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**Subject: Launch of the call for expression of interest under the specific action
“Equipment to increase the operational capacity of the European
Border and Coast Guard Agency” – Reference:
BMVI/2025/SA/1.2.3.**

1. INTRODUCTION

Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (“BMVI”) provides that Member States ⁽¹⁾ may receive funding for specific actions in addition to their initial allocations in their respective programmes.

Specific actions aim to fund transnational or national projects that bring Union added value in accordance with the objectives of the BMVI, for which one, several or all Member States may receive an additional allocation to their programmes.

They will be implemented as one of the components of the Thematic Facility in line with Article 8 of the above-mentioned Regulation and in accordance with the relevant financing decisions and work programmes for the Instrument ⁽²⁾.

By the present note, the Commission launches a call for expression of interest for the specific action “Equipment to increase the operational capacity of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency” (hereafter, Frontex).

⁽¹⁾ Reference to Member States in this note should be understood as including the Schengen associated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), for which the arrangements for their participation in the BMVI are in place.

⁽²⁾ [Integrated Border Management Fund – Border Management and Visa Instrument \(2021-27\)](#) (europea.eu)

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Specific actions will be implemented by one or more Member States participating in the Instrument via funding received in addition to the allocation under their BMVI programmes.

Funding for specific actions is added to the Member States' programme allocations at the time of the approval of the initial programme or by means of a programme amendment. That additional funding is earmarked for the specific action concerned and shall not be used for other actions in the Member State's programme, except in duly justified circumstances and as approved by the Commission through the amendment of the programme.

Whereas the regular EU co-financing rate under the Member States' programmes will not exceed 75% of total eligible expenditure, projects implemented under specific actions may benefit from an increased co-financing rate of up to 90% of total eligible expenditure.

Specific actions must be implemented by the Member States in accordance with the BMVI ⁽³⁾ Regulation and the Common Provisions Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (CPR) ⁽⁴⁾. This includes compliance with fundamental rights. Moreover, Member States must ensure that the specific actions are not affected by a reasoned opinion delivered by the Commission in respect of infringement proceedings under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) that put in doubt the legality and regularity of expenditure or the performance of the actions (Article 8(5) of the BMVI Regulation).

Your attention is drawn to one provision of the CPR. As regard the value added tax ("VAT") eligibility regime, Article 64(1)(c) of the CPR provides that VAT is not eligible, except:

- (i) "for operations the total cost of which is below EUR 5 000 000 (including VAT);
- (ii) for operations the total cost of which is at least EUR 5 000 000 (including VAT) where it is non-recoverable under national VAT legislation".

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

3. CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

3.1. Indicative Budget available

The indicative amount envisaged for this call is **EUR 150 million** (including technical assistance).

Each Member State may submit only **one application**, including one or more units of equipment under the categories and types of equipment set out in table 1 below.

The requested amount (i.e., the Union contribution to the Member State's programme, including technical assistance) **must not be lower than EUR 12 million per application**.

If the objectives, criteria and standards are not met, the Commission services may decide not to allocate the entire amount envisaged for this call. The Commission services may also decide to reduce the total amount of individual applications and/or establish a reserve list for applications or parts of applications.

3.2. Background for the specific action

The **Communication** establishing the **multiannual strategic policy for European integrated border management** ⁽⁵⁾, presented by the Commission on 14 March 2023, aims to provide a shared policy framework and guidance for the implementation of an effective European integrated border management for the period 2023 to 2027. The Communication highlights that *“Border surveillance requires effective operational measures of the Member States’ national authorities responsible with border management and enhanced presence of the European Border and Coast Guard Standing Corps in pre-frontier areas, as well as reinforced border protection capabilities and infrastructure, means of surveillance, including aerial surveillance, and equipment.”*

In the **political guidelines for 2024-2029** ⁽⁶⁾ presented to the Parliament on 18 July 2024, Commission President Von Der Leyen stated that the Commission will strengthen Frontex by equipping it *“with state-of-the art technology for surveillance and situational awareness, ... to ensure it can protect our borders in all circumstances with strong governance and the full respect of fundamental rights”*.

