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Commission Implementing Decision

concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2016 and the financing for Union actions within the framework of the Internal Security Fund - the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management

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Annual Work Programme for 2016 for support to Union actions and emergency assistance under the Internal Security Fund – Police cooperation and crime prevention¹

Policy orientation

The Annual Work Programme for 2016 is the second work programme adopted since the adoption of the **European Agenda on Security**². The European Agenda on Security adopted in April 2015, defines the main priorities and actions envisaged by the Commission to ensure an effective EU response to security threats over the period 2015-2020.

Financial support at EU level is one important pillar of the EU security framework. Such support should be used to maximise impact of the actions of the EU institutions and Member States in the area of police cooperation and crime prevention. On this basis, the objective of the Annual Work Programme for 2016 is to support projects that can add significant value, in line with the priorities identified in the European Agenda on Security. In that regard, the Annual Work Programme for 2016 is a balanced mix of continuity and re-orientation of the financial support provided through ISF-Police in 2015, to ensure a strategic use of the funding available at EU level.

First, actions to be supported according to this Annual Work Programme aim to reinforce the EU security framework through better exchange of information, increased operational cooperation, and other supporting actions.

In relation to **better exchange of information**, continued support is foreseen for the interconnection of national PIUs to facilitate the exchange of PNR data. New actions are also planned to support further exchange of relevant information between law enforcement, with actions relating to a pilot project on EPRIS, and the enhancement of the use of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA) in the area of counter-terrorism and for the European network of Fugitive Active Search Teams.

Increased operational cooperation between networks of national law enforcement authorities will benefit from continued support (ATLAS, AIRPOL), and this support will be extended to another specialised network (RAILPOL). In addition, a strong focus is given to financial investigations, in line with the European Agenda on Security, with support envisaged to CARIN (on the recovery of criminal assets) and EBOCS (information on business structure and beneficial ownership). Finally, operational cooperation will be further supported in the area of mobile criminality and migrant smuggling.

Other **supporting measures**, the importance of which was stressed in the European Agenda on Security, are foreseen in the area of forensic science (ENFSI) and training (ECTEG).

Second, in relation to thematic priorities, the Annual Work Programme for 2016 is in line with the three priorities identified for immediate actions in the European Agenda on Security. Important actions in the fight against **terrorism and radicalisation** are covered in the Work Programme (SCAT, EU Internet Forum) while others will benefit from continued support (RAN, CBRN). Continued support is also foreseen to actions aimed at tackling **organised crime** phenomena through actions in the field of drug trafficking, firearms, the fight against

¹Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014, establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93).

²COM(2015) 185 final.

corruption and crime prevention, as well as trafficking in human beings. Finally, the fight against **cybercrime** is supported through actions relating to the fight against child sexual abuse crimes on the internet, and training initiatives (ECTEG).

Although not listed as Actions in this annual work programme, DG HOME continues to strongly support the fight against **environmental crime**. The 2015 Commission Communication on the European Agenda on Security identified tackling environmental crime as a priority with a focus on **illegal trade in wildlife and illicit waste trafficking**. DG HOME furthermore gave strong support to the EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking adopted in February 2016. Inclusion of Actions tackling **environmental crime** will be considered for the 2017 annual work programme.

Overview of the 2016 implementation

Budget lines	Amount for AWP 2016
Budget line 18 02 01 02 – Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security related risks and crisis	38 000 000 €

Actions	Total Amount	% of the [year] appropriations for AWP
Union actions	35 500 000	93.4%
Emergency assistance	2 500 000	6.6%
TOTAL	38 000 000 €	100,00 %

All Member States, with the exception of United Kingdom and Denmark, participate in the "ISF – Police"; hence entities established in these participating countries can take part as beneficiaries in the actions that are supported under this financial instrument. Entities established in the United Kingdom³ or Denmark can only participate on a no-cost basis.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Consistency, complementarity and synergies with other Union instruments shall be ensured. As foreseen in article 3 (4) and 3(5) of Regulation (EU) n° 514/2014 (Horizontal Regulation), actions in and in relation with third countries under this work programme will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through EU funds, in particular external assistance instruments. The identification and implementation of such actions is fully coordinated with EEAS and relevant Commission's external relations services, including ECHO as far as humanitarian assistance is concerned.

³ Unless the United Kingdom decides to opt in and to participate in the ISF Police.

1. BUDGET LINE 18 02 01 02: PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST CROSS-BORDER ORGANISED CRIME AND BETTER MANAGEMENT OF SECURITY RELATED RISKS AND CRISIS

1.1. Introduction

In line with the objective of **ensuring a high level of security in the Union in accordance with the priorities identified in relevant Union strategies, policy cycles, programmes, threat and risk assessments** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2016 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2):	23 525 000 €
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.3):	12 615 000 €
- other (1.4):	1 860 000 €
TOTAL:	38 000 000 €

1.2. Grants

1.2.1. Call for proposals restricted to Member States aiming at improving law enforcement information exchange by interconnecting Passenger Information Units (PIUs) to facilitate the exchange of PNR data

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014);

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Improving law enforcement information exchange by interconnecting PIUs to facilitate the exchange of PNR data, in line with the joint statement of EU Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs and representatives of EU institutions on the terrorist attacks in Brussels on 22 March 2016.

Several Member States are setting up national PIUs and interconnecting these PIUs will foster further harmonisation of technical standards. This aims at the long-term goal of establishing an information exchange and cooperation network between the national PIUs, and thereby foster increased cooperation between national law enforcement authorities (such as customs). in sharing PNR data, as provided by the European Agenda on Security. The ambition is to embed PNR into a wider context of law enforcement information exchange and include European Information Exchange Model (EIXM) related topics given the uneven development of relevant initiatives among Member States and the need to share experiences between Member States with Member States that are most advanced in the lead.

Description of the activities to be funded under the restricted call for proposals

In complementarity with actions funded through the ISF-Police 2014 AWP and the national programmes, support will be provided to information exchange and in particular interconnection of and data exchange between national PIUs. This includes activities such as the setting-up of secure communication channels between PIUs for the exchange of such information, the development of appropriate data formats and the drafting of guidelines for this exchange. Member States most advanced in this field will be encouraged to apply for funding aimed at increasing the sharing of experience and knowledge.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

These action grants will be awarded through a call for proposals restricted to the Member States participating in the ISF Police Regulation and most advanced in the field of the activities in line with the objectives for 2016.

