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Subject: Notification letter - Your proposal for the Specific Action “Electronic surveillance system at the external border (e-surveillance)” ref. BMVI/2023/SA/1.1.4

Dear Mr Abramavičius,

Thank you for your application “Upgrade of the electronic border surveillance system (phase II)” (ref. no. BMVI/2023/SA/1.1.4/05), submitted following the specific call for expression of interest, launched on 15/06/2023.

The Commission services have evaluated the admissible proposals on the basis of the assessment criteria listed in the call ⁽¹⁾.

As a result of this exercise, your application was selected for a total EU contribution of EUR 9 319 604,80 including technical assistance.

This amount covers the funding needs in relation to the border stations (FS) Svencionys and Pavovere, given priority of the border with Belarus. The costs related to the border sections with Russia, namely for the border stations Rociskiai, Viesvile, Plaskiai and Vistyis, were put on the reserve list.

The selected application is subject to the following condition:

- the costs detailed in the Annex 2 of the application will be adjusted in line with the revised budget of EUR 9 319 604,80.

⁽¹⁾ Ares(2023)4144210 - HOME-Funds/2023/24

The Commission services expect that the Managing Authority makes sure that the project beneficiary takes on board the recommendations before finalising the project arrangements with the beneficiary and informs the responsible desk officer accordingly.

Funding for the specific action as set out in Annex 1 of this letter will be added to your programme 2021LT65BVPR001 via an amendment. Annex 1 also gives you general guidance on which sections of the programme will need to be adjusted to incorporate the specific action. Annex 2 provides information on the distribution of the additional allocation per year.

The Commission will make the necessary changes in SFC to enable the generation of *Appendix 3 - Thematic facility* in the programme template in line with the information on the specific actions as set out in Annex 1.

The responsible country desk officer, Ms Silvia Orru (email: Silvia.ORRU@ec.europa.eu), may contact you shortly with technical guidance on how to proceed.

The specific action must be implemented by the Member States in accordance with the BMVI Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2021/1148) and the Common Provisions Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2021/1060).

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Unit

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Enclosures: Annex 1 – Model Appendix 3 including information on the allocated
funding and general guidance

Annex 2 - Total distribution of the additional allocation per year – for
information

Annex 1 – Model Appendix 3 - and general guidance

The below table is the model of the Appendix 3 that will be included in your BMVI programme. It will be generated in SFC by the desk officer for your country who will be in touch with you regarding this.

Appendix 3 - to the BMVI programme of Lithuania Procedure reference: C(2022)8993 – 12.12.2022 THEMATIC FACILITY DETAIL				
Specific objective	Modality	Type of intervention	Union contribution	Pre-financing rate
SO 1	Specific Action	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>	EUR 8 792 080,00	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>
TA.36(5). Technical assistance - flat rate (Art. 36(5) CPR)	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>	EUR 527 524,80	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>
<i>Description of the action:</i>				
<p>BMVI/2023/SA/1.1.4/05 Specific Action “Upgrade of the electronic border surveillance system (phase II)”</p> <p>To reinforce border protection capabilities and infrastructure the project foresees that electronic surveillance system will be upgraded at the frontier stations Svencionys (44,3 km) and Pavovere (40,1 km).</p> <p>Upgrades of the electronic surveillance system at the external border include: control center with software, thermal imaging devices, night vision capacity, fixed cameras with intelligent video analytics, electronic (electric, communication and detection) cables, radars, ground sensors, observation towers and other infrastructure for electronic surveillance system elements, communication systems, mobile detectors, UAV detection elements, uninterruptible power supply elements. The border surveillance system shall also be supplemented with new and modern elements according to identified deficiencies in the existing system.</p>				

Once the Appendix 3 becomes available and the Thematic Facility proposal has been accepted by you in SFC, you will have the opportunity to create a new programme version to include the information and data related to the specific action, i.e.:

1. a brief reference to the specific action(s) (i.e., the reference number(s) of the project) in the **narrative description of the relevant Specific Objective (SO)**.
2. **the adjusted output and result indicators** (Section 2.1.2, **Tables 1 and 2** of the relevant SO); where needed you should revise the performance methodology paper to align its content with the indicators as amended;
3. the additional amount linked to the specific action(s) broken down by type of intervention (Section 2.1.3, **Table 3** of the relevant SO).

4. the additional amount linked to Technical Assistance broken down by type of intervention (Section 2.2.2, **Table 4**).
5. the Union contribution and national contribution to the specific action under the relevant SO in **Table 6** (the Union contribution to the Technical Assistance will be added automatically).

As indicated in guidance note HOME-Funds/2023/12 ⁽²⁾, Member States must submit a “reasoned request for an amendment of a programme” in accordance with Article 24(1) CPR. To this end, when sending the new programme version, the Member States are invited to add a short document in SFC providing an overview of the changes introduced and their expected impact on the programme’s specific objectives.

⁽²⁾ Ares(2023)2447967 – 04/04/2023

Annex 2

Total distribution of the additional allocation per year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Amount of additional appropriations per year in EUR (will be added to the initial allocation in Table 5 by the desk officer in SFC prior to approval).				9 319 604,80			