The **ProtectEU: a European Internal Security Strategy** ⁽⁷⁾, presented by the Commission on 1 April 2025, acknowledges that *“strengthening the resilience and security of external borders is crucial to counter hybrid threats, such as the weaponisation of migration, to prevent threat actors and goods from entering the EU, and to combat cross-border crime and terrorism effectively.”* For this purpose, Frontex should be equipped with advanced technology for surveillance and situational awareness, which should further enhance its ability to manage the external borders.

⁽⁵⁾ [COM/2023/146/final](#)

⁽⁶⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf

⁽⁷⁾ [COM/2025/148 final](#)

This is the context for the specific action, which has the objective of **increasing the operational capacity of Frontex**, according to Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard.

The specific action builds on similar actions co-financed from the Instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, established as part of the Internal Security Fund (ISF-BV) in the 2014-2020 programming period, and from the BMVI in the 2021-2027 programming period, notably:

- three specific actions launched in 2015, 2017 and 2018 to provide Frontex with additional equipment purchased by the Member States, allocating an overall amount of EUR 336.7 million (EU contribution) to 17 Member States for a total of 78 units of border management equipment.
- one specific action launched in 2022, allocating an overall amount of EUR 201.1 million (EU contribution) to 12 Member States for the purchase of 233 units of border management equipment ⁽⁸⁾. This specific action is ongoing.

It aims to **further enhance the surveillance capabilities built so far, while at the same time enabling the gradual futureproofing of the EU external borders and accelerating the actual deployment of innovative tools** as an integral part of these capabilities.

3.3. Scope and purpose of the specific action

This specific action falls within the specific objective of the BMVI to *support effective European integrated border management at the external borders, implemented by the European Border and Coast Guard as a shared responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the national authorities responsible for border management, to facilitate legitimate border crossings, to prevent and detect illegal immigration and cross-border crime and to effectively manage migratory flows.*⁽⁹⁾

- First, it contributes to strengthening the border surveillance capabilities and capacities of Member States by purchasing technical equipment for this purpose.
- Second, it furthers the long-term objectives of strengthening Frontex's capability needs. Frontex will be able to rely on the equipment purchased via this specific action and improve the planning of its operations, in addition to fostering innovative developments.

The operational needs to be covered have been identified in consultation with Frontex and after discussion with the Member States in a workshop held in March 2025.

In line with the identified areas for development in the Frontex capability roadmap ⁽¹⁰⁾ and the Agency's needs, this specific action will support **the purchase of uncrewed equipment**, to be used for border surveillance at national level and to be put at the

⁽⁸⁾ Note HOME-Funds/2022/60 of 10/10/2022.

⁽⁹⁾ Article 3(2)(a) of the BMVI Regulation.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Management board decision 16/2024 of 26 March 2024 on the approval of the Capability Roadmap of the European Border and Coast Guard, https://prd.frontex.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/mb-decision-16_2024_capability-roadmap-of-the-ebcg-1.pdf.

disposal of Frontex in accordance with Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896.

The **indicative number of units** and **types of uncrewed equipment** eligible under this specific action are set out as follows, **presented in order of priority in line with the needs of Frontex.**

Table 1:

