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

❖ **BMVI/2022/SA/1.5.4 - "Support to comply with the implementation of the relevant interoperability legal framework"**

Topic classification	Questions	Reply
Interoperability application - deadline, allocation and police cooperation projects	We have several questions regarding the BMVI interoperability application (BMVI Specific Action "Support to comply with the implementation of the relevant interoperability legal framework" - BMVI/2022/SA/1.5.4.), the clarification of which would give us a better understanding of what we can do within this funding: 1. What is the deadline for the implementation of the projects comprehend within the framework of this application? The end of 2023 is indicated in the letter, but the letter was written before the extension of the entry. 2. Will the funding be allocated in the amount of 90% of the total amount of the project? 3. Can this funding be used for police cooperation projects (e.g. ECRIS TCN) - as it (ECRIS-TCN) is also part of interoperability?	1. The implementation of the Interoperability Regulations referred to in the original call notice (ref. ARES (2022) 3118098 of 13 April 2022) that was attached to the letter of invitation sent to you on 20 / 09/2022 via email has important information technology components that must be completed by all Member States under given deadlines. Taking into account that the objectives of this Specific Action is to support activities in the Member State aiming at the preparation of the end-users and the specific role the SIRENE offices will have during the transitional period, the proposed actions should be in line with the common implementation calendar of the interoperability architecture. 2. When planning the budget of your proposal you should take into account that the allocation for your country indicated in Annex A of the original call notice (ref. ARES (2022) 3118098 of 13 April 2022) under this SA (i.e. EUR 1,041,057.00) should cover two elements: A) the EU contribution to the project(s) costs (max 90% of the total project(s) costs) and B) the corresponding contribution to the Technical Assistance (TA) envelope for the BMVI programme. It means that out of the EU contribution of EUR 1,041,057.00 you will be able to use maximum EUR 982,129.25 to cover max. 90% of the total project costs (i.e. at least 10% of national co-funding have to be added). The remaining EUR 58,927.75 (i.e. 6% of EUR 982,129.25) will be added to the TA envelope of your programme. 3. This Specific Action does not aim and does not allow to cover all potential financing needs related to the implementation of the Interoperability Regulations referred to under point 3.1.1. of the

		call. It focuses only on two actions that are deemed necessary for Member States to be able to declare their readiness for implementing interoperability once the technical conditions are met: the adaptation of national business processes, national handbooks and manuals, training of end users as well as with the acquisition or development of the corresponding information technology means; and the adaptation of SIRENE offices for handling yellow links during the MID (Multiple Identity Detector) transitional period.

❖ **BMVI/2022/SA/1.5.7- Title: SIS shared technical copies and biometrics**

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Activities and costs eligible under Technical Assistance	1. What kind of tasks or activities will be eligible within Technical assistance (6% of the EU contribution)? 2. What kind of costs will be eligible within Technical assistance (6% of the EU contribution)?	In line with the Art 36 point 1 of the Common Provisions Regulation, the Technical Assistance "may support actions, which may concern previous and subsequent programming periods, necessary for the effective administration and use of those Funds, including for the capacity building of the partners referred to in Article 8(1), as well as to provide financing for carrying out, inter alia, functions such as preparation, training, management, monitoring, evaluation, visibility and communication".
Submission projects with different lot	3. With regard to the above-mentioned call, we would like to know whether it is possible to submit 2 separate projects, if each of them is focusing on a different lot (i.e. lot 1.5.7.2 and lot 1.5.7.3)?	Yes, it is possible.