The restricted call for proposals is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization in the area of information exchange by interconnecting PIUs to facilitate the exchange of PNR data which are only available at the level of the competent authorities of the Member States responsible for the exchange of PNR data.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3	3 800 000€

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

90 %

1.2.2. *Call for proposals in the area of mobile criminality*

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

According to the Europol reports organised crime groups, especially those involved in property crime, tend to be highly mobile. This fact constitutes a challenge for the law enforcement authorities that treat numerous cases as separate incidents. The challenge is to connect those individual incidents in order to reveal the organised nature of the phenomenon and tackle it efficiently. It is equally difficult to set efficient cross-border cooperation between various Member States in e.g. property crime cases not considered generally as 'serious criminality'. In order to assess the real impact of this type of criminality one should look at the negative impact on business and society of the high volume of individual incidents often linked to infrastructure and generating the sense of insecurity.

One of the initial priorities of the Policy Cycle on Serious and Organised Crime set in 2011 was Mobile Organised Crime Groups changed later into Organised Property Crime (the latter addressing also the aspect of mobility of organised criminal groups). At the same time the Council Conclusions on setting the priorities for the fight against serious and organised crime between 2014 and 2017 encourage Member States to focus on particular types of networks, including outlaw motorcycle gangs in all the EMPACT priorities.

The objective of the call is to address the raising poly-criminal nature of activities of organised crime groups and their increased mobility. Ideally, the projects will fill the operational gap in the cross-border cooperation and create synergies between various criminal markets in relation to the mobile nature of criminal groups.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Project applications must aim at boosting the operational activities of the law enforcement, with regard to the mobile nature of organised criminal groups in relation to:

- Organised property crime;
- Other criminal markets, including synergies between them.

Project applications should achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Develop detection and investigation methodologies tailored to the needs of different enforcement authorities (e.g. police, customs);
- Enhance communication, coordination and cooperation between enforcement authorities and with relevant EU and international organisations and agencies such as

Europol, Eurojust, Interpol, World Customs Organisation;

- Develop training courses, including common events for police, customs and/or national competent authorities in the field of organised property crime;
- Develop expertise and a strategic analysis of the phenomenon;
- Gather statistics and intelligence for the purpose of threat and risk analysis tailored to the needs of different enforcement authorities (e.g. police, customs);
- Boost intelligence-led investigations, including cross-border investigations;
- Explore and share good practices in investigating and prosecuting organised property crime cases;
- Detect and analyse links with related areas of crime, such as corruption and illicit financial flows.

Project applications must ensure complementarity with the EU Policy Cycle, in particular with activities funded by Europol.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for a grant the applicant and co-applicants must:

- a) be legal persons.
- b) be established in an Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument. In duly justified cases where their participation is necessary to achieve the objectives of the programme, entities established in third countries can participate but only as co-applicant. The countries will be specified in the call for proposals.

International organisations may be established outside of the Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument.
- c) be a public body or a non-profit-making private entity or an international organisation. Union agencies cannot submit applications nor be co-applicants.
- d) Applications must be transnational involving at least 2 entities established in 2 different Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument. Lead applicant must be established in an Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument and cannot be an international organisation.
- e) Proposals seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 200.000 will be rejected.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and international organisations.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	2 000 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

90 %

1.2.3. Call for proposals restricted to Member States for law enforcement cooperation between Member States and relevant third countries along the Silk Road Migration Route to better address and improve the detection and apprehension of migrant smugglers

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

In light of the increase in mixed migration flows towards the EU and the worrying phenomena associated with this migration, namely the increase in migrant smuggling activities, renewed efforts to engage with countries of origin and transit are being made. The largest migration flow in 2015 arrived at the Greek Islands of the Aegean Sea and to the Western Balkans. A large part of this mixed migration flow originated or transited the Silk Route Region.

As part of the Budapest Process the Istanbul Ministerial Declaration on a Silk Routes Partnership for Migration was adopted in Turkey on 19th April 2013, whereby signatories identified priority goals for further dialogue and mutual cooperation. Amongst these priorities it was agreed to prevent and counteract irregular migration, facilitate readmission of irregular migrants and combat criminal networks involved in the smuggling of migrants through coordination between agencies involved in preventing irregular migration and

migrant smuggling at the national, regional and international level. Participants of the Budapest Process include amongst others Member States, countries of the Western Balkans and Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan.

The call for proposals aims to strengthen law enforcement cooperation between Member States' law enforcement authorities and relevant third countries' law enforcement authorities along the Silk Route Region and/or Western Balkans region to better address the challenges posed by the activities of criminal organisations, engaged in the smuggling of migrants, through capacity building in particular through the provision of expertise, increased information sharing, cooperation and coordination activities. This could be targeted at specific priority countries within the Western Balkans or along the Silk Route Region e.g. Pakistan, Afghanistan etc.. The initiative would be along the lines of ongoing actions, such as the call for proposals entitled "Law enforcement cooperation between Member States and relevant third countries to better address the challenges posed by the activities of criminal organisations in the region under the Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative".

Home Affairs funds will provide support to the launching and implementation of this law enforcement cooperation initiative through a targeted action supporting the competent authorities of the Member States in their fight against the organised crime networks active in migrant smuggling along the Silk Route Region towards Europe. The activities supported through this project will have a direct impact in the EU by contributing to maintaining and improving the internal security of the EU.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, in particular the following activities could be financed:

- (i) preparatory, administrative and technical support to the deployment of Member States liaison officers and short-term experts to the region;
- (ii) support to the networking, coordination and exchange of information between Member States liaison officers in the region, by making full use of already existing cooperation platforms and networks such as the Network of the Immigration Liaison Officers, and by ensuring that Europol and Frontex are fully involved in the exchange and analysis of information, whenever relevant;
- (iii) support to legislative development where necessary, networking, exchange of information, training, mentoring and other capacity-building activities between the competent authorities of Member States and partner countries in the region, including for the coordination of donor assistance;
- (iv) development of common training curricula and training courses for relevant law enforcement agencies, possibly in cooperation with local training institutions;
- (v) development of awareness-raising material;
- (vi) administrative and logistical support to preventive actions, criminal investigations, joint investigation teams, cross-border joint operations or any other relevant law enforcement operations; and
- (vii) provision of relevant equipment, if directly linked to capacity-building support and training.