Priority	Indicative number of units	Type of uncrewed equipment	Possible theatres of operation	Max. number of units per Member State	Indicative funding (price range in million EUR per unit)
Category no. 1: Airborne surveillance					
1	2	- Lighter-Than-Air High Altitude – Long Endurance Large Area ⁽¹¹⁾ - Heavier-Than-Air High Altitude – Long Endurance Large Area ⁽¹²⁾	Land borders Mediterranean Black sea Channel	1	25-35
2	2	Heavier-Than-Air Medium Altitude - Long Endurance Medium Area ⁽¹³⁾	Land borders Mediterranean Black sea Channel	1	15-20
3	2	Lighter-Than-Air Low Altitude – Long Endurance Small Area ⁽¹⁴⁾	Land borders Archipelagos	1	5-7
4	6	Heavier-Than-Air Low Altitude - Medium Endurance Small Area ⁽¹⁵⁾	Land borders	2	2.5-5
Category no. 2: Seaborne surveillance					
5	4	Surface vessel – Sea or River surface – Medium Endurance Medium Area ⁽¹⁶⁾	Land borders including rivers	1	5-8

⁽¹¹⁾ e.g. platforms that operate in higher airspace above 13 km and correspond to NATO Class III in terms of operating altitude and mission radius. They are elevated by buoyant gas such as balloon or airship and can be tethered to the ground or come with on board propulsion systems. For further details on this and the other types of equipment in the table, please see Annex II.

⁽¹²⁾ e.g. platforms that are based on a fixed wide-wing aircraft.

⁽¹³⁾ e.g. platforms that operate in the commercial airspace, at between 2 km up to 13 km and correspond to NATO Class II in terms of operating altitude and mission radius. They are typically using either a fixed wing or rotary aircraft design.

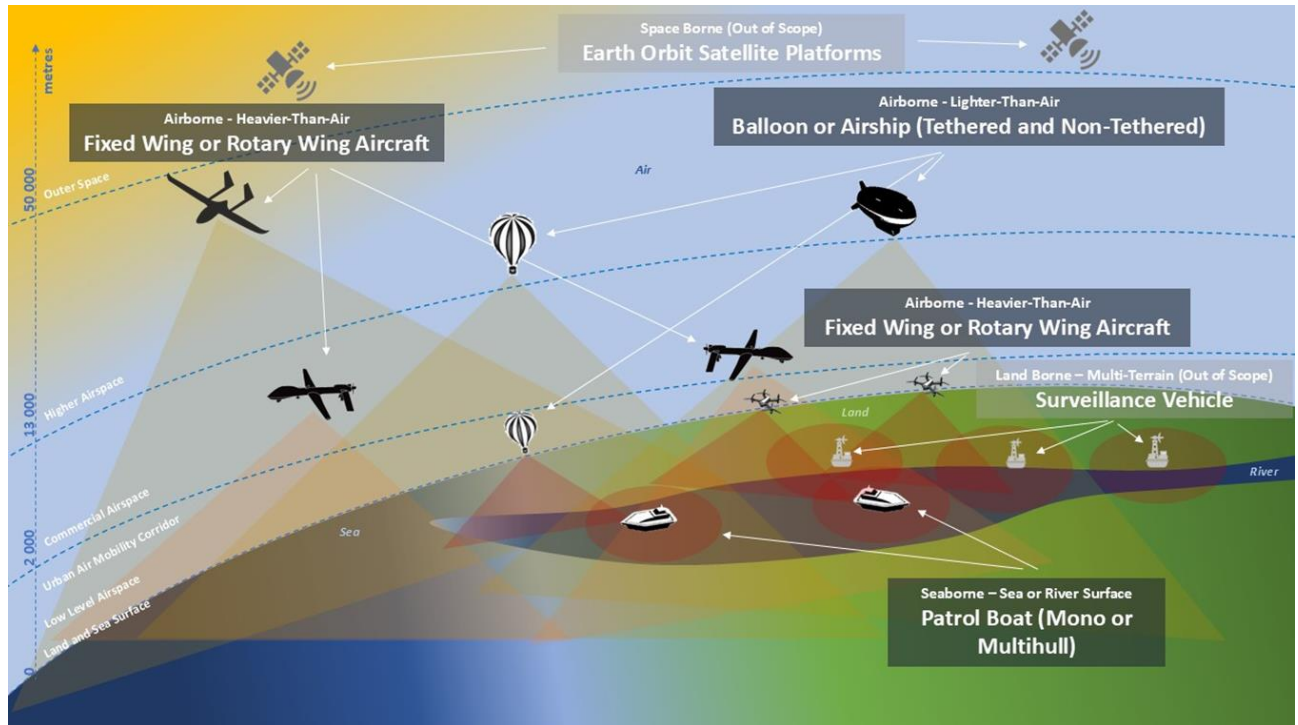
⁽¹⁴⁾ e.g. platforms elevated by buoyant gas such as balloon or airship that correspond to NATO Class I in terms of operating altitude of up to 2 km and mission radius. They require integration with ground control and autonomous winch/release capability for fast deployment.

