;
- Customs of the Republic of Lithuania;
- Public Security Service under the Ministry of Interior;
- Information Technology and Communications Department under the Ministry of Interior;
- Public Security Policy Workshop at the Ministry of Interior.

The meetings of the Committee may be attended, in the capacity of observers, by representatives delegated by the Regional Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior (the Responsible Authority), the Public Institution the Central Project Management Agency (the Competent Authority), the European Commission, and other institutions.

6.4 Information and publicity (Article 48 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014)

Provide a link to the web site of the programme.

Provide a list of the main information and publicity activities carried out over the financial year.

Examples of material should be attached.

The national programme has been published on the website <http://vrm.lrv.lt/lt/naudinga-informacija/es-parama-vidaus-reikalu-sriciai-2014-2020-m> (LT) since September 2015.

In order to make available information on ISF projects more easily the individual internet site have started to function at the beginning of 2018: <http://isf.lt/>

The official information event for the ISF national programme achievements took place on 11 November 2018 in the main square in Vilnius: <https://vrm.lrv.lt/lt/naujienos/vidaus-saugumo-diena-jau-si-sekmadieni-papildyta-11-09>. The operating equipment as well as some means of transport purchased through the programme were demonstrated during this event.

Beside this, promotional items compliant with the awareness rising requirements of the ISF (calendars, work books, pens, souvenirs and etc.) were procured and distributed in 2018.

The specific requirements and measures of information and visibility were laid down in the ISF Visibility Guidelines. Final beneficiaries are responsible for informing on co-financing of the project activities from the Fund. The delegated authority was responsible for the supervision of the observance of the guidelines and conduct on-the-spot checks for that purpose at least once during the project (usually before the final payment). The components of the image of the Fund (logo, image plan, etc.) were applied consistently.

The ISF logo was displayed on all publications, guidelines and training materials financed from the ISF.

6.5 Complementarity with other Union instruments (Article 14(2)(e) and 14(5)(f) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014)

Briefly describe the main actions and consultations that were carried out to ensure coordination with other Union instruments, namely the following ones:

European Structural and Investment Funds (European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, European Maritime and Fisheries Fund).

Other EU Funds or programmes (e.g. Lifelong Learning Programme, Cultural Programme, Youth in Action Programme).

EU External relations instruments (e.g. Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance, European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, Instrument for stability), as far as actions in or in relation with third countries are concerned.

The Monitoring Committee include into its composition, as members or as observers, representatives of institutions responsible for the use of other related financial instruments. The participation of such representatives are specifically important at the meetings discussing issues related to the implementation of specific objectives.

Anti-corruption measures and training for the employees are complementary to the thematic objective 11 of the European Social Fund. The RA analysed whether the activities set out in the project applications of the Special Investigation Service will supplement the 2015-2019 Inter-Institutional Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Programme for 2015-2025 approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and whether it will not overlap with the measures funded from other EU sources provided for in the Action Plan.

6.6 Direct award

Provide a justification for each occasion when direct award was carried out.

The Fund intervenes in the areas where either *de jure* monopolies of national administrations exist or where security reasons exclude a possibility of an open call for proposals.

All beneficiaries (SBGS, Police Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Public Security Service, etc.) of the EU funds are the only entities invested with the powers to carry out such activities, in which case a *de jure* or *de facto* a monopoly situation exists.

Actions under the ISF programme are implemented on the basis of a restricted call for proposals.

SECTION 7: THE FINANCIAL REPORT (ARTICLE 54(2)(A) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 514/2014)
Table 1. ISF-Borders financial summary as declared in Accounts