A mechanism will be set to allow the Commission and EEAS to monitor closely the implementation of the project, providing when necessary strategic guidance and ensuring due coordination with other relevant EU funded actions. Relevant EU agencies such as Europol and Frontex might also be invited to participate in the implementation of the action (on a no-cost basis).

Coordination and complementarities with ongoing externally-funded projects in this area must be ensured through timely information sharing between the relevant Commission services and amongst the different actions.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grants will be awarded through a call for proposals restricted to law enforcement agencies/public law bodies from Member States, which will be encouraged to form a consortium of Member States. In duly justified cases where their participation is necessary to achieve the objectives of the programme, entities established in third countries that are part of the Budapest Process (particularly those part of the Silk Route Partnership) can participate but only as co-applicant.

The restriction of the call for proposals to relevant bodies of Member States is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization in the area of law enforcement cooperation of the competent authorities of the Member States.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q2/3/4	1 500 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

90 %

1.2.4. Direct award of an action grant to support a pilot project for an European Police Record Index System – EPRIS

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Improving the information exchange between competent law enforcement authorities of Member States and with Europol.

As indicated in the European Agenda on Security, the real-time availability of existing police data across Member States is an area for future work on information exchange. The Communication from the Commission to the Parliament and the Council on Stronger and Smarter Information Systems for Borders and Security of 6 April, 2016 sets out that there are gaps in the exchange of information.

In response to a request made by the Council, the Commission has stated that it will assess the necessity, technical feasibility and proportionality of establishing a European Police Records Information System (EPRIS) to facilitate cross-border access to information held in national police records. In the meantime, the Commission intends to support a pilot project which is comprised of a small group of MS. The pilot aims to create a technical system which allows, through an index, to see if police records on an individual or criminal police investigation exist in one or several other Member States. The automated reply to a search in the index would only indicate whether or not data is available; a so-called "hit" or "no hit" reply. Additional personal data would have to be requested in a second step in case of a "hit" via usual police cooperation channels.

The Commission will carefully monitor the pilot project, including the discussions about its progress at the DAPIX Working Group. The Commission will use the expertise developed during the project for its assessment of the necessity of establishing an EPRIS.

At this stage, the project is in its infancy and MS are assessing how well it can work and whether there are any possible alternative mechanisms to achieve the same goal. While of course recognising the important role of Customs agencies in cross border law enforcement matters, it is felt that it may be premature to extend the pilot project at this time to include customs. When the project is finalised and the Commission is conducting its assessment of the necessity and feasibility of creating an EPRIS, that may be an appropriate time to consider whether the project could be extended to include Customs agencies.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Financial support will be provided to a project aimed at developing a mechanism for cross-border searches in decentralised indexes, containing certain data of national police records of participating Member States and for automated replies to these searches. The project shall build on the following features:

- The access to the national indexes should be based on a 'hit/ no hit' approach, meaning that the automated reply to a search contains limited data, revealing in the first place whether and where additional information can be obtained;
- The mechanism implies a high level of data protection safeguards, including technology for the pseudonymisation of data;
- The mechanism would be complementary to existing IT systems and should aim at a high degree of involvement of relevant Europol services. In particular, the mechanism should integrate:
 - the Secure Information Exchange Network Application SIENA as a channel for the follow-up of a 'hit' in one or more of the national indexes;
 - the Europol Information System (EIS) as repository and shared memory of relevant 'hits' in national indexes, in accordance with the scope of the EIS.
- The project should build on work carried out by a group of Member States since 2013, under the so-called 'ADEP Initiative'.

Moreover, possibilities of using the Universal Message Format (UMF) in the context of the project will be assessed.

In addition to the implementation of the chosen EPRIS mechanism in at least three Member States, the project shall discuss and analyse possible alternative business cases for the mechanism and assess related specifications, including alternative descriptions of:

- the data that the decentralised national indexes contain;
- the data that the automated 'hit/ no hit' replies contain;
- who should be permitted to conduct searches?

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the competent authorities of a group of Member States in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The competent authorities of a group of Member States were established through a letter of intent ('Action Programme for the Implementation of ADEP'), signed in Brussels on 4 December 2015. Europol will be an associated partner to this group.

The direct award is further justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization in the area of information exchange.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q4	1 500 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.5. Direct award of action grants for extending the use of SIENA

a. SIENA as communication tool in the area of Counter Terrorism (CT)

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Enhancing the use of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA) in accordance with the European Information Exchange Model (EIXM) and the European Agenda on Security.

Project A – SIENA as communication tool in the area of Counter Terrorism (CT)

The objective is to extend SIENA to Member States' competent Counter Terrorism agencies or units as a secure and efficient communication tool allowing bilateral and multilateral exchanges of classified data up to a security level of 'EU confidential', including the possibility of involving Europol where relevant.

The expected result is that at least one CT unit or agency per Member State is able to communicate peer-to-peer with other CT units across the EU and with Europol in order to make use of its products and services

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Financial support will be provided to action aiming to establish the connectivity between Member States' competent CT agencies or units and with Europol, using an upgraded version of SIENA to be provided by Europol and allowing the exchange of classified data up to a security level of at least 'EU confidential'.

This will require different steps depending on the individual situation in the Member States, their existing infrastructure and national rules and legislation:

- providing access to SIENA for the competent CT authorities or units and establishing connectivity between them and Europol (where not yet existing) or
- upgrading already existing connectivity in order to comply with the relevant data security requirements (e.g. secure lines, secure environment, additional logs etc.)
- providing training on the usage of SIENA and relevant Europol products and services to the CT units

The security classification level of data that can be exchanged in a multilateral way within a group of CT authorities or units is determined by those participants to the exchanges that are accredited to the lowest security level. Therefore, to ensure secure and efficient information exchange in this area among Member States, it is essential that the extension of the upgraded SIENA is carried out in a coordinated way and that as many Member States as possible become connected at the same time.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to a consortium of Member States' authorities responsible for Counter Terrorism (CT) cooperating within the framework of the European CT Centre, in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct award is further justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization in the area of information exchange.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q4	1 300 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

SIENA as communication tool for the European Network of Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST)

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Enhancing the use of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA) in accordance with the European Information Exchange Model (EIXM) and the European Agenda on Security.

