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**European Migration Strategy and European Funding:  
evidence from EU countries**

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# Aim

The aim of the presentation is

- to record the EU strategy on migration
- to present the Action Plan on migration and integration
- to introduce the main EU funds for migration
- to provide data of EU funding to four entry European countries, namely Greece, Cyprus, Italy and Spain

## European Asylum Agenda (2015)

- Reducing the incentives for irregular migration
- EU Border Management – saving lives and securing external borders
- A Common European Asylum Policy
- A policy agenda on legal migration

## EU Action Plan on integration and inclusion (2021-2027)

- Inclusive education and training for migrants
- Employment opportunities and skills recognition for migrants
- Better access to health services (physical and mental healthcare)
- Access to adequate and affordable housing

## EU Action Plan on integration and inclusion (2021-2027)

- **Its scope expands to include the integration of EU citizens of migrant background**
- Ensuring **inclusion for all** through **targeted and tailored support**
- Enhancing **migrant participation**, including through the recent formation of an Expert Group on the views of migrants
- **Mainstreaming gender** including **women**
- Building more **partnerships** with various integration stakeholders.
- Closer cooperation with **regional and local authorities**
- More emphasis on **long-term integration**

## EU Action Plan on integration and inclusion (2021-2027)

- Calls for proposals on integration aim to support the implementation of the Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027 and will include:
  1. Integration and inclusion at regional and local level
  2. Access to healthcare
  3. Improving digital skills among migrants
  4. Promoting community sponsorship schemes and complementary pathways (linked to education, work and family reunification)

## EU funds for migration

- a) Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- b) European Social Fund (ESF)
- c) European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- d) ERASMUS+
- e) EU programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)
- f) European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- g) The Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD)

# Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

1. Asylum
2. Legal migration and integration
3. Return
4. Solidarity



## AMIF Objectives

- a) to ensure a high quality and uniform asylum policy within the EU
- b) to facilitate legal migration and promote integration of legal migrants
- c) to support measures to fight irregular migration
- d) to improve the management of return of non-EU nationals
- e) to promote solidarity between member states through support to those most affected by migration flows

## Actions funded through AMIF

**Actions** funded through AMIF can include a wide range of initiatives, such as:


- ensuring a uniform **application of the EU** common set of rules and priorities related to the Common European Asylum System, legal migration and return
- providing **support and services** consistent with the status and the needs of the person concerned
- supporting **resettlement, humanitarian admission and transfers** of applicants for and beneficiaries of international protection
- supporting the development and implementation of policies promoting legal migration, such as the development of mobility schemes to the EU and raising awareness of the appropriate legal channels for immigration

## Actions funded through AMIF

- supporting integration measures tailored to the needs of third-country nationals and early integration programmes focusing on education, language and other training (such as **civic orientation courses** and **professional guidance**) to prepare their active participation in and their acceptance by the receiving society
- Supporting **reception infrastructures** for the third country nationals, including the possible joint use of such facilities by more than one Member State
- supporting an integrated and coordinated approach to **return management** at the EU and Member States' level, development of capacities for effective and sustainable return and reducing incentives for irregular migration
- supporting assisted **voluntary return and reintegration**
- **cooperating with third countries** on asylum, legal migration and countering irregular migration and on effective return and readmission for the purpose of managing migration



## AMIF FUNDING

- Most of the funds (63.5%) should be allocated to programmes that are jointly managed by the EU and the member states, whose entitlements will vary depending, among other factors, on the number of third-country nationals residing in the country, the asylum claims received, the return decisions taken and the effective returns carried out.
  - The other **36.5%** will be **directly managed by the EU** and dedicated, among other actions, to **emergency assistance**, **resettlement** and humanitarian admission from non-EU countries and to **relocate asylum-seekers** and refugees to other EU member states (as part of solidarity efforts)
  - **Funds** will also be allocated **to local and regional authorities** that implement measures to support people to integrate into their community.
  - **Emphasis on solidarity and responsibility-sharing**, in particular towards the most affected EU countries
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# Internal Security Fund (ISF)

The **Internal Security Fund (ISF)** promotes the implementation of the Internal Security Strategy of European Union

The main Objectives of **EU Internal Security Strategy** are

- to fight organised crime and human trafficking
- to counter terrorism & radicalization
- to fight cybercrime

Funding under the ISF supports Member States efforts to better protect the security of citizens and to better protect and manage the EU's external borders.