⁽¹⁵⁾ e.g. rotary wing platforms, either with single or multiple rotors, which fall under NATO Class I. Fixed-wing platforms also exist and typically come with longer endurance but cannot take-off vertically.

⁽¹⁶⁾ Uncrewed surface vessels platforms, such as those used for conventional small patrol boat, mono or multihull.

They should be part of interoperable systems to form a comprehensive surveillance capability, ensuring persistent large-area surveillance coverage, as well as adaptability and flexibility in operational areas. Figure 1 provides an illustration in this respect.

Figure 1.



Member States are invited to submit applications for the uncrewed equipment listed in the table above.

Each Member State may submit only **one application**, which can include one or more types of uncrewed equipment from the two categories of airborne and seaborne surveillance. Member States are invited to present in the application the reasoning for the number and types of uncrewed equipment in the light of the different elements mentioned under the criterion “Relevance” in section 3.5.2.

The application form, offers the possibility to provide facts, data and other considerations on the national context and specific circumstances relating to the equipment units in the country that should enable the Commission services to apply the assessment criteria presented under section 3.5.2, demonstrating both the relevance and the quality of the application.

For the selection of successful applications, consideration will be given to the Member States’:

- External border sections impact levels, attributed according to Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 (impact level by the deadline for submitting applications) ⁽¹⁷⁾;

⁽¹⁷⁾ As reported in *Frontex Monthly Analysis*.

- Degree of cooperation with Frontex, as part of implementation of the European Integrated Border Management (EIBM), with regard to;
 - compliance with the requirement on the deployment of the equipment purchased under the specific actions supported by the ISF-BV and the BMVI, according to Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 (data from 2021 to 2024).
 - compliance with the requirement on contribution to the standing corps through long-term secondments, according to Article 56 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 (data from 2021 to 2024).

Only costs linked to the **purchase** of the uncrewed equipment are eligible under this specific action. The lease of the equipment is not eligible. Running costs and costs for maintenance when the equipment is not deployed for an operational activity of Frontex must either be covered under the national budget or by the BMVI programme, under operating support.

The number of equipment units eligible for purchase under the specific action as set out in table 1 above is to be considered as **indicative**. The final number will depend on the total costs of the selected applications, within the limit of the available EU budget.

3.4. Expected results

The expected results of this specific action include a significant reinforcement of the overall operational capacity of the European Border and Coast Guard, both at Frontex and Member State level.

The action is expected to contribute to the deployment of emerging and innovative technologies for comprehensive multipurpose surveillance at the EU external borders.

The supported actions are expected to result in:

- Enhanced, fully operational border control capabilities that prevent and detect illegal activities, supported by multisensory installations;
- An improved maritime surveillance architecture, capable of optimising the configuration of multi-sensor networks, automating data fusion and ensuring secure transmissions. These systems should enable faster patrol triggering, rapid interception and rescue operations;
- Strengthened capacity to deploy unmanned surveillance systems (e.g. drones), aircraft and vessels, complementing current capabilities including those of Frontex, which is currently the only EU-level provider of such systems;
- A concrete step toward an integrated and interoperable European Border and Coast Guard, through gradual uptake of innovative solutions, increased efficiency and sustainability of operations, and improved situational awareness and reaction capability at the borders.