Project B – SIENA as communication tool for the European Network of Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST)

The objective is to use SIENA as standard communication tool for exchanging operational information among the ENFAST members. As a result, at least six national Fugitive Active Search Teams (FAST) should have access to SIENA at the end of the project.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Financial support will be provided to action aiming to establish the connectivity between national Fugitive Active Search teams (FAST) by using SIENA as a secure and rapid information exchange tool.

The use of SIENA among national FAST needs to be strictly complementary to and fully consistent with the role of the SIRENE bureaux as defined in the SIRENE manual. The establishment of the connectivity should be followed-up by appropriate training on the use of SIENA, taking into account the interaction with relevant information systems such as SIS/SIRENE and Europol products and services.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the European Network of Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST). (The Fugitive Active Search Team of Germany, holding the presidency of the network in 2016, will act as coordinator of the project), in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q4	700 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.6. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by Strategic Communication Advisory Team (SCAT)

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

In accordance with the revised EU strategy to combating radicalisation and recruitment to terrorism, in particular the sections on "enhancing Government communications" and "support messages countering terrorism", this award will support the activities of a Strategic Communication Advisory Team. This action aims at developing and exchanging best practices in the area of strategic communication with a view to preventing and countering terrorist crime and violent extremism with a particular focus on that related to foreign fighters.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will finance developing and exchanging best practices in the area of strategic communication with a view to preventing and countering terrorist crime and violent extremism with a particular focus on that related to foreign fighters.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the SCAT in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1)

(f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization in the area of cooperation of special intervention units, which are only available at the level of the SCAT.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3	1 150 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.7. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – ATLAS

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

ATLAS Network is a cooperation structure between special intervention units in the EU that allows and supports different training platforms and sharing of best practices in terms of proficiency and tactics, and providing support in operational activity. The aim is to support ATLAS by:

- Establishing common platforms for training and tactics, sharing equipment, and by establishing close cooperation in Member States trans-border areas in order to increase the proficiency and expertise of all special intervention units and benefit public security;
- Developing of cross utilisation and joint training programmes and building on it to establish EU training centres, similar to the CBRN Centers of Excellence;
- Supporting special "theme groups" (aviation, maritime, mass transit, building and entry) and focusing on developing training and operational tactics;
- Supporting joint training operations among Member States.

The Paris and Brussels terrorist attacks against soft targets highlight the importance of the special intervention forces and the rapid deployments of effective counter-terrorist force in order to protect EU citizens and commerce against the loss of innocent lives.

The EU foreign terrorist fighters gain skills in the conflict areas in Syria and Iraq and bring these deadly skills home to European capitals which result in carnage and deaths as demonstrated during recent Paris and Brussels attacks. ATLAS members will increase the operational and training capabilities, which will directly contribute to better security of EU citizens during special interventions (as demonstrated during the Brussels post Paris attack Police interventions).

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will cover numerous activities which allow the different specialised groups (land, maritime, air, building and surveillance) to increase its operational proficiency and to aid in carrying out various training/tactical response building exercises and workshops.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the ATLAS network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization in the area of cooperation of special intervention units, which are only available at the level of the ATLAS network.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3	1 200 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.8. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – EEODN

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The European Explosive Ordnance Disposal Network (EEODN) is one deliverable of the European Union's policy on the fight against terrorism. Through the EEODN, the knowledge in the field of explosives and chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear (CBRN) security is being developed and enhanced, by facilitating the sharing of best practices among EU experts. The EEODN was established as requested in the 2008 EU Action Plan on Enhancing the Security of Explosives. Since then, EOD and CBRN experts have met 1-2 times a year to discuss the existing threats from the illicit use of explosives and CBRN agents. EEODN develops the technical skills of the bomb technicians dealing with different types of threats

and provides the crucial forum for intelligence sharing on different explosive and CBRN bomb designs and terrorist trends discovered not only in EU but also in the world. Among other activities, the participants receive updates on recent attacks involving the use of home-made explosives (HME) and IEDs. They work together on improving techniques to render safe improvised explosive devices, sharing their invaluable experience gained worldwide in three different continents. EEODN is a deliverable of the EU Action Plan on Security of Explosives, but also supports the implementation of the EU CBRN Action Plan as it integrated the fight against the CBRN threat into the network goals, and created two specialised working groups: one for Explosives and another for CBRN. Both working groups are exchanging their expertise and best practices under the common umbrella of the EEODN, which amended its protocol to reflect these changes.

As highlighted in the new Action Plan on Firearms and Explosives, the activities of EEODN need to be reinforced and notably their training activities for MS. In addition to exchanging information of recent threats and incidents in the CBRN and explosives area, and to share best practices, the Commission will also support the network in developing common training curriculum for Member States experts.

The recent terrorist events and attacks in EU demonstrate that terrorist develop new ways to make and detonate home-made explosives and this issue will be addressed in the coming months as a matter of high urgency.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will cover organization of the EEODN meetings focused on development of the technical skills of the bomb technicians dealing with different types of threats.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the EEODN network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the EEODN network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	300 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.9. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – AIRPOL

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

AIRPOL Network is a multidisciplinary cooperation network of the police services, border guards and other relevant law enforcement services which are active in and around airports established as an initiative to fight trans-border crime. The objective is the development of the AIRPOL network in order to enhance the EU mitigation and response towards recently

arising security threats.

Priorities of the year are to support AIRPOL in enhancing the overall security in the EU airports and civil aviation domain by:

- Optimizing the effectiveness and efficiency of airport and aviation related law-enforcement, border guard issues and the control of frontiers;
- Building awareness, exchanging best practices and developing guidance for Member States;

Developing and implementing tools (e.g. guidance and training) to further improve the soft target protection in civil aviation security will be a top priority in view of the recent attack at the Brussels airport and implementation of the EU Airport Soft target protection manual (with the foreword by Commissioner Avramopoulos).

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will cover continued efforts to enhance the efficiency of the security of the border controls, to identify terrorist travelling to and returning from conflict zones. This will include benchmarking exercises, cross border actions and train the trainer's session.

AIRPOL will continue to implement different tools such as the Airport soft target protection manual, to organise workshops to alert its field members on the latest threat developments. AIRPOL will also undertake further strengthening of the insider threat (a number of EU foreign terrorist fighters have been noted to work in secure areas of airports) and radicalisation dimensions and building awareness on latest detection capabilities of threat detection, such as border control use of trace detection equipment and other innovative means.

