

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

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❖ **ISF/2023/SA/2.1.1– ‘Specific Action Council Recommendation on operational law enforcement cooperation – Turning recommendations into joint actions (ROLEC)’**

Topic classification	Question	Reply
<p>Building rehabilitation/35% threshold Art. 13(7) ISF</p>	<p>We are in the process of preparing a project proposal and we are seeking some clarity on the funding guidelines as outlined by the European Commission in ROLEC ISF proposal. Specifically, we would like to understand whether the costs associated with building rehabilitations are included in the 35% allocation for technical equipment.</p> <p>To give you some context, our project involves the rehabilitation of an existing facility, and we're trying to ensure that our budget allocations align with the guidelines set forth by the Commission. It is paramount for us to get this right at the outset to ensure a seamless process when it comes to grant allocation and project execution.</p> <p>Could you kindly provide guidance on this matter? Your timely response would greatly assist us in moving forward with our project planning and budgeting.</p>	<p>First of all, please note that the Managing Authority is the contact point for (potential) beneficiaries and responsible to review their questions before forwarding them to the Commission. In line with the Power Point slides on Specific Actions presented on 18 July 2023 to the HOME Affairs Funds Committee, the Managing Authority should only raise questions to the Commission that it cannot answer on its own.</p> <p>As projects under Specific Actions are managed at national level, according to national rules, questions on eligibility of costs and the respect of the 35% threshold for “equipment, means of transport or construction of security-relevant facilities” by the entire Member State’s ISF programme (Article 13.7 of the ISF Regulation) should be directly addressed to the ISF Managing Authority of the relevant Member State.</p> <p>However, regarding building rehabilitations, please note that it does not fall as such under the “equipment” component covered by Article 13.7, but may well fall under the “security-relevant facilities” component covered by Article 13.7 as it would fall under ISF regulation annex VI table 2, code 010 “building, facilities”. It depends on the scope, extent and types of the works entailed by what you refer to as “building rehabilitation”. Only the Member State’s ISF Managing Authority, and its experience with the national</p>

		<p>Audit Authority, can reply to your question, based on detailed information you may provide them with.</p> <p>Finally, please note that the ISF SA ROLEC clearly targets operational law enforcement crossborder cooperation and not capacity building of national infrastructure.</p>
End date of the SA	<p>The Call document mentions '<i>The specific action should not start before 1st September 2023 and be indicatively completed by 31st December 2025.</i>' How strict should the end date of 31/12/2025 be interpreted? Are projects with an end date <u>later than 31/12/2025</u> taken into consideration? Or is this a reason for exclusion, even if the later end date is thoroughly reasoned?</p>	<p>Please see reply already provided to FAQ no. 48 in Annex 6 of Note 6 sent to the HOME Affairs Funds Committee on 13/04/2022 Ref Ares(2022)3019044.</p> <p>The ROLEC call text states that “the specific action should (...) be indicatively completed by 31st December 2025”.</p> <p>At application stage: for the purpose of the Specific Action, the end date means the date where the project outputs should be delivered. Applicants should submit proposals respecting the expected project end date.</p> <p>At implementation stage: it could be possible to extend the project duration if duly motivated and agreed with the ISF Managing Authority.</p>