3.5. Admissibility, eligibility and assessment aspects

A two-step procedure will be applied: applications will be first checked against the admissibility and eligibility criteria and then against the assessment criteria.

3.5.1. Admissibility and eligibility

The Commission services will examine the admissibility and, following a first examination by Frontex of the technical requirements and standards, the eligibility of applications.

To be considered **admissible**, an application must:

1. be submitted within the deadline (see below) to the BMVI specific actions functional mailbox: HOME-BMVI-SPECIFIC-ACTIONS@ec.europa.eu ;
2. consist of the official BMVI/2025/SA/1.2.3 Application Form attached to this note together with its annexes (eligibility checklist, budget form), which must be readable and complete (all fields necessary for assessment to be filled in);
3. be submitted by the Managing Authority on behalf of the entity in the Member State that will be responsible for the implementation of the specific action;
4. identify a project beneficiary (an entity) that will be responsible for the implementation of the specific action in the Member State.

Failure to comply with the above admissibility criteria will lead to the rejection of the application.

To be considered **eligible**, an application must:

1. not result in financing of equipment that has already been procured and delivered. However, Member States may apply if they are already in the process of procuring equipment that is eligible under the specific action and fulfils the objectives, criteria and standards set out;
2. include the explicit commitment of the relevant national authority to comply with the obligations under Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896, as described and specified in Annex I;
3. concern the types of equipment identified under the two categories set out in Table 1 of this call. The purchase of other types of equipment, not falling within these categories, will not be considered eligible;
4. not exceed the maximum number of units per type of equipment and per Member State set out in section 3.3 – Table 1;
5. confirm that the equipment to be purchased will comply with the standards per category and type of equipment (as per Annex II).

Failure to comply with the above eligibility criteria will lead to the rejection of the application or parts thereof.

3.5.2. Assessment

The Commission services will assess the applications that are considered admissible and eligible in respect of each type of equipment, in the order of the categories and types of

equipment listed in Table 1, according to the criteria set out below.

Within each type of equipment, applications will be ranked according to their total score, by adding up all the points for each criterion by type of equipment.

Within each category, the highest ranked applications by type of equipment will be considered for selection.

Should two or more applications for a type of equipment obtain equal total scores, they will be ranked according to their score under criterion “Relevance”, then if a tie remains, according to their score under criterion “Quality”.

The Commission services will carry out the technical assessment in cooperation with Frontex, taking into account operational and policy considerations, linked to the purpose and priorities of the call and the existing and emerging challenges for the external border management.

When selecting the successful applications, the Commission services reserve the right to take into account the geographical repartition of the capacities listed in Table 1, to ensure an optimal coverage of the external borders as per existing and emerging challenges. This may entail a reduction of the categories, types and units of equipment in the submitted applications.

Successful applications will be proposed for selection, within the limits of the available budget, while the remaining ones will be either included in the reserve list or rejected.

The Commission services will assess the admissible and eligible applications based on the following criteria ⁽¹⁸⁾:

A. Relevance (max. 70 points/100 – minimum score: 35 points):

In relation to this criterion, applicants are requested to describe

1. Suitability of the equipment to be purchased to address the specific needs at the external borders for which surveillance is carried out by the applicant Member State and relevance in relation to the National Capability Development Plan;
2. How the equipment to be purchased will complement the existing operational measures to carry out surveillance at the external borders of the applicant Member State;
3. In the event of different items of equipment to be purchased, how will the different items and the overall package complement and address the needs to carry out surveillance at the external borders of the applicant Member State.

When assessing the relevance of the applications, the Commission services, in cooperation with Frontex, will take into account the impact level attributed according to Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 to the Member States’ external border sections to be covered by the equipment/capability package when not deployed in Frontex operational activities, as mentioned under section 3.3 (*Scope and Purpose of the Specific Action*). The impact level taken into account will be the most recent at the deadline for submitting applications under this call.