National objective / Specific Action	Total union contribution paid in 2018	%	Total union contribution paid (all years)	%
SO1.NO1 National capacity	114,443.47	47.50	675,630.67	62.48
SO1.NO2 Union acquis	26,250.00	10.90	105,000.00	9.71
TOTAL NO SO1	140,693.47	58.40	780,630.67	72.19
SO1.SA1 Consular cooperation	100,221.26	41.60	300,663.78	27.81
TOTAL SO1	240,914.73	0.88	1,081,294.45	7.87
SO2.NO1 EUROSUR	3,556,056.13	78.13	8,151,135.76	79.17
SO2.NO3 Common Union standards	315,563.21	6.93	487,299.75	4.73
SO2.NO4 Union acquis	-30,760.56	-0.68	147,739.43	1.43
SO2.NO6 National capacity	710,398.72	15.61	1,509,947.92	14.67
TOTAL NO SO2	4,551,257.50	100.00	10,296,122.86	100.00
TOTAL SO2	4,551,257.50	16.65	10,296,122.86	74.98
SO3.NO1 Operating support for VISA	24,045.12	88.84	24,045.12	88.84
SO3.NO2 Operating support for borders	3,021.97	11.16	3,021.97	11.16
TOTAL NO SO3	27,067.09	100.00	27,067.09	100.00
TOTAL SO3	27,067.09	0.10	27,067.09	0.20
Technical assistance borders	829,866.67	3.04	2,326,511.37	16.94
Operating support for the special transit scheme (Lithuania)	21,680,041.39	79.33	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	27,329,147.38		13,730,995.77	
SO1.NO1+SO2.NO6+SO3 / Basic ISF-B allocation		0.44		0.28
SO2.NO1 / Basic ISF-B allocation		1.82		1.04
SO1.NO3+SO2.NO2+SO2.NO3 / Basic ISF-B allocation		0.16		0.06

Table 2. ISF-Police financial summary as declared in Accounts

National objective / Specific Action	Total union contribution paid in 2018	%	Total union contribution paid (all years)	%
SO5.NO1 C - prevention and combating	1,936,272.98	90.10	3,218,476.81	82.16
SO5.NO2 C - exchange of information	46,264.20	2.15	57,874.20	1.48
SO5.NO3 C - training	20,207.71	0.94	274,059.30	7.00
SO5.NO4 C - victim support	146,193.92	6.80	366,816.15	9.36
TOTAL SO5	2,148,938.81	77.46	3,917,226.46	82.92
SO6.NO1 R - prevention and combating	558,044.96	89.23	670,361.73	83.08
SO6.NO2 R - exchange of information	67,710.90	10.83	92,883.17	11.51
SO6.NO3 R - training	-386.73	-0.06	43,683.98	5.41
TOTAL SO6	625,369.13	22.54	806,928.88	17.08
TOTAL	2,774,307.94		4,724,155.34	
TOTAL SO5 / Basic ISF-P		11.70		5.33
TOTAL SO6 / Basic ISF-P allocation		3.41		1.10

Table 3: Implementation of the financing plan of the national programme specifying the total EU contribution for each financial year

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Police Programmed	0.00	3,635,211.00	3,096,778.00	4,858,326.00	2,256,891.00	2,256,891.00	2,256,891.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,360,988.00
Police Implemented	0.00	0.00	197,408.70	1,752,438.70	2,774,307.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,724,155.34
Borders Programmed	0.00	41,990,278.00	39,278,833.00	33,452,481.00	32,905,581.33	28,347,590.67	19,472,598.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195,447,362.00
Borders Implemented	0.00	24,396,457.11	22,095,056.93	26,749,903.53	27,329,147.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,570,564.95
Total Programmed	0.00	45,625,489.00	42,375,611.00	38,310,807.00	35,162,472.33	30,604,481.67	21,729,489.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	213,808,350.00
Total Implemented	0.00	24,396,457.11	22,292,465.63	28,502,342.23	30,103,455.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,294,720.29

Justification for any deviation from the minimum shares set in the Specific Regulations

(Only required if the situation is not the same as in the approved national programme, Article 14(5)(b) of Regulation (EU) No514/2014).

Provide a detailed explanation for derogating from the minimum shares as set out in the Specific Regulations.

SECTION 8: COMMITMENTS BY FORM OF AGREEMENT

Specific objective	Total amount in euro committed (by contract, grant or other agreement) up to the date of this report	% of total related allocation
SO1 - Support a common visa policy	2,629,193.48	86.22%
SO2 - Borders	24,996,608.24	67.23%
SO3 - Operating support	551,876.25	45.26%
Technical assistance - visa and borders	3,280,798.00	51.26%
Special case: Operating support for the special transit scheme (Lithuania)	140,660,695.00	95.30%
TOTAL ISF BORDERS	172,119,170.97	88.06%
SO5 - Preventing and combating crime	12,658,253.14	77.77%
SO6 - Risks and crisis	1,918,619.29	92.03%
Technical assistance - police	0.00	
TOTAL ISF POLICE	14,576,872.43	79.39%

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