

**Annex 1 - Replies to FAQs on the submission and selection phases of Specific Actions under the Thematic Facility Work Programmes
2023-2025 for AMIF, BMVI and ISF**

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AMIF/2024/SA/1.2.4 - “Specific Action Reception capacity for Member States under pressure”

Topic classification	Question	Reply
Types of applicants and partners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the applicant of the proposal, and therefore the beneficiary of the project in the event it is selected, be a non- public body, for example an NGO or International Organization? 2. If possible, would it be obligatory for the proposal to include the relevant public authority as a partner in the project. Or would it be sufficient if the proposal indicates that the non- public body has consulted with/ received guidance from the relevant public authority for the submission of the proposal and will be in communication with the relevant public authority throughout the implementation of the project? 	<p>The application has to be submitted by the Managing Authority as the additional funding is to be allocated to the MS programme and implemented under shared management. The selection of the beneficiary of the action (= the entity in the Member State that will be responsible for the implementation of the specific action), is the responsibility of the Managing Authority, in accordance with EU and national rules as for any other actions under the programme. The EU rules on beneficiaries do not limit them to public bodies– nor prescribe the inclusion of a public body.</p> <p>Any project proposal selected under a Specific Action is included to the MS programme via its amendment . Therefore, the responsible Managing Authority has to be closely involved in the preparation of the application, and is the entity in charge of the supervision of the project's implementation, like for any other projects under the programme.</p> <p>In addition, we would like to remind you that any question on a Specific Action call for expression of interest should be addressed to the relevant functional mailbox as indicated in the call, in this case the following: HOME-AMIF-SPECIFIC-ACTIONS@ec.europa.eu</p>

<p>Scope of the call</p>	<p>1. Is it possible to include the acquisition of real estate in the project, whether new or not? (It means to buy real estate instead to build them)</p> <p>2. Making an estimate of the execution of the project considering the life of a project of this nature (construction) which could be greater than two years, is there a time limit ?</p> <p>3. Is there a time limit for the condition of the property, whether new or renovated, for the purpose for which it was designed? (properties to be transfer i.e from the private to the public owner)</p> <p>4. Is it possible to obtain an advance payment for the project? General conditions under the CPR are 0.5% of pre-financing? Could it be different for this Specific Action's call for expression of interest?</p> <p>5. Possible services can be included in the proposal according to the call with a maximum. But should the proposal be negatively assessed if there are not services included at all?</p>	<p>1. Section 3.4 of the call for expression of interest indicates the objective of the Specific Action AMIF/2024/SA/1.2.4. Its first objective aims at "increasing the number of reception places". Therefore, either acquiring real estate or building infrastructure can be envisaged, as long as the aim is to increase the number of reception places.</p> <p>2. Funding for Specific Actions is allocated to Member States' programmes as stated in Article 18 of the AMIF Regulation. Therefore, the rules to be applied for SA projects do not differ from the provisions applicable to other projects under the programme, including as regards the time to implement an action. Nevertheless, this call is designed to finance actions aiming at addressing migratory pressure faced by Member States and should therefore be implemented without delay to effectively address the needs.</p> <p>3. The call for expression of interest does not specify any conditions or provide further indications in this regard. Therefore, the regular EU and national provisions apply.</p> <p>4. If selected, actions supported under specific actions are integrated into the programme via its amendment as stated in section 2 of the present call and in Article 18 of the AMIF Regulation. Therefore, the general rules for advance payment, as stated in Article 14(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, are applicable to actions under this call.</p> <p>5. Assessment criteria are indicated in section 4.1 of the call. The possibility to include services, mentioned in section 3.4 of the call, is an option available for Member States in case of needs, not a requirement. Therefore, not including services does not impact the outcome of the assessment.</p> <p>In addition, we would like to remind you that any question on a Specific Action call for expression of interest should be addressed to</p>
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