Recently the Commission issued a handbook (with the foreword by Commissioner Avramopoulos) on use of new technology to identified foreign terrorist fighters during border controls. Implementation of these Commission developed methods will be done among the AIRPOL Members.

Complementarity with the EU Policy Cycle, in particular with activities funded by Europol, must be ensured.

Coordination and complementarities with ongoing externally-funded projects in this area must be ensured through timely information sharing between the relevant Commission services and networks, for example the Customs 2020 ICARUS network in relation to detection of security threats in the EU airports in connection to control of traveller's luggage and air cargo, and amongst the different actions.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the AIRPOL network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to

article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the AIRPOL network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3	300 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.10. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – RAILPOL

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

After the foiled Thalys attack there is a clear need to enhance our EU efforts in the area of rail security and to counter future terrorist attacks and threats in the rail together with the network.

The RAILPOL Network is a multidisciplinary cooperation network of the rail police services, which is active in and around railways and railway stations. The objective is to develop the RAILPOL network in order to enhance the EU mitigation and response towards recently arising security threats.

Recent terrorist attacks at both high speed rail (Thalys) and metro (Brussels) highlight the need to strengthen the area of soft target protection of rail stations and other associated areas (ex. rail depots and track systems). There has also been a number of insider related threats to security of rail by radicalised staff (ex. Saleh Abdesalem worked as a mechanic for Brussels metro) and this needs to be addressed as matter of high urgency. This will be the priority of RAILPOLs counter-terrorism activities in enhancing the overall security in the rail area by:

- Optimizing the effectiveness and efficiency of rail security and rail related law-enforcement;
- Building awareness, exchanging best practices and developing guidance for Member States;
- Developing and implementing tools (eg. guidance and training) to further improve the soft target protection in the rail area
- Addressing the issue of insider threats

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will cover the counterterrorism-focused activities such as detection trials, actions addressing the issue of insider threat or aiming at improvement of protection of rail against potential terrorist attacks.

Complementarity with the EU Policy Cycle, in particular with activities funded by Europol, must be ensured.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the RAILPOL network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only

available at the level of the RAILPOL network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3	300 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.11. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – AQUAPOL

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The targets for terrorist attacks are evolving and might hit for instance ports next time. Therefore there is a need to enhance our efforts in the area of maritime security and to be able to detect threats - including insider threats - together with the relevant network.

AQUAPOL is an EU network of maritime- and inland navigation related law-enforcement authorities. It aims to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of inland- and maritime shipping related law-enforcement in Europe and to contribute to a more harmonized approach of enforcement in this domain. The activities of AQUAPOL include: exchange of good practice, exchange of control information, joint training, joint international control operations, etc., and the aim would be to develop its activities related to countering terrorism in support of the new Action Plan on Firearms and Explosives. The recent terrorist attacks and plots in EU and third countries have also demonstrated that radicalised staff working in the maritime port installations present a significant future threat to critical infrastructures.

The support to AQUAPOL should be given to such activities in the area of detection and identification of suspicious consignments, to exchange best practices, support training activities, exercises, producing guidance materials, testing new detection technologies and soft target protection of port installations etc. The Commission will therefore engage with them to better prevent and protect against terrorist attacks in their area of competence by supporting such activities.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will cover the counterterrorism-focused activities such as detection trials, actions addressing the issue of insider threat or aiming at improvement of protection of ships and maritime port installations against potential terrorist attacks.

Complementarity with the EU Policy Cycle, in particular with activities funded by Europol, must be ensured.

Coordination and complementarities with ongoing externally-funded projects in this area must be ensured through timely information sharing between the relevant Commission services and networks, for example the Customs 2020 RALFH and ICARUS network in relation to detection of security threats in the EU seaports in connection to control of the sea cargo, and amongst the different actions.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the AQUAPOL network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action

requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the **AQUAPOL** network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	100 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.12. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – TISPOL

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

In view of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris etc., where the attackers managed to get through the land police controls (TISPOL network domain) there is a need to better use the expertise of TISPOL – the European Traffic Police Network. This network has been established by the traffic police forces of Europe in order to improve road safety and law enforcement on the roads of Europe. With the evolving targets for terrorist attacks, we have to be more pro-active to be able to prevent terrorist attacks, and next time terrorist activities might involve TISPOLs road policing activities. We need also to be able to detect firearms and explosives by screening and tracking vehicles, as well as optimising controls on persons and find any suspect individuals travelling by car. We therefore need to enhance our efforts in the area of road/land security and to counter future terrorist attacks and threats in the road are together with the network. The Commission will engage with TISPOL to better prevent and protect against terrorist attacks in their area of competence by supporting training, exercises, producing guidance materials, testing new detection technologies etc.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will cover the counterterrorism-focused activities such as training or exchange of best practices in relation to surveillance of foreign terrorist fighters or detection of explosives precursors smuggling.

Complementarity with the EU Policy Cycle, in particular with activities funded by Europol, must be ensured.

Coordination and complementarities with ongoing externally-funded projects in this area must be ensured through timely information sharing between the relevant Commission services and networks, for example the Customs 2020 LAND FRONTIER network in relation to detection of security threats in the EU external land borders in connection to control of the land cargo, and amongst the different actions.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the TISPOL network in line with the objectives for 2015, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the TISPOL network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of

Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	100 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.13. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – ENFSI

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The availability of solid forensic evidence is become increasingly important in order to solve cross-border crime and acts of terrorism in the EU. Yet, the recognition of forensics evidence, in particular DNA or fingerprint, obtained in one Member State in another Member State is still not commonplace, and will continue to be the priority in 2015. To achieve more trust in the quality of each Member State's forensic work, accreditation of all forensic laboratories in the EU to a recognised international standard and exchange of best practice will continue to be key. Investment in new techniques, for instance in the field of firearms-related analysis or digital forensics also need to remain priorities.