# Objectives of ISF

The key goals of ISF are:

- To ensure a high level of security in the EU
- To facilitate legitimate travel.



# ISF borders and Visa - Objectives

## **Borders**

- To achieve a uniform and high level of control of the external borders
- to support integrated borders management, to harmonise border management measures within the Union and
- to share information among EU States, and between EU States and Frontex in order to halt irregular migration and ensure the smooth crossing of the external borders

## ISF borders and Visa - Objectives

### Visa

- To effective processing Schengen visas
- To facilitate legitimate travel to the EU
- To provide a high quality service to visa applicants
- To ensure equal treatment and tackle irregular migration





# ISF Police – Objectives

## Police

- Fight against crime
- Combat cross-border organised crime, including terrorism
- Reinforce coordination and cooperation between EU law enforcement actors and other authorities, including Europol and other relevant organisations.
- Managing risks and crisis
- Prepare for the protection of people and critical infrastructures against terrorism or other attacks or incidents.



# ISF Implementation mechanisms

- National Programmes: the ISF Police fund is mainly implemented by EU participating countries through shared management. Each country implements the fund through national annual programmes on the basis of their multiannual programming.
- Union Actions: part of the ISF Police fund is managed by the Commission (direct and indirect management) through Union Actions, which include Calls for Proposals, procurement, direct awards, delegation agreements. For these actions the Commission approves Annual Work Programmes that define the priorities and objectives for each year, including the priorities for the Calls for Proposals.



## EU Funding: Sample Countries

- Greece
  - Cyprus
  - Italy
  - Spain
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- Funding awards from AMIF and ISF via long term and short term projects
  - Research period: 2015-2021



## GREECE: EU financial support from AMIF (2015-2021)

| AMIF GREECE                                 |   |
|---|---|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 328.3 million                                 |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>1.18 billion   |
|   | CYPRIOT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>550.1 million |
| TOTAL                                       | 2.06 billion                                  |

## GREECE: EU financial support from ISF (2015-2021)

| ISF GREECE                                  |   |
|---|---|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 320 MILLION                                 |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>17.5 BILLION |
|   | GREEK NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>112.5 MILLION |
| TOTAL                                       | 450 MILLION                                 |

## Cyprus: EU financial support from AMIF (2015-2021)

| AMIF CYPRUS                                 |  |
|---|--|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 39.11 million                                |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>0 million     |
|   | CYPRIOT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>7.58 million |
| TOTAL                                       | 46.69 million                                |

## CYPRUS: EU financial support from ISF (2015-2021)

| ISF CYPRUS                                  |  |
|---|--|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 67.78 million                                |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>0 million     |
|   | CYPRIOT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>3.15 million |
|   |  |
| TOTAL                                       | 70.92 million                                |

## ITALY: EU financial support from AMIF (2015-2021)

| AMIF ITALY                                  |  |
|---|--|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 399.08 million                                 |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>0.95 million    |
|   | ITALIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>186.49 million |
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| TOTAL                                       | 586.52 million                                 |



## ITALY: EU financial support from ISF (2015-2021)

| ISF ITALY                                   |  |
|---|--|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 349.56 million                                 |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>0 million       |
|   | ITALIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>105.79 million |
| TOTAL                                       | 455.35 million                                 |