⁽¹⁸⁾ Applications not meeting the minimum score of 35 points under criterion A, relevance, will not be further assessed. Applications must meet the minimum score under both criterion A; relevance, and B, quality, to be proposed for funding – depending on their overall ranking and budget availability.

B. Quality (max. 30 points/100 – minimum score: 15 points)

In relation to this criterion, applicants are requested:

1. To explain the appropriateness of the design and planned implementation of the action as well as the equipment maintenance, as regards:
 - a) The intervention logic - background information, needs assessment, proposed activities and expected results;
 - b) the methodology, including operational and financial management;
 - c) the monitoring strategy;
 - d) the know-how, experience acquired and composition of the team assigned to the specific action, as well as of the entities/units involved in its implementation;
 - e) expected service life and maintenance of the equipment (maintenance schedule, resources, arrangements for rapid repair, end of life plans).
2. To indicate and justify the indicative timetable and milestones, particularly the delivery of the equipment within the proposed timeframe, justifying the duration of the proposal and its activities.
3. To illustrate the cost effectiveness of the application: degree to which the estimated costs take into account the projected unit prices in relation to the technical features, types and units of equipment; accuracy of the methodology for the calculation of the costs. In case the estimated costs do not fall within the price range indicated in Table 1, a detailed reasoning clarifying the deviation should be provided;
4. To describe the identified risks for the implementation of the application and the corresponding mitigating measures: including, but not limited to, the effects of inflation and other changes in pricing, bankruptcy of the manufacturer, availability of the product on the market, and *force majeure* scenarios.

When assessing the quality of the applications, the Commission services, in cooperation with Frontex, will take into account the degree of cooperation with Frontex, as part of implementation of the European Integrated Border Management (EIBM), as regards:

- a) compliance with the requirement on the deployment of the equipment purchased under the specific actions supported by the ISF-BV and the BMVI, according to Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 (data from 2021 to 2024)
- b) compliance with the requirement on contribution to the standing corps through long-term secondments, according to Article 56 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 (data from 2021 to 2024).

The Commission services will assess applications in close consultation with Frontex, as regards

- the impact level of the external border sections and
- the degree of cooperation with Frontex.

The Commission services may also seek advice from Frontex to support the assessment of the applications in respect of other elements, including but not limited to the cost estimates.

3.6. Application procedure

Deadline for the application: Member States ⁽¹⁹⁾ are invited to submit their application by **14 November 2025** at the latest using the official BMVI/2025/SA/1.2.3 Application Form attached to this note, together with its annexes.

Only one application may be submitted per Member State, covering the purchase of one or more categories, types and units of equipment. Member States will, where appropriate, be able to present an explanation for any application that involves more than one of the categories, types and units of equipment.

Applications may be submitted in any official EU language (abstract/summary should however always be in English). For reasons of efficiency, it is strongly advised to use English for the entire application.

To ensure equal and fair treatment of the applications and allow the Commission services to allocate the available funding at the same time, the Commission services will assess all applications simultaneously. Therefore, applications submitted after the deadline will not be admissible.

In line with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 ⁽²⁰⁾, any document held by the Commission, including documents containing sensitive information, may be subject to a request for public access.

The Members of the Committee for the Home Affairs Funds will be informed at the latest 10 working days before the deadline for the submission of the applications in case the deadline for the submission of applications is extended.

E-mail address for the application: The applications should be submitted to the BMVI specific actions functional mailbox:

HOME-BMVI-SPECIFIC-ACTIONS@ec.europa.eu. Member States may submit additional documentation if necessary.

No modification to the application is allowed once the deadline for submission has elapsed. However, if there is a need to clarify certain aspects or to correct clerical mistakes, the Commission services may contact the applicant during the evaluation process. A reply should be provided by the Member State within 3 working days from the request date.