The European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) promotes the recognition of forensic data - including electronic and computer data - generated by national forensic institutes, advances the exchange of best practices, increases the quality of forensic analysis, and stimulates forensic research across the EU to support the work of police and criminal proceedings. In addition, ENFSI may take on emerging tasks resulting from the Council Conclusions on the creation of European Forensic Science by 2020. It is therefore best placed to implement the priorities identified by the Commission in the area of forensics science.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The grant will cover the following activities: establishing forensic minimum standards, for all steps of forensic activities from crime scene to court room; facilitating the cross-border recognition of forensic products and of forensic expert knowledge; advancing the exchange of best practices in forensic science across borders or increasing the quality of forensic products and service through quality assurance measures across the EU to support the work of police and criminal proceedings; supporting the establishment of a European Forensic Science Area 2020, in particular in the areas of digital/ computer forensic, DNA profiling and fingerprint analysis, firearms related analysis, drug analysis and forensic financial analysis.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the ENFSI network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the ENFSI network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of

funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q4	1 500 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.14. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – EUCPN

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

EUCPN has been created by Council Decision 2009/902/JHA of 30 November 2009 setting up a **European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)** and repealing Decision 2001/427/JHA.

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The Work Programme is in accordance with Article 4 of the Council Decision 2009/902/JHA and Article 12 of the Rules of Procedures for the EUCPN⁴. As foreseen in the Multiannual Strategy (adoption is pending) for the EUCPN, the work programme defines the activities of the Network to be completed in the future in order to promote the achievement of the strategic goals, namely:

- A) To be a point of reference for the target groups of the Network;
- B) To disseminate qualitative knowledge on crime prevention;
- C) To support crime prevention activities at national and local level;
- D) To develop the EU policy and strategy of crime prevention and to develop various aspects of crime prevention at the EU level in respect of strategic priorities of EU.

The target groups of the EUCPN are:

- Practitioners and policymakers at the local level
- Practitioners and policymakers at the national level
- Relevant agencies, organisations, working groups etc. at European Union level.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

The direct grant will aim at improving the working of the EUCPN by reinforcing the working of the EUCPN Secretariat around 5 main pillars, a better alignment with EU priorities and support to the informal network on the administrative network (set up by Council). Further details are available in the EUCPN multiannual strategy and work programme

(www.eucpn.org)

- Pillar 1: Strategy & policy
Goal: to develop various aspects of Crime Prevention (CP) at EU level in respect of the strategic priorities of EU & to increase the coherence between policies and approaches on CP of the EU partners and EUCPN.
- Pillar 2: Research & monitoring
Goal: disseminate qualitative knowledge on CP & establish links between the academic world and the policymakers & practitioners
- Pillar 3: Practices & tools
Goal: to support national & local policymakers and practitioners in their daily work on CP
- Pillar 4: Communication
Goal: to be a point of reference & to increase the visibility of the EUCPN and its work
- Pillar 5: Administrative support
Goal: to support the Chair & Board to facilitate efficient policy development

Objectives project:

- Developing various aspects of crime prevention at EU-level in respect of the strategic priorities of the EU

⁴ <http://eucpn.org/>

- Establishing a better knowledge-base on crime prevention
- Developing outputs and good practice material to support national and local policymakers and practitioners
- Being a point of reference for the target groups of the Network
- Increasing the visibility of the EUCPN, the Secretariat and their work
- Supporting the EUCPN chair (rotating Pres.) and executive committee in the development and implementation of efficient prevention policies

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the EUCPN network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the EUCPN network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	1 000 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.15. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – EACN

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

EACN has been created by Council Decision 2008/852/JHA of 24 October 2008 on a contact-point network against corruption.

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Support and facilitate the work of the European Anti-Corruption Network⁵. The objectives of the EACN are to improve cooperation between authorities mandated with the prevention of and fight against corruption in the European Union, and to foster closer relations between Member States and the European institutions.

This is expected to be achieved over the next three years via the annual conferences.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Annual conference for the members of the European Anti-Corruption Network. This provides a platform for the exchange of EU-related information on effective measures and experiences, identifying opportunities, and collaboration in developing common strategies and high professional standards.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

⁵ <http://www.epac.at/about/eacn>

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the EACN network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the EACN network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	45 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.16. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – European Cybercrime Training and Education Group (ECTEG)

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

ECTEG (European Cybercrime Training and Education Group) members will produce training material in a structured manner, addressing law enforcement needs across Europe to fight cybercrime in an effective manner.

To do so, new training material will be developed to remedy existing gaps between the available trainings and what is needed to build the competencies identified by the training competency framework established by CEPOL, Eurojust, Europol and ECTEG.

Indirect outcome of the grant will be streamlining of cybercrime training across the EU, sharing knowledge, expertise and find training solutions to tackle identified issues, promoting standardisation of methods and procedures for training programmes and cooperation with other international organisations, collaboration with academic partners to establish academic qualification in the field of cybercrime.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

ECTEG members will develop training material -as well as update what is already existing - with a view to increasing successful prosecution of cybercriminals and effective prevention, accuracy of procedures to gather digital evidence therefore guaranteeing court admissibility, by advancing technical and investigative skills of law enforcement cybercrime specialists.

ECTEG members will develop standards for IT crime trainings for specialised police officers across EU law enforcement. ECTEG members will support CEPOL, Europol and Eurojust and member states Law Enforcement agencies by advancing technical and investigative skills of law enforcement dedicated to fighting cybercrimes and by mainstreaming basic cybercrime awareness.

Priorities will be identified by mapping the gaps existing between the needs of law enforcement and the available trainings, on the basis of the existing training competency framework established by CEPOL, Eurojust, Europol and ECTEG.

New trainings will be developed in cooperation between experts from law enforcement members and academic partners to build law enforcement capacity to swiftly tackle new criminal modi operandi and new threats arising in the global criminal landscape.

ECTEG will provide an overview of training modules produced and promote administration of training at national level across EU, gathering qualitative and quantitative feedback in a continuous process for quality assessment..

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the ECTEG network in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the ECTEG network.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	1 600 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.17. Direct award of an action grant to support an extended pilot of an IT application providing simplified and unified access to business registers data on business ownership and control structures for intelligence and investigation purposes – EBOCS

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Facilitate the access of the Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) and other competent authorities to business structure and beneficial ownership information contained in the Business Registers, in order to prevent terrorist financing and the misuse of companies and businesses by organised crime.

Extend and further develop the initial pilot of the EBOCS⁶ (European Business Ownership and Control Structures), in which four business registers (IE, IT, EE, RO), one Financial Intelligence Unit (LV) and one investigative service (Guardia di Finanza, IT) were involved.