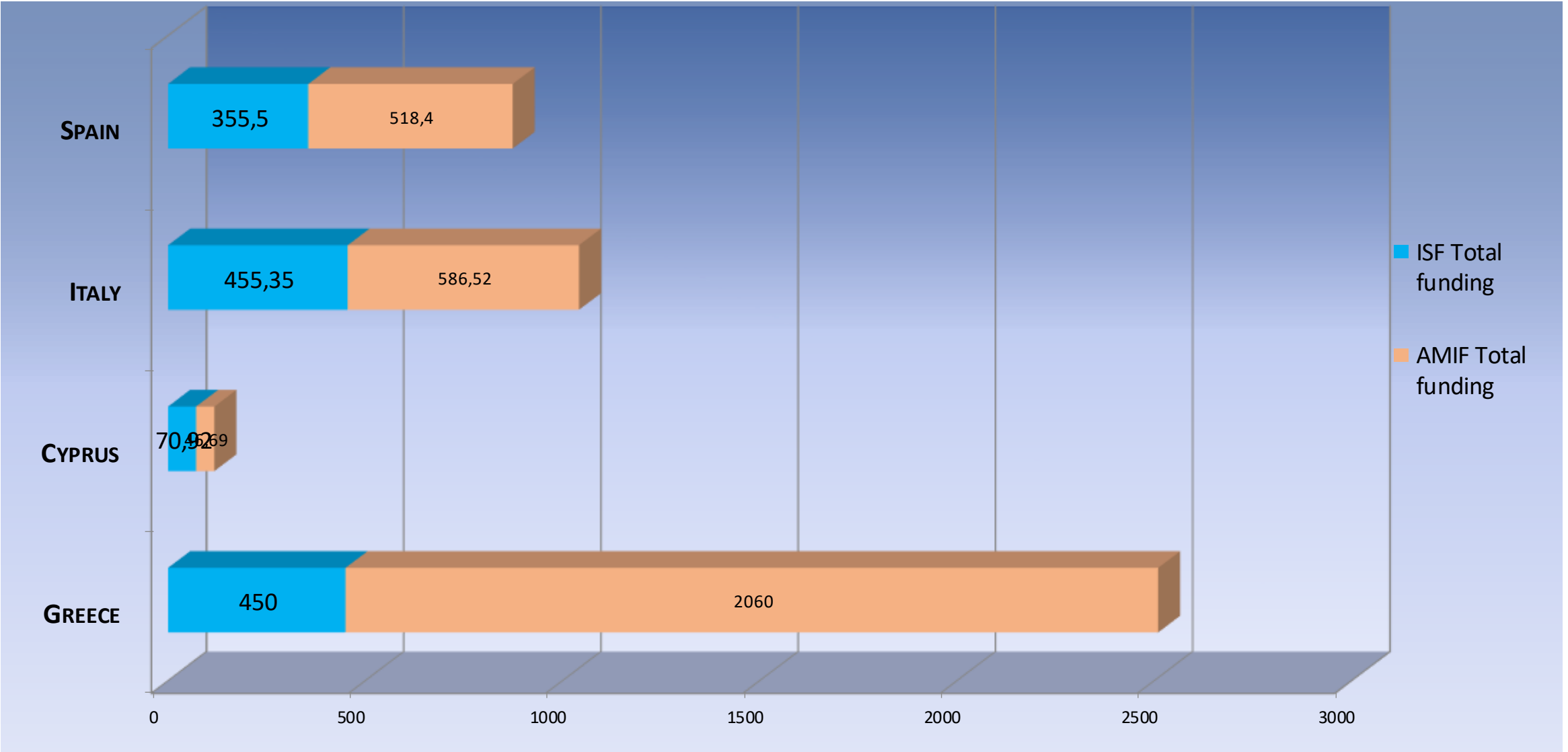
## SPAIN: EU financial support from AMIF (2015-2021)

| AMIF SPAIN                                  |  |
|---|--|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 427.4 million                              |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>0 million   |
|   | SPAIN NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>33.3 million |
| TOTAL                                       | 406.8 million                              |

