<u>Annex 1 - Replies to FAQs on the submission and selection phases of Specific Actions under the Thematic Facility Work Programmes 2023-2025 for AMIF, BMVI and ISF</u>

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Nr	Topic classification	Question		Reply		
1.	Technical assistance	Does the amount of EUR 1 633 333.00 for Lot 1 only include substantive actions (i.e. relating to EES/ETIAS), to which technical assistance is then added, or also include technical assistance?	To clarify our calculations: Total eligible cost of the project proposal (a) Total EU contribution to the project proposal (be max 90% of a) Technical assistance (6% of b) Total EU contribution to be earmarked to the MS	Lot 1 1 712 089,10 1 540 880,19	Lot 2 524 109,01 471 698,11 28 301,89 500 000,00	Total 2 236 198,11 2 012 578,30 120 754,70 2 133 333,00
2.	Amount requested	Should the application include the whole amount for each of the two lots or is it possible to apply for each individual lot with a reduced amount?	You are entitled to the whole amount for each of the two Lots, with the possibility to transfer part or all of the amount under Lot 2 to Lot 1 (but not the other way round). You may request a lower amount, based on your needs assessment.			

3.	Application	Should we include both lots in the same application and budget form or fill in two applications/budget forms? If more than one beneficiary is envisaged for a lot, should we submit more than one application?	You should submit only one application, with information for each of the two Lots – including the list of the project beneficiaries - and only one budget form, with information for each of the two lots.
4.	Union contribution allocated per Member State	Would the amount of Union contribution allocated per Member State be increased, if some Member States do not submit their application or request a lower amount?	No. Any remaining amount, out of the total indicative amount of EUR 64 million earmarked for this specific action, will be used for other actions under the BMVI thematic facility work programme.