

## **Strengthening the Capacity of the Malta Police Force to protect the Financial Interests of the European Union through the I2 - I2 MPF 2018 software**

This project was co-financed by European Union direct funds under the *HERCULE III* programme, where the Malta Police Force (MPF) benefited from €955,383. The aim of this project was to invest in the Anti-Money Laundering section as well as in the Central Intelligence and Analysis section by purchasing the I2 system, which included the purchase of software and hardware.

This project will improve the interoperability of the various sections within the MPF. In addition, the software through its advanced system, refers to information gathered from multiple sources which are used by several sections within the MPF. The information gathered is stored into repositories of information and includes information on illegal activities such as fraud, smuggling, theft, money laundering, as well as other crimes. Furthermore, the I2 system is renowned with many European law enforcement agencies.

The *I2 MPF 2018* Project was spread over different activities where in addition to the procurement of the equipment for the I2 system, the MPF gave the necessary training to the officers from the mentioned sections. Technical training was given on the use of the I2 system, the training on the fight against fraud and money laundering and terrorist financing and ultimately a train the trainer course to the officials that will give the necessary training to MPF officers on this subject. In addition, these training courses aimed to protect and safeguard the financial interests of both Malta and the European Union.

In order to improve the operations and make the MPF effective in the investigation of various crimes, this system has been connected to information repositories both within the MPF as well as with external information repositories from other local entities.

The system will make the MPF in a better position to exchange information on illegal activities with law enforcement agencies, both locally and internationally. Finally, thanks to this project, as a law enforcement agency in the European Union, the MPF will be able to operate more effectively.

