

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

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BMVI/2024/SA/1.1.7- Specific Action “Electronic surveillance systems at the external sea border (sea border esurveillance)”

Topic classification	Question	Reply
Scope and design of the project	<p>1. Objectives and activities under this specific action: In the paragraph describing what activities could be included in the specific action (p. 6), please specify which activities / capabilities could be included under the description “... as well as the positioning of vessels when need to perform Search and Rescue operations”.</p> <p>2. Can we consider the project for the procurement of a new or the upgrade / update of an existing surveillance system at sea border, as one work package that includes different activities such as project management, procurement, testing, etc. or should these activities be divided into different work packages?</p>	<p>1.This reply clarifies the text referred to in the call. The specific actions can include activities related to procurement of fixed and mobile elements that are necessary for the development or upgrading of the maritime surveillance systems, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) radar systems, ii) thermal imaging/night vision devices, iii) <u>support for communication systems/equipment (including infrastructure such as communication cables, observation towers etc.) that ensure:</u> (a) the information of the new/extended electronic system is integrated into overall information management/contributing and feeding into the situational awareness ... and (b) <u>the positioning of vessels when they need to perform SAR operations.</u> <p>2.It is up to the applicant to decide on the structure of each work package (WP) proposed. Still, as mentioned in the call (section 4.1), not selecting/adding to the reserve list of WP(s) should not affect the implementation of the WP(s) selected and their effective commencement.</p> <p>Including horizontal activities or different stages of procurement under different WPs is not in line with the abovementioned logic. Therefore, they need to be considered under each proposed WP, where applicable.</p>

Project timeframe	What is the deadline to develop the project once approved? To clarify, it's of interest to know once the project is approved when should the purchased material be paid and delivered?	In this call there is no mention of a deadline to develop the project once the specific action is selected for funding. It is expected that the preparatory stages for launching the project are advanced, so that the implementation could start as soon as possible, to ensure maximum impact, given the purpose of the call to support Member States under pressure, to address the capability gaps in terms of sea border surveillance, the geo-political risks etc. This aspect will be considered in the assessment of the applications.
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