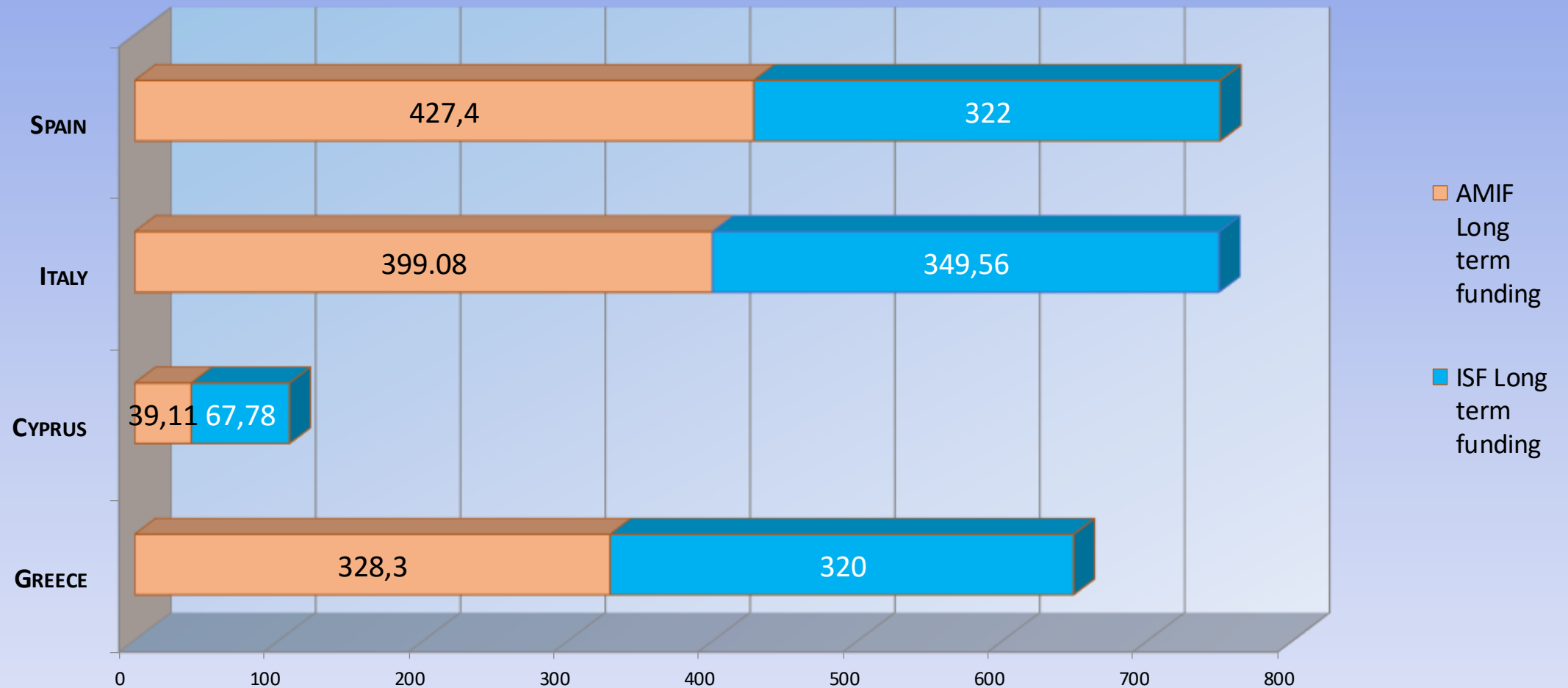
## SPAIN: EU financial support from ISF (2015-2021)

| ISF SPAIN                                   |  |
|---|--|
| EU LONG TERM: NATIONAL PROGRAMMES           | 322 MILLION                                |
| EU SHORT TERM FUNDING: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS<br>0 MILLION   |
|   | SPAIN NATIONAL AUTHORITIES<br>18.9 MILLION |
| TOTAL                                       | 340.8 MILLION                              |

