**Annex II**

**Application form**

* Please, submit **only one application form per Member State**, enclosing as well the filled forms for the technical assessment / type of equipment (**Annex III**) and the budget form (**Annex IV);**
* For the overall evaluation, please provide complete information and data allowing to assess each of the criteria defined in points 5.2 and 5.3 of the call and particularly:
  + the ability to operate the equipment once purchased, both at national and EU level,
  + the ability to maintain the equipment and to ensure its readiness for deployments during its registration period in the TEP (notably, minimum 10 years for the Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPV), Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV), multipurpose vessels and Fixed-wing Aircrafts (FWA) and minimum 5 years for the other types of equipment listed in Table 2 of the call document).

As per the Article 64(14) of the EBCG Regulation, a successful Member State shall register in the technical equipment pool (TEP) all the means of transport and operating equipment purchased under this Specific Action of BMVI, with the clear objective of increasing the operational capacity of Frontex, in addition to the national one.

Following the request made by Frontex, the owner Member State of the equipment shall make each item of the equipment available for deployment to the Agency, for a period of up to four months, as planned in its annual bilateral negotiations with the Agency. A Member State may decide to deploy an item of equipment to Frontex beyond four months.

The owner Member State cannot refuse its deployment to Frontex by invoking the exceptional situation referred to in paragraph 9 of Article 64 of the EBCG Regulation.

In the light of the above, please explain in your application:

1. the relevance of the equipment for the management of the external borders ensured by your country, and for the overall needs addressed by this call.
2. the features of the equipment and the cost-effectiveness and risk management elements of the purchase proposal.
3. the existing mechanisms and procedures for ensuring the availability, service and maintenance of the equipment.
4. the expected results to be obtained.

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| **Information to be filled out by the Commission** | | | | |
| **Fund/Instrument** | **Specific Objective** | **Specific Action** | **Reference of the call** |
| Integrated Border Management Fund/Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVI) | SO1 | “Equipment for EBCG[[1]](#footnote-1) national components, purchased under BMVI and put at the disposal of Frontex[[2]](#footnote-2) to increase its operational capacity, in accordance with Article 64(14) of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1896” | BMVI/2023-2024/SA/1.2.2 |

*N.B. This application form is composed of a non-exhaustive list of information required by the Commission services to assess an application. Please note that for the assessment, additional information may be requested if needed.*

Part. 1 - Administrative information

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| 1. **General information** | | | |
| **Member State** |  | | |
| **Title of the project** |  | | |
| **Requested type(s) and units of equipment, per each defined category (see Table 2 in the call), to be added to the Technical Equipment Pool (TEP) of Frontex** | Category | Type of equipment | No. of units/ type |
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| 1. **Participants and contacts** | |
| **Identity of the Managing Authority of the Member State** | **Full legal name of the Managing Authority** (in English) |
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| **Legal representative of the Managing Authority** |
| Title/First Name/Last Name: |
| Position: |
| **Contact details of the contact point for the specific action within the Managing Authority** | Title/First Name/Last Name: |
| Position: |
| Direct telephone + country code number: |
| E-mail : |
| Contact details of the person responsible for implementing the project if successful: |
| **Project Beneficiary(ies) per each type of equipment and/or units,** as applicable  (please, list all the project beneficiaries) |  |
| **Exchange of information between the Managing Authority and the project beneficiaries** | Any proposal selected will have to be implemented in accordance with the EU and national rules, and the national, management and control system of the Member State concerned.  Has the Managing Authority exchanged information with the project beneficiaries about the conditions under the Member State’s Programme to ensure compliance with these rules?  Yes  No  Comments (any outstanding issues or issues to be addressed after selection, if applicable): |
| Do all beneficiaries agree on all the legal and financial obligations in implementing this project?  Yes  No  Comments : |

Part 2. Presentation of the project

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| **Project proposal description** |
| Please, provide a description of the project that could be published online and presents clearly and to the point which categories, types and units no. of equipment out of those included in Table 2 of the call document you intend to purchase and put at Frontex’s disposal, why, how and by when you intend to achieve the concrete results of your project (max. 1.5 pages) |
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| **Relevant data about the timeline of the project proposal and location of the equipment:**  Please, provide information about the timeline of the overall project proposal, including about the start and completion dates of the project proposal/ type of equipment and units, as applicable. The completion of the project cover the registration in the TEP for possible deployments upon FRONTEX requests.  Please, include as well info about the envisaged location, planned area of operations and intended use/ type of equipment and units to be purchased. |
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| **Planned procurement (to be specified per each type and units of equipment included in the application)**   1. Is there any additional national requirements/ procedures before launching the procurement (i.e. earmarking of resources in national budget)? 2. Please specify the purchase solution envisaged: 3. type of procurement procedure planned: 4. If there is already an existing framework or supplier contract to be used (please give the references and the name of supplier, if already known): 5. If direct award is used, please provide the justification: 6. Approximate description of the procurement process per type and no. of units of equipment, indicating the envisaged planning and duration of the main steps of the purchase procedure: (a) development of technical specifications and other preparatory stages, (b) publication; (c)tendering, (d) evaluating, (e) contracting, (f) delivery, (g) testing , (h) final acceptance. |
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| **Compliance with the applicable EU law and applicable requirements and standards**  The applicant shall confirm that the equipment to be purchased according to its proposal is in line with Table 2 of the call document and with the set requirements and standards per capacity, type and no. units needed for the Technical Equipment Pool (TEP) – see, for reference the Annex I of the call document. |
| YES/ NO:  Additional information: |
| Once its project is completed, the applicant confirms that the relevant national authority who will be the owner of the equipment once purchased commits itself to meet the EU legal obligations under Article 64(14) of the EBCG Regulation, as described in Table 1 of the call for the expression of interests. |
| YES/ NO:  Additional information: |
| **Statement from the Managing Authority**  Please, insert a declaration indicating that the project proposal, including the information on the budget (detailed in the Annex IV attached), has been prepared in accordance with EU and national eligibility rules and can therefore be included into the Member State's programme. If not yet the case, please add a statement from the Managing Authority that the review process will be done after the selection. |
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Please, fill in the following tables A), B), C) and D) per each type and units of equipment included in the application.

