

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

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❖ **BMVI/2024/SA/1.1.5 – “Promoting innovation in border checks and/or border surveillance by taking up research results - INNO”**

Topic classification	Question	Reply
Eligibility	Could the purchase of an off-the-shelf equipment be considered eligible, if part of an envisaged innovation project?	<p>Yes, with conditions. The purchase of off-the-shelf technology <i>per se</i> is not eligible under this specific action, as it aims to support project proposals to test, validate, further pilot, transfer and/or deploy innovative technologies and/or methods.</p> <p>The costs of such purchase may, however, be considered eligible, as part of the innovation project, if <u>strictly necessary</u> for testing or piloting the uptake of the envisaged innovative technologies or methods (e.g. the prototype) and to the extent that it <u>does not represent the main cost item</u> of the project.</p>
Eligibility	Can a Commission-led technical study and guidelines from the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (EBCG) be accepted as research results to form the basis for the project application?	<p>No. Such studies and guidelines are a good basis to identify needed capabilities and possible technological solution. However, they do not provide the research and innovation basis – funded by the Union or other research/innovation projects - that the call requires.</p>