

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

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❖ **BMVI/2024/SA/1.4.2 – “Enhancing border surveillance capabilities for countries at the borders with Russia and Belarus”**

Topic classification	Question	Reply
<p>Requested amount</p>	<p>Under sub-point 3.1. of the note Ref. HOME-Funds/2024/30 there are the following statements: <i>“The requested amount (i.e., the Union contribution to the Member State’s BMVI programme under the Specific Action):</i> <i>- should not be lower than EUR 10 million per application including technical assistance;</i> <i>- should not be higher than EUR 50 million per application including technical assistance;”</i> and <i>“Given the limited budget, DG HOME may decide to reduce the total budget of individual applications and/or establish a reserve list for proposals.”.</i></p> <p>May you elaborate on the interpretation of words “should not be higher than” quoted above? Is this limit an exclusionary condition (“hard” rule) that negatively impacts the proposal’s admissibility for this call for expression of interest OR a recommendatory suggestion (“soft” rule)?</p>	<p>As the amount requested is not an admissibility criterion, applications over the indicated ceilings will not be excluded. Moreover, such applications will not be assessed negatively for this reason.</p> <p>However, as stated in section 3.1 of the call, the amount requested should not exceed EUR 50 million per application.</p> <p>Furthermore, in the situation that the available budget is not sufficient for the applications that may qualify for funding, DG HOME may decide to reduce the total budget of the individual applications selected. In this sense, countries are encouraged to clearly identify the priority given to each work package.</p>