

FAQs about Specific Actions under the Thematic Facility Work Programmes AMIF, BMVI, ISF 2023-2025

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BMVI/2023-2025 /SA/1.3.1 - “Specific Action to support Member States' national strategies for a European integrated border management”

Topic classification	Question	Reply
Review and resubmission of the application	We understand that there is an extended deadline for questions and feedback set for December 11. While we are currently not planning to alter our submitted application, we are concerned that new information arising from the feedback might necessitate some changes. We would appreciate guidance on whether we will have the opportunity to revise our application in light of any new insights post-December 11?	Member States may review and resubmit their application, for instance in light of new replies to FAQs (including Note HOME-Funds/2023/47 – Ares(2023)7300192), provided that the final submission of their application (including its annexes) under this Specific Action call is done by the deadline (9 February 2024).
Eligible activities	<p>Could be eligible under this Specific Action – in particular under the heading ‘setting up of a national IT tool (i.e. shared portal or platform; website) on EIBM, including the different areas of border management’) of the call document, the integration costs related to the use of the Central System for Link Resolution (CSLR) on a national basis?</p> <p>The CSLR is a user-friendly tool facilitating user acceptance and enabling fast and efficient cross MS communication in the context of yellow link investigations and red link notification. It provides a welcome support with respect to the management of the brand-new activity tied to the interoperability introduction: the link management.</p>	<p>IT-tools that benefit only the operation of one national authority, thereby excluding an inter-agency scope and which don’t set up or improve the national EIBM governance function are not eligible under this call.</p> <p>Setting up an IT-tool could fall under the scope of the call, if it contributes to the setting up or the enhancing of a national centralized governance function and strengthens coordination between national authorities with competences in the management of external borders, in line with the EIBM and the relevant national strategy. Activity five on page 6 of the call document is relevant (the implementation or improvement of information management systems to ensure timely and efficient inter-agency information sharing).</p> <p>The application should explain how the IT tool proposed to be funded with BMVI support would contribute to the setting up or</p>

	<p>The extension to other stakeholders than police and border guards will rely upon the quality of the tool, the delivery date and the coverage of the communication scope. The CSLR being a central tool, in order to facilitate its acceptance, it is expected that it will generate costs related to (1) its integration with the national tools, (2) central testing, (3) user training and (4) national customization requests.</p>	<p>improvement of the national centralised governance function and strengthen inter-agency coordination.</p>
	<p>We intend to apply for two interconnected parts which would improve information exchange and situational awareness.</p> <p>The first part is dedicated to the interconnection with the necessary upgrades of two incidents management systems (the State Border Guard Service and the Police Department), which allows both institutions to ensure proper information management and analysis in response to the increased information flow related to migration flows that we face at our national border.</p> <p>The second part is focused on managing multifaceted challenges, such as hybrid threats, including damage to physical barriers, riots involving aggressive illegal migrants, and other types of cross-border crimes. We recognize the urgent need to document these events. This documentation, involving the use of mobile cameras with live streaming and GPS tracking, enhances situational awareness, enabling better decision-making and rapid responses. It also supports joint investigations and collaboration with relevant authorities, crucial for addressing these multifaceted challenges. Ensuring safety, especially for our officers during joint patrols (both border guards and police officers), is a top priority.</p>	<p>As per the replies provided in the Annex to the Note HOME-Funds/2023/47 (Ares(2023)7300192), the scope of this BMVI Specific Action is, as per the call document: ‘to provide support to Member States and SAC in the establishment of their national strategies for the implementation of EIBM, specifically with a view to the setting up or the enhancing of a national centralised governance function’.</p> <p>The interconnection and upgrades of two individual incidents management systems and the documentation of incidents, by means of border surveillance equipment and services, as presented in the question, do not necessarily qualify as setting up or enhancing the national centralised governance function or as inter-agency cooperation, according to the scope of this call.</p>