The Commission services, in cooperation with Frontex, will organise a webinar on **4 September 2025** to provide the necessary clarifications on this call. The invitation, agenda and connection details will follow in due time. Requests for clarification should be sent to the BMVI specific actions functional mailbox **HOME-BMVI-SPECIFIC-ACTIONS@ec.europa.eu** before the webinar to facilitate discussions.

⁽¹⁹⁾ This includes also Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. In the case of Liechtenstein, specific actions will be implemented under direct management (Article 3 of the Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund for the period 2021 to 2027, ELI: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2024/200/oj) and references to the Member State's programme should be understood as references to a grant agreement.

⁽²⁰⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents

If, following this webinar, further needs for clarifications arise, requests may be sent in writing by **25 September 2025** at the latest, to the BMVI specific actions functional mailbox HOME-BMVI-SPECIFIC-ACTIONS@ec.europa.eu.

Requests for clarification should only be sent **by the Managing authority**. The Managing Authority has an important role to explain to the potential beneficiaries the applicable rules and specificities of the programmes in general and of a specific action in particular and to help prepare applications for a specific action. The Managing Authority should be the contact point and take the responsibility to review questions from potential beneficiaries and raise questions to or request clarifications from the Commission services where necessary. As projects under specific actions are managed at national level, according to national rules, specific questions on eligibility of costs should be addressed first to the Managing Authority.

To respect the equal treatment and transparency, the replies to the written requests for clarification received will be sent to all Member States, via HOME-AFFAIRS-FUNDS-COMMITTEE@ec.europa.eu

DG HOME will inform Member States of the outcome of the assessment of the applications in the **first quarter of 2026**.

4. AMENDMENT OF THE BMVI PROGRAMMES AND ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE

After having been informed of the outcome of the call for expression of interest, each successful Member State should submit to the Commission services a request to amend its BMVI programme via SFC.

The amended programme should include a short description of the specific action, adjust the output and result indicators (please see Annex VI for further reference), and include the costs and codes linked to this specific action (respectively in the description and in the table under point 2.1.3 of specific objective No 1 – European integrated border management, and in table 6 of the programme).

When amending a BMVI programme, two situations may arise regarding the eligibility of expenditure ⁽²¹⁾:

1. For Member States that have included all the types of interventions listed in Annex VI table 1 of the BMVI Regulation that are relevant for this Specific Action in table 2.1.3 of specific objective No 1 in their *initially approved* BMVI programme: expenditure for the Specific Action will be eligible as of 01.01.2024.
2. For Member States that have *not* included all the types of interventions listed in Annex VI, table 1, of the BMVI Regulation that are relevant for this specific action in table 2.1.3 of specific objective No 1 in their initially approved BMVI programme: expenditure for the specific action is eligible from the date of submission by the Member State of its request for amendment of the BMVI programme that will add the respective types of interventions in the programme.

⁽²¹⁾ Art. 63(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

Successful Member States are invited to start the preparatory steps of the procurement procedures immediately after having been informed by the Commission services of the outcome of the call.

5. REPORTING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SPECIFIC ACTION

A structured and systematic reporting is required, allowing the Member States, the Commission services and Frontex to follow the implementation of the activities under this specific action more closely.

Successful Member States are required to provide detailed monitoring reports (template to be provided) **every six months**, informing the Commission services on the state of play of the specific action and on any deviation from the initial planning, or any other unforeseen situations that could jeopardise the timely delivery of the awarded assets, accompanied by proposed solutions.

In view of knowledge sharing and mutual learning, these Member States may also be invited to give an update on the state of play of the specific action in the Frontex Pooled Resources Network.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures: **Annex I** – Requirements applicable for the equipment purchased under this call in relation to Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896
 Annex II – Requirements and standards for the technical assessment;
 Annex III – Application form (to be filled in);
 Annex IV – Compliance checklist (to be filled in);
 Annex V – Budget form (to be filled in);
 Annex VI – Performance indicators.

c.c.: Permanent Representations – JHA Counsellors