

FAQs about Specific Actions under the Thematic Facility Work Programmes AMIF, BMVI, ISF 2023-2027

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❖ BMVI/2026/SA/1.3.2 - “Support for national Schengen governance frameworks”

no	Topic classification	Question	Reply
1	Eligibility of costs	1. Are the costs of management, communication, visibility, and horizontal activities eligible under direct costs, or are certain items of them considered indirect costs? 2. Does the Commission set a percentage or absolute cap on project management costs, in case they are eligible under direct cost, relative to the total budget of the project?	1. Project management costs (and costs for related activities) may be eligible under direct costs, to the extent that they explicitly serve the intended purpose of the specific action that is to strengthen Schengen governance. 2. The call document does not set a maximum percentage or cap on such costs. The Steering Committee that will examine the applications submitted under this Specific Action will assess on a case-by case basis the actual added value of such costs against the merit and justification of the planned activities, taking into account that 6% technical assistance is already automatically added to any Specific Action project.
2	Scope of the call	Is an application in the scope of the call of the project and its activities would focus mainly to better the functioning and processes of one authority responsible for the Schengen implementation or should the project and its activities have a distinctly national level perspective to them?	This would be in line with the scope of the call.

		In this case, the Police would be the project beneficiary, and the project would focus on the Police's part of the national Schengen implementation. The project would have positive effects to the functioning of the whole national Schengen governance framework, so we interpret that the project idea fits the call objective.	
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❖ **AMIF/2026/SA/2.1.1 “Support to consular services from Member States for Talent Innovation and Talent Partnerships”**

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1	Eligibility of Member State authorities	The call refers to reinforcing consular offices. However, section 3.3.2 on page 7 also identifies "cooperation among authorities" as one of the activities that may be supported. The Member State prefectures may also be involved in the implementation of the Specific Action? Could activities aimed at strengthening the capacity of prefectures to process residence permit applications be eligible?	As the call aims to tackle the processing of both long-stay visas and residence permits, and prefectures (in the Member State asking the question) are responsible to issue mostly residence permits, we consider that the prefectures can also be involved in the implementation of this Specific Action.

❖ **AMIF/2026/SA/2.4.4 “Support to the Member States for the EU Talent Pool implementation”**

no	Topic classification	Question	Reply
1	Eligibility of costs	We would appreciate clarification on the following question related to the call for the expression of interest under the “Specific Action Support to the Member States for the EU Talent Pool implementation” under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. In order for us to ensure a correct understanding of the eligibility of costs covered by the call, we would appreciate if you could please let us know if this call is supposed to cover costs incurred in the years 2026 and 2027 only or if	The duration of the activities for the Member States are the same as those of the eligibility rules for the AMIF programme – that is, until 31 December 2029, according to Article 63(2) of the Common Provisions Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. The references to the years 2026 and 2027 refer to the remaining years of the programme (the AMIF programme 2021-2027), which is relevant for the budgetary commitments to the programmes made by the Commission

		costs incurred until the end of 2029 are eligible. As the call mentions several different years, we would appreciate if you could help us interpret the following excerpts correctly: <u>Page 2 – 3:</u> This amount provides a contribution to support certain costs relating to the implementation of the EU Talent Pool at national level for the years 2026 and 2027. <u>Page 3:</u> The activities that can be covered by Member States with their allocation are outlined in section 3.3. They can cover cost for the full duration of AMIF programmes (until end 2029 (4)). (4) As per Article 63 (2) of the CPR, “expenditure shall be eligible for a contribution from the Funds if it has been incurred by a beneficiary or the private partner of a PPP operation and paid in implementing operations...” up to 31 December 2029. <u>Page 3:</u> The approach for the years 2026 and 2027 is without prejudice to future allocations of funding based on the future MFF which could be based on different procedures and criteria. However, see below in section 3.3 on options and possible future needs of Member States under the current MFF. <u>Page 5:</u> The Specific Action proposed should not start before 30 March 2026 and should be completed by the Member State by the end of the current programming period (end-date for implementation, 31 December 2029).	in annual instalments until 2027 in accordance with Article 86.2 of the CPR.
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