

ISF/SO1/2024/4

«Provision of maintenance services of A.S.A.D.A»

Date of Signing of Agreement:

Project timeline: 4/5/2023 - 3/5/2027

Project budget: €1.988.295,61

Description of the project:

In the context of Special Objective SO1, the Cyprus Police will implement the project to provide maintenance services for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (A.S.A.D.A.) in accordance with the Internal Security Fund Program 2021-2027.

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (A.S.A.D.A.), had been installed at the Fingerprint Laboratory of the Criminal Investigation Service of the Cyprus Police, at the Police Headquarters. It is a biometric system used to compare/identify fingerprints and improve cooperation between the authorities involved for crime prevention and combating purposes.

As part of the implementation of the Prum Treaty (DEA 2008/615,616), on the basis of which cross-border police cooperation is sought, specialized software was installed in the aforementioned system for the purpose of exchanging fingerprints and conducting direct searches in the databases of other member states. The purpose of this is to upgrade and strengthen police cooperation between member states and to improve cooperation between the authorities involved with the aim of exchanging information for the purposes of more effectively fighting terrorism and cross-border crime.

The A.S.A.D.A. it is the only national system of registration, processing and storage of fingerprints and palm prints, and therefore the maintenance of its software, so that it remains in optimal working condition, is imperative. Any non-operation of the A.S.A.D.A. system. is expected to cause serious consequences in the prevention and fight against crime. In addition, the insufficient functioning of the specialized software will make it impossible to comply with the obligations of the Republic of Cyprus arising from the Prum Treaty, on the basis of which, as mentioned above, cross-border police cooperation is sought.

Furthermore, the maintenance of the equipment for taking fingerprints of the ASADA and Eurodac systems (Live scan, deskscan) is deemed necessary, as in the event of a technical problem with this equipment, the Republic of Cyprus will be unable to harmonize with the European Eurodac Recast Regulation Regulation 603/2013.

Maintenance services for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (ASADA) as well as the software for the Automated Fingerprint and Genetic Exchange System had started in 2016 and were being implemented until 2019 under the 2014-2020 Program Period by the Internal Security Fund (Police).

Finally, it is noted that, according to Preamble no. 20 of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1149 on the Internal Security Fund, the equipment and systems that have been included in the project in question have a clear cognitive added value and are necessary for the achievement of the Fund's objectives. Therefore, they are considered eligible under the regulation.

Expected Benefits

Through the implementation of the project, which is the provision of maintenance services for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (ASADA), it is expected that, on the one hand, the capacity of the Police in the areas of information exchange in matters of fingerprint identification and detection of serious crimes will be strengthened, and on the other hand, improve the cooperation between various agencies and the Member States, with the aim of making the said system work more efficiently and effectively for the purposes of exchanging information for the suppression and fight against crime.

The implementation of the project will benefit mainly the members of the Criminal Investigation Service, of the Police, who operate the electronic fingerprinting devices located in various places on a global scale (in various Services and Departments), since with the maintenance of this system is expected to improve and strengthen the exchange of information between Member States on the recognition of fingerprints.

Also, the benefiting population will be the citizens of the Republic of Cyprus and, by extension, the European citizens, as with the maintenance of the system in question the strengthening of prevention and the faster detection of crimes is expected through the storage of the fingerprints of the suspects, and therefore the public's sense of security will be enhanced.

The project is implemented within the framework of the Internal Security Fund with the co-financing of the European Union and the Republic of Cyprus.



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