

FAQs about Specific Actions under Thematic Facility Work Programmes AMIF and ISF 2021-2022, BMVI 2021-2024

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Note 1 - Annex 1 HOME-Funds/2022/3, registration number Ares(2022)636750 of 27/01/2022: **questions 1 to 14**

Note 2 – Annex 2 HOME-Funds/2022/06, registration number Ares(2022)1022596 of 11/02/2022 **questions 15 to 18**

Note 3 – Annex 3 HOME-Funds/2022/11, registration number Ares(2022)1616607 of 04/03/2022 **questions 19 to 30**

Note 4 – Annex 4 HOME-Funds/2022/18, registration number Ares(2022)2116636 of 23/03/2022 **questions 31 to 37**

FAQ – Specific Actions ISF

❖ ISF/2022/SA/2.2.1 - EMPACT

Number	Topic classification	Questions	Reply
38	Eligibility to SA funding	<p>1) Is the funding 15M Euro for the EMPACT Cycle 2022-2025 or yearly?</p> <p>2) In MTIC, Eurojust is Action Leader of OA 2.3. and interested in applying for the ISF funding (request raised to our driver) but does not have activities for this year. Is it possible to apply for it for activities in 2023 or 2024?</p>	<p>1) The 15 Mio budgeted for the current call of expression of interest for SA EMPACT covers the entire EMPACT cycle 2022-2025.</p> <p>2) EU Agencies cannot apply nor be eligible to EMPACT SA funding. From the call text: Only “Member States participating in the Internal Security Fund are eligible”, and “EU Institutions, Bodies and Agencies would not be directly eligible, yet applicants would have to make them aware of the projects and coordinate with them, whenever relevant”.</p>
39	Partnership declaration	<p>Apart from national partners, the lead beneficiary from Member State X for the EMPACT action will also involve foreign partners in the project (for example University from Member State Y</p>	<p>1) A partnership declaration is needed for each partner – see text of the call for expression of interest “the lead Member State will have to make sure that all participating Member States (co-drivers, action (co)leaders and participants) duly sign the “Partnership Declaration Form” and are listed in the Application Form indicating the share each will receive from the top up amount allocated if the project proposal is successful. Based on</p>

		<p>or University from Member State Z).</p> <p>1) In such a case, is it necessary to conclude a partnership declaration, or not? Or is this only necessary when we are talking about actual ‘institutional’ partners (i.e. LEA from Member State X and LEA from Member State Y)?</p> <p>2) If it is necessary, at what level should the partnership declaration be concluded? At the level of the ISF Managing Authorities, or at the level of the actual organisations involved in the actual project?</p> <p>If it is not necessary, is it then sufficient to just include this information on the partners from other Member States in the application form?</p>	<p>this common agreement, each partner will have a role and resulting responsibilities in the implementation of the project and delivering on its objectives”.</p> <p>2) The partnership declaration form must be filled in for each partner and signed each time by the relevant ISF Managing Authority.</p>
40	EMPACT partnership driver/	<p>En tant que driver de l'une des OAP, nous n'avons pas souhaité répondre à l'appel à manifestation d'intérêt pour cet OAP, ni avoir une activité dans le projet. Nous nous sommes mis d'accord avec le co-driver : il répondra à l'appel à manifestation d'intérêt.</p> <p>Toutefois, le co-driver nous propose d'être co-applicant et</p>	<p>1) No 2) Yes 3) There is no eligibility criteria linked to the number of MS participating in the consortium, so applications received by a consortium of 2 MS will be assessed according to the criteria listed in the call. In particular, it should be stressed that the “level of involvement and cooperation of all relevant competent authorities from the group of EU Member States working in EMPACT” is among the criteria for the assessment of admissible proposals.</p>

		<p>nous a transmis la déclaration de partenariat.</p> <p>1) Dans la mesure où nous n'aurons aucune activité dans le projet et par conséquent aucun budget dédié, devons- nous quand même signer une déclaration de partenariat ?</p> <p>2) Ou une simple lettre de soutien suffit-elle ?</p> <p>3) Si une simple lettre de soutien suffit, un consortium de seulement 2 Etats membres est-il éligible ?</p>	
41	Eligibility of Third countries' costs	<p>1) Is it possible for non-EU member states (e.g. the UK) to join the ISF SA EMPACT project and will their costs be eligible?</p> <p>2) After approval of the application, we - as the future coordinator of the project - will manage the entire funding and we'd like to know if we can use the ISF funding to pay the costs of non-EU member states that will make a valuable contribution to the project.</p>	See reply in Annex 4 to Note 4 HOME-Funds/2022/18 , registration number Ares(2022)2116636 of 23/03/2022
42	Cost Eligibility	The Project/proposal that Member State X is preparing for funding under the ISF Thematic facility foresees the setting up of a European Operational Team (EOT) which requires the	As projects under Specific Actions are managed at national level, questions on eligibility of costs should be directly addressed to the ISF Managing Authority of the relevant Member State.

		<p>deployment in Member State X of up to 20 police officers from different Member States for a period of 6 months (extendable). In order to be as accurate as possible when calculating the budget share that corresponds to each partner, how would be the best option to estimate the eligible cost associated to each deployed Police Officer? DSA plus accommodation in Member State X per day/ deployment costs/ other form?</p>	
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FAQ – Specific Actions BMVI

❖ BMVI/2021-2022/SA/1.2.1 - Innovation for sea/shore, and/or land border surveillance (operational testing in pilot projects)

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43	Eligibility of applicants	Is it possible to have a national project with private-body participating entities from other Member States, as the project will be implemented in Member State X?	In the case, where the Managing Authority establishes a contractual relationship with a private entity (e.g. to procure the services of that entity) to carry out tasks needed to implement the specific action, this is not a transnational project within the meaning of Article 2(8) of the BMVI Regulation. The Managing Authority should ensure that the national eligibility rules provide that profit-making private bodies are beneficiaries of the BMVI, in the meaning of the definition included in Article 2, para. 9 of the CPR Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, as well as the rules on public procurement are respected.

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