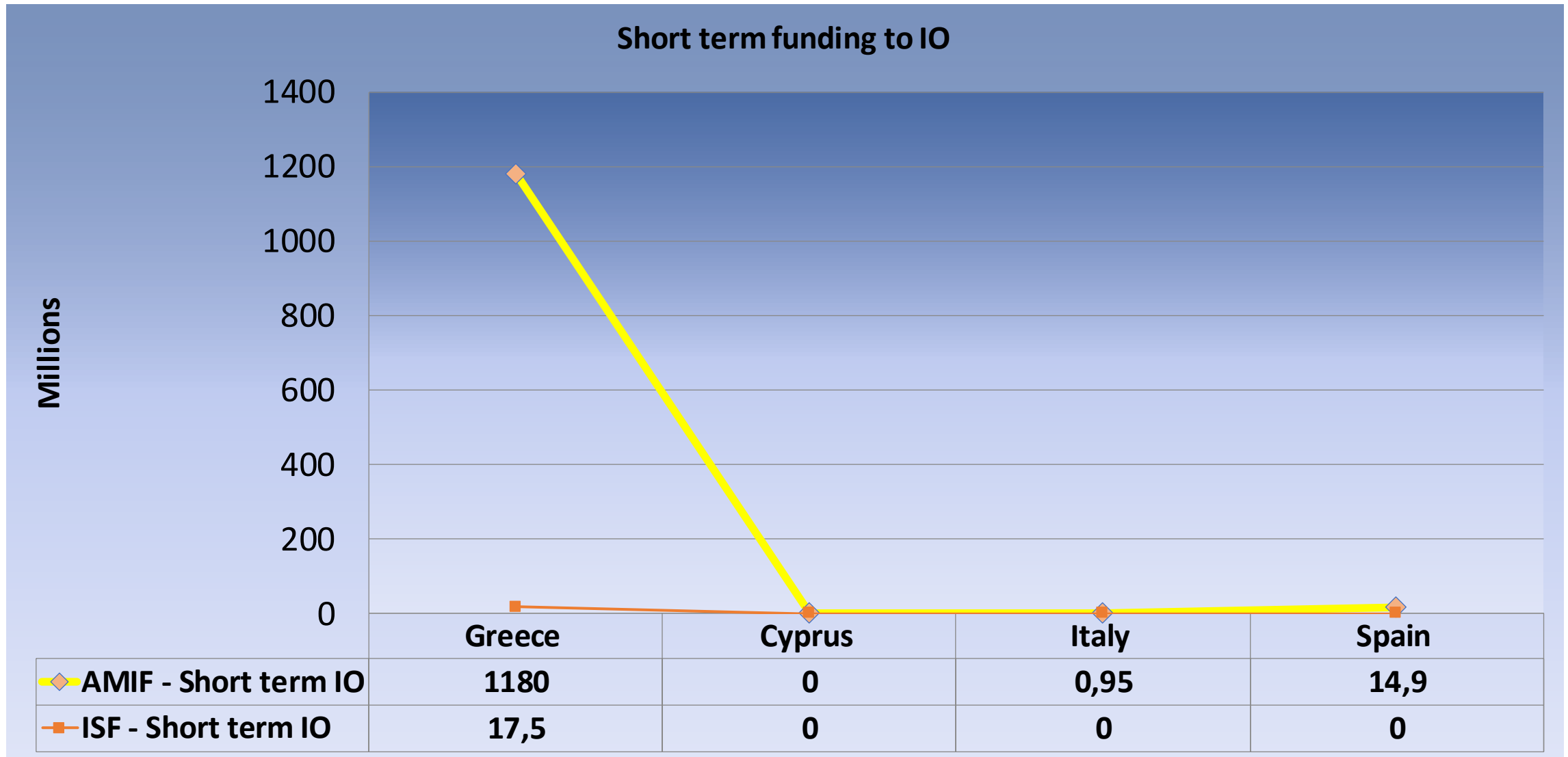
# Total EU funding AMIF& ISF (2015 - 2021) (million)