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| 1. **Relevance of the project proposal** | |
| **1.** **Suitability of the equipment**  Demonstrate per type of equipment and no. of units, why are they suitable and need for addressing the challenges and gaps for the external borders which security is ensured by the applicant Member State |  |
| **2. Relevance of the proposal in the light of the overall needs defined in section 3.4.1 and Table 2 of the call document**  Demonstrate the relevance of your proposal in the light of the overall needs to increase the operational capacity of Frontex. |  |

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| 1. **Quality of the project proposal**   (to be aligned with general and specific requirements and standards for Affordability, Project Management and Adequacy, as defined in Annex I of the call) | |
| **1. Appropriate design and planned implementation of the project proposal**  The applicant is requested to explain:  a)**the project intervention logic** - background information, needs assessment, proposed activities and expected results;  b)**the** **methodology**, including operational and financial management.  (Note: Please, indicate as well the availability of the necessary resources to successfully implement the project and co-finance it (i.e. to ensure the remaining 10% of project’s costs).  c) **the** **indicative timeline and milestones** - indicate and justify the duration of the project and its activities, in particular for the the project delivery within the proposed timeframe (Note: this information will be aligned with the content of the budget form)  d) **the** **monitoring strategy[[3]](#footnote-3)**  e)**the** **know-how, qualifications and experience** in projects of comparable size and nature **and composition of the project team**, as well as **of the entities/units involved in the implementation** |  |
| The applicant is requested to detail, if relevant:  **2**. **Possible relevant additional features of the equipment, its increased availability and registration in the TEP and/or technical standards used (incl. international standards), to the minimum ones presented in Annex I of this call, which would enhance the capabilities of the equipment for the EU border management operations carried out by Frontex**;  You may indicate the additional features, standards, on board equipment, e.g. state-of-the-art, innovative and knowledge-based solutions and technologies applied to the equipment to be purchased, to ensure its increased effectiveness, resilience, adaptability, availability, versatility, ease and readiness for effective deployment to Frontex, etc. |  |
| **3. Risk Assessment and Risk Management**  Describe the risks identified in relation to the purchase (incl. inflation), registration and deployment of proposed type and units of equipment, per each category, and the mitigation measures identified mitigation measures for a timely delivery. |  |
| **4. Cost effectiveness and feasibility of the project proposal**  Please, explain **the methodology used for the calculation of the costs**.  Please, demonstrate that the estimated costs are reasonable and feasible, taking into account the foreseen unit prices in relation to the technical features, types and units of equipment (see Table 2 in the call document).  Provide the justification of costs not directly linked to the equipment, if any. |  |

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| 1. **Sustainability**   (to be aligned with the general and specific requirements for Adaptability, Sustainability and Strategic Autonomy, Safety, Security and Health, Availability, as per Annex I of the call) | |
| Please, describe, per type of equipment:  **1.** **The procedures for making the equipment swiftly available upon Frontex’s request**, in terms of:   1. bodies/authorities involved and the **chain of command**; 2. **workflow** for responding to the request; 3. **timing of the process**;   d. **back-up scenarios** for unexpected events with may interfere with the swift provision of the equipment. |  |
| **2.** Please, describe, per type of equipment, how you will run the equipment in the good service, once purchased, in particular **the material, financial and human resources to be activated to operate and maintain the equipment for the EU operational activities**.  Details will be provided regarding:  (a) **financial resources to be allocated** for this purpose;  Please add info about the expected maintenance and exploitation costs (per year/ type of equipment) and how you intend to cover them.  (b) **infrastructure, facilities (storage) and logistics considered**;  (c) **supply of crews, operators and maintenance teams; provide information on the ongoing/planned measures for trained dedicated staff to operate the equipment, including through service contracts with specialized companies and exchanges of experience with other Member States**;  (d) **ongoing/planned arrangements to ensure maintenance (preventive and corrective), fuel and consumables, including the availability of supply and service contracts/ providers** |  |

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| 1. **Expected results**   The applicant Member State should demonstrate: | | |
| **1. The long-term impact of the proposed specific action in light of its EU added value, namely to support other Member States by increasing the operational capacity of Frontex** |  |
| **2. The impact on the national capabilities for external border management of the applicant Member State** |  |

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| *Legal Notice:*  *In case the proposal is successful, the EU contribution for the project under the specific action will be included in the Member State’s BMVI programme by means of a programme amendment approved by the Commission and implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 (BMVI) and Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (Common Provisions Regulation). The financial and reporting obligations for any beneficiary of the specific action are the same as those that apply to the Member States’ programmes*.  As Managing Authority, I agree to include the successful project in the programme and to ensure that the project will be implemented in accordance withthe provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 (BMVI), the Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (Common Provisions Regulation) and of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 (EBCG). | |
| **Date:** | Legal representative of the Managing Authority:  **Signature:** |

1. EBCG means the European Border and Coast Guard, as per the Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (the ‘Agency’) is commonly referred to as Frontex [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. For instance, regular reports to the MA on progress made; meetings by project group members or any other mechanisms to keep track of financial and operational steps taken to implement the project in a timely and correct manner. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)