The initial pilot of EBOCS has delivered:

- A software interface enabling intelligent access to all the information contained in the national business registers of the Member States;
- a visualisation tool assembling data on shareholders and directors of legal entities registered in different MS and reconstructing the ownership structure of such legal entities in cross-border investigations.

It is expected that the extended pilot phase covered by the grant will enable the participating users to immediately analyse at operational level the information in the participating business registers. This will translate into huge time savings in the intelligence and investigation activities. It will no longer be necessary for FIUs and other authorities to consult foreign registers directly, or ask foreign counterparts for information and stall the analysis or investigation until the information is received.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

⁶ <http://www.ebocs.eu/>

- Technical interconnection to the EBOCS platform of at least five business registers of the Member States, in addition to those that participated in the initial pilot phase.
- Further development of the EBOCS monitoring and management system in order to move from pilot phase to production phase.
- Granting access, for the duration of the extended pilot, to FIUs and other users (possibly including Europol), in order to test and further develop the EBOCS at operational level.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the European Business Register EEIG in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action, which requires the provision of source information on registered companies, legal entities and businesses (only available at the business registers) and the participation of the Financial Intelligence Units and other law enforcement agencies in the Member States.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	350 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.18. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – UN ODC / Project to Support Global Data on Firearms Trafficking and Foster Cooperation among Countries along Major Trafficking Routes to and from the EU

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Global security and the internal security of Member States, including of the European Union, are interlinked. As a follow up of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Study on Firearms 2015 which has been the first of its kind and it has made a significant step towards greater harmonization of internationally collected data and information on firearms. UNODC should carry on a second study to strengthen data collection and analysis on firearms trafficking matters at national, regional and international level, and to conduct periodic studies, with a view to monitoring and mapping illicit firearms trafficking flows and foster international cooperation and information exchange, in close cooperation with Member States and relevant organizations.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Activities and Outputs:

1. **Development of tools:** Standardized methods for international data collection and analysis facilitate information exchange and cooperation
2. **Technical assistance:** Enhanced capacity to collect, research and analyse crime and firearms related data at national and international level.
3. **Research and analysis:** Increased knowledge and regular monitoring of the transnational nature, routes and modus operandi used in firearms trafficking, and their links to other serious crimes, through periodic studies, based on empiric data on firearms from Member

States

Expected results:

The successful completion of the proposed activities will result in:

- Standardized methodology for data collection and analysis, developed and periodically reviewed and updated, in cooperation with Member States and relevant organizations;
- Improved capacities of national authorities to collect, research and analyse firearms and crime related data;
- Enhanced knowledge by Member States of their domestic and regional firearms problematic and on the illicit firearms trafficking flows, its routes and modus operandi;
- Increased knowledge on firearms trafficking trends facilitate informed decision-making;
- Enhanced capacity of Member States to exchange information and data on firearms based on commonly agreed upon concepts and definitions;
- Tangible progress is made towards the enhancement of international cooperation in criminal matters to combat trafficking in firearms;
- Registry for (seized) firearms developed and handed over to requesting countries;
- Regular communication networks among stakeholders are organized.

Complementarity with the EU Policy Cycle, in particular with activities funded by Europol, must be ensured.

Coordination and complementarities with ongoing externally-funded projects in this area must be ensured through timely information sharing between the relevant Commission services and amongst the different actions.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the UNODC in line with the objectives for 2015-2016, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of the UNODC.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to international organisations.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of

Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	1 500 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.19. Direct award of an action grant to support the activities developed by a transnational law enforcement network – CARIN

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Support and facilitate the work of the Camden Assets Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN) Network of practitioners engaged in recovering criminal assets.

The objectives of CARIN are:

- to maintain and expand its network of law enforcement and judicial operational contact points;
- to establish itself as a centre of expertise in asset recovery;
- to promote the exchange of information and good practice in this area;
- to make recommendations addressed to the European Commission and the Council of

the European Union.

These objectives are expected to be achieved over the next two years through the organisation of the CARIN Annual General Meetings.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

- The CARIN Annual General Meeting, which provides a platform where the members exchange knowledge on new developments, through presentations and workshops, as well as networking opportunities for the members.
- The meetings of the CARIN Steering Committee, which helps preparing the Annual General Meeting and takes the necessary decisions for the functioning of the network.

Output indicator: two Annual General Meetings organised (one per year).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the CARIN network in line with the objectives for 2015, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring the technical competence and a high degree of specialization which are only available at the level of CARIN network.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	700 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.20. Direct award of an action grant to support a Pilot Project on the referral to Europol and ultimately to EU law enforcement authorities of evidence on child sexual abuse crimes committed by EU offenders on the Internet having been reported by US companies to US relevant bodies and authorities.

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This action correspond to the priority of supporting the fight against child sexual abuse online.

The objective of the action is to facilitate effective investigation and prosecution of child sex abuse crimes committed by European offenders and facilitated by the Internet.

The expected result in the short term is the effective punishment under Member States' due process of child sex offenders in Europe whose crimes are reported to US relevant bodies and authorities by US Internet companies, and the identification and rescue of child victims of those crimes. In the mid term this action will result in a better understanding by Europol, EU Member States and US relevant bodies and authorities of the functioning of organised transnational networks of child sex offenders operating on the Internet and in adopting effective strategies to dismantle them and protect children.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grants awarded without a call for proposals

US authorities (notable DHS' ICE) receive reports on child sex abuse crimes committed by offenders based in Europe using US Internet infrastructure. Those companies are under a legal obligation to submit their reports to the US National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which makes them available to law enforcement bodies. US authorities transmit those reports from NCMEC to Europol for enrichment with the strategic information and for referral to the competent law enforcement authority in the corresponding EU Member State. Considerable activity is deployed to ensure the follow up to the original referral, the subsequent requests for information to investigate the crimes reported, and the swift and complete transmission of operational information.

The amount of referrals on such crimes has grown exponentially in recent years due to the increase in the use of the Internet, and so has also the subsequent exchange of information to

ensure their investigation and prosecution.

This action is a Pilot Project for 12 months to promote the improvement of the administrative capacity of the different actors involved in this process and streamlining the procedures in place to ensure an efficient transmission of the referrals and additional information as necessary to ensure effective investigation and prosecution of the crimes and the identification and rescue of child victims. This may include notably reinforcing the capacity of different US authorities and relevant bodies involved in the transmission of referrals and follow up action taking place between EU Member States, Europol, NCMEC and the Internet companies concerned.