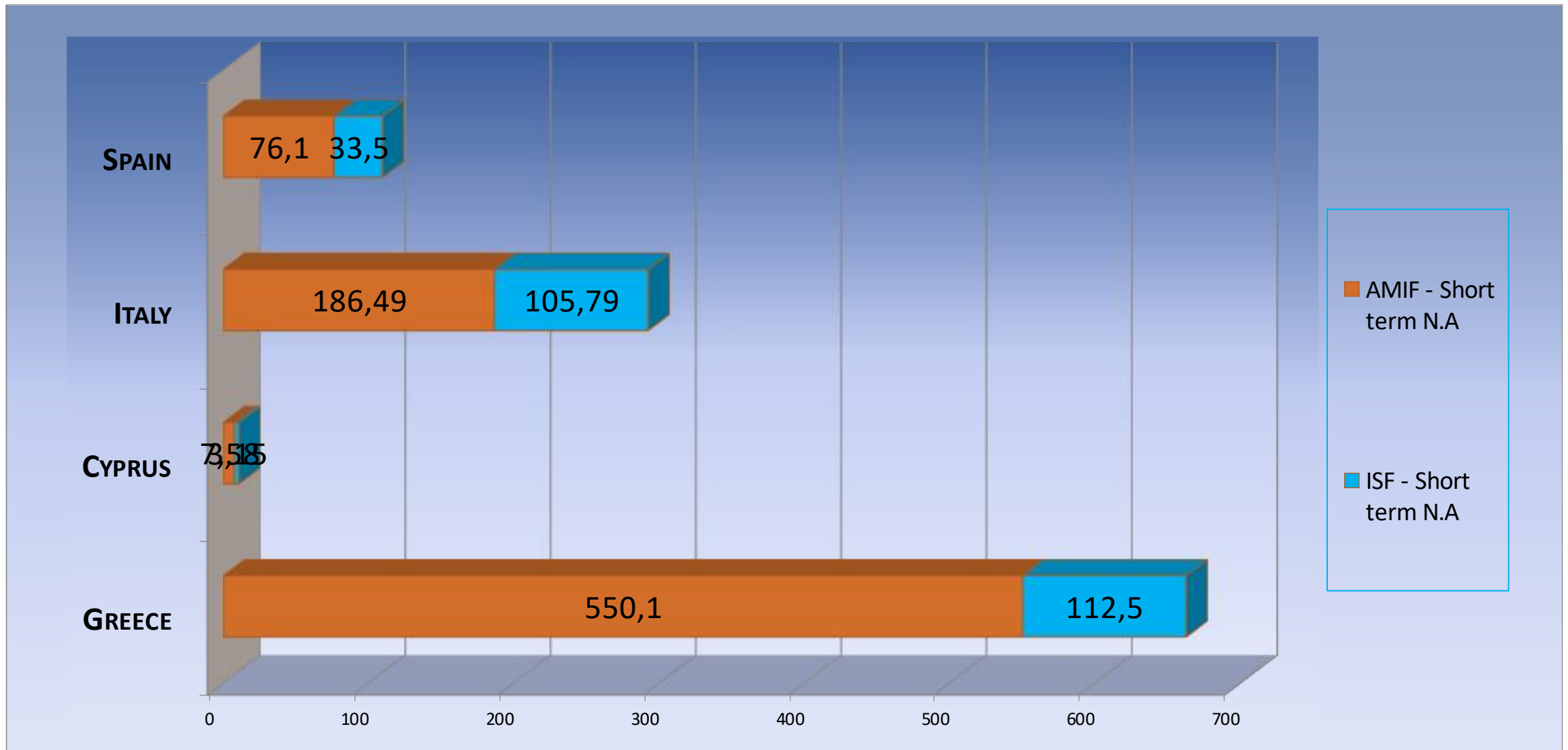
# AMIF & ISF Long term funding: National Programmes (2015-2021)




# AMIF & ISF short term funding to International Organisations



# AMIF & ISF short term funding to National Authorities



## Qualitative data - International Organisations (IO)

- **Italy** emergency funding (AMIF) to IO awarded to IOM:  
Project: *"Complementary measures in light of the relocation programme from Italy to Member states of relocation"*
  - **Spain** emergency funding (AMIF) to IO awarded to IOM:  
Project: *"Management of an Emergency Reception Facility on the Canary Islands"*.
  - **Greece** emergency funding (AMIF, ISF & Emergency Support instrument) to IO awarded to IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR- the UN Refugee Agency.
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## CONCLUDING REMARKS

- The role of EU is to fund and co-ordinate actions in order to help member states respond effectively to the various challenges of integration.
- The level of experience in crisis management as well as in integration issues greatly differs across EU countries.
- The accumulated experience of managing EU funded programmes over the years will give the Member States the necessary knowhow to effectively implement integration programmes using the National Authorities



# Thank you!

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