

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

❖ **BMVI/2023/SA/1.1.3 - Supporting MS to implement integrated technical solutions for transit facilitation/automation of border crossings at external land and sea borders**

<b>Topic classification</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Reply</b>
<b>Private entities as beneficiary</b>	<p>Il est notifié dans l'appel à propositions qu'elle s'adresse aux États membres.</p> <p>Mais comme il n'y a pas d'autres précisions, serait-il possible qu'un établissement public ou une entreprise puisse candidater à cette action ?</p>	<p>Specific Action calls are always addressed to the Member State via the Home Affairs Funds Committee. As indicated under point 4 of the call, the Member States' proposals have to be submitted by the Managing Authority of the respective programme and identify a project beneficiary (an entity) that will be responsible for the implementation of the action (lead beneficiary) as well as other project beneficiaries if applicable.</p> <p>As already pointed out in relation to other calls [see page 9 of the Annex to Note HOME-Funds/2022/03, Ares(2022)636750 of 27/01/2022], public and private entities may be such project beneficiaries, subject to meeting the relevant EU and national rules on financial management and audit (including the no-profit principle).</p> <p>The tasks and role of the participating entity or entities in meeting the objectives of the project/call should be clearly set out in the proposal submitted by the Managing Authority.</p>

❖ **ISF/2023/SA/2.1.1 - Council Recommendation on operational law enforcement cooperation - ROLEC**

<b>Topic classification</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Reply</b>
<b>Eligible activities</b>	<p>Could you clarify the interpretation of the below exclusion of eligible activities: When are operational law enforcement cooperation activities considered 'new'? The specific action cannot include activities related to: Already existing operational law enforcement cooperation activities or actions between MS. NL is considering applying for funding for the PEN MP network as mentioned in the Council Conclusions on Stepping-Up Cross-Border Police Cooperation in the Area of Missing Persons (9 December 2021). Although the network has informally</p>	<p>The following points should be taken into account for the ROLEC Specific Action:</p> <p>1) The objective of this call is to provide financial support to Member States participating in the ISF in the joint implementation by two or more Member States of the recommendations contained in the Council Recommendation on operational law enforcement cooperation. The specific action must support joint actions related to the implementation of the Council Recommendation as regards one or more of the following topics: cross-border hot pursuit, cross-border surveillance, police and customs cooperation centres / joint police stations, joint risk analysis / joint crime analysis, joint patrols and other joint operations in intra-EU border areas or other parts of the Union, remote secure access to</p>

	<p>existed since 2019, both the government and secretariat have changed and formalised since NL took over the presidency in 2023. Statutes have only been in place since Dec 2022. In effect the network has only truly been operational since this year (2023). Can this network (and activities carried out through or by this network) be considered a new network even though an informal form has existed since 2019?</p>	<p>national and EU/international databases and communication when operating or being deployed in other Member States, joint training and professional development on operational law enforcement cooperation.</p> <p>2) The specific action cannot include activities related to ‘already existing operational law enforcement cooperation activities or actions between Member States’. This means that any structural activities (statutorial meetings, secretariat, etc.) and any activity that the PEN-MP is already regularly doing cannot be included – regardless of the changes underlined or the fact that the Netherlands took over the Presidency. Moreover, the specific action cannot support expenditure that relates to structural activities of the network as well as cross-border operational cooperation activities completed by the time projects are selected. Nevertheless, new cross-border operational cooperation actions clearly related to the above-mentioned topics could be included – including actions that started after 9 June 2022 and are still running by fall 2023.</p>
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