Europol will participate in this action without receiving funding.

A more important action could be subsequently considered to include the participation of EU Member States receiving the referrals and investigating the crimes, and to enlarge the scope of the activities envisaged.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the competent US authorities and bodies that may be involved in the referrals and follow-up activities, namely the Department of Homeland Security, NCMEC or ICMEC (its sister organisation for international cooperation). This is in line with the objectives for 2015, in accordance with the provisions of article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and to article 190(1) (f) of its Rules of Application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

The direct awarding of the grant is justified by the specific characteristic of the action, as by law the US actors involved (law enforcement authorities and bodies like NCMEC/ICMEC) in their respective roles are uniquely placed to empowered to receive, transmit and follow-up on the referrals made by US companies on child sex abuse offences committed EU by offenders using US Internet infrastructure, and at the same time they are entitled to provide these referrals to Europol and onwards to the EU Member States in order to ensure a swift exchange of information leading to investigations and prosecutions.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.
- The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grants awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q3/4	80 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the total eligible costs:

95 %

1.2.21. Direct award of action grants to provide emergency assistance

LEGAL BASIS

Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 513/2014

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Indicative amount

2 500 000

Description and objective of the assistance to be provided

The ISF Police shall provide financial assistance to address urgent and specific security-related incident or newly emerging threat which has or may have a significant adverse impact on the security of people in one or more Member States.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

- Applications for emergency assistance can be submitted only by Member States, international organisations or EU agencies. Other entities can be involved in the implementation of the action as co-applicants.
- Emergency assistance may support expenditure which was incurred prior to the date of submission of the request for assistance, if this is necessary for the successful implementation of the action and it is demonstrated that the emergency situation prevailed earlier than the submission of the request.

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 202 of the Rules of Application, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and international organisations in accordance with Article 131(3) of the Financial Regulation.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 132 of the Financial Regulation and Article 203 of the Rules of Application, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of relevance of the proposal with regards to the objectives and the expected impact of the proposed activities on the situation in the countries concerned.

Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100%

1.3. Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2016 amounts to 12 615 000 €

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (*study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.*)

1. RAN Centre of Excellence (1 specific contract under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
2. EU Internet forum (2 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4). In addition to these actions and in accordance with the Communication on delivering on the European Agenda on Security to fight against terrorism and pave the way towards an effective and genuine Security Union (COM(2016) 230 final of 20.4.2016) a call for tender for a

Framework Contract to further the objectives of the EU Internet Forum, is planned to be launched in 2016. The specific contracts would only be signed and implemented as of 2017.

3. Technical and support services (TSS) in the field of Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) Security (5 specific contract under existing FWCs) (Q3-Q4)
4. Support for the EU explosives detection tools (2 specific contract under existing FWCs) (Q3-Q4)
5. Evidence-base:
 - 5.1. Research & evidence-base on organised crime, supporting the collection of evidence to address knowledge gaps, identified *inter alia* by the SOCTA process (1 new tendering procedure) (Q3-Q4)
 - 5.2. Study mapping availability of data on official crime statistics within MS, disaggregated by 'euro-crime' offences, and counting police records, investigations, prosecutions and convictions (1 new tendering procedure) (Q3-Q4)
6. Fight against corruption:
 - 6.1. Technical assistance & support network of Local Research Correspondents on Corruption ('LRCC-TAS') (1 new tendering procedure) (Q3-Q4)
 - 6.2. Eurobarometer (general) on corruption (1 specific contract under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
 - 6.2. Studies to support the follow-up to the thematic chapter of the Anti-corruption report (ACR) and preparation of the next ACR (2 new tendering procedures) (Q3-Q4)
7. Fight against cybercrime:
 - 7.1. Analysing obstacles to cybercrime investigations (access to information) — study (1 new tendering procedure) and events (3 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
 - 7.2. Non-cash means of payment event (2 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
 - 7.3. Child sexual abuse/TSO event (2 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
8. Actions for cooperation between competent authorities in the prevention and fight against migrant smuggling
 - 8.1 Single Contact Point at operational level for migrant smuggling in each Member State (inc. workshop to exchange good practice and future conference of all national contact points feeding into the possible preparation of a handbook of best practice of national administrations) in synergy with EMPACT OAP in Illegal Immigration (1 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
 - 8.2 Support cooperation with financial institutions to improve financial investigations to disrupt smuggling networks (1 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
9. Continue ensuring “access to external (commercial) analytical support (on demand analysis) and strategic information for getting access to reliable and accurate sources of information and analytical products. This product will help the risk management process in support of the decision making activities in the field of JHA. (2 specific contracts under existing FWCs) (Q3-Q4)

10. Continue ensuring the operations of DG HOME secure zone (maintenance, evolutive upgrade, accreditation IT systems and project management support) as secure environment supporting information exchange with EEAS, Europol, Frontex , crisis management and risk assessment (5 specific contracts under existing FWCs) (Q3-Q4)
11. Activities in relation to amended EMCDDA legal basis (Q3-Q4)
12. EU security Forum (1 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
13. Support and strengthen EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms for THB: as per the Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combatting trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims (2 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
14. Conference EU Anti-Trafficking Day 2016 (1 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
15. EU Civil Society Platform against trafficking in human beings (2 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
16. Establishment of European Business Coalition (1 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
17. Low level contract for report on Article 23 Directive (1 new tendering procedure) (Q3-Q4)
18. Maintenance including content management EU anti-trafficking website (1 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
19. Models and guidelines on reduction of demand (1 new tendering procedure) (Q3-Q4)
20. Best practice guide for monitoring temporary work agencies (1 new tendering procedure) (Q3-Q4)
21. Actions implementing 2017 THB Strategy (3 specific contracts under existing FWC) (Q3-Q4)
22. Expert meetings, technical workshops, studies and communication activities in the field of EU security policy. (Q4)

1.4. Other Actions

1.4.1. Administrative arrangement with the Joint Research Centre

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Amount

1 600 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

The actions implemented by JRC will support the implementation of the:

- Open source monitoring and analysis capability as support to situational awareness, strategic analyses and response and law enforcement agencies (0.55M)
- Corruption: research by the Behavioural Economics Team (JRC.I.2) on reducing corruption in public administration (0.1M);
- EUSECTRA – training on radiological/nuclear detection for first line law enforcement officers (0.55M);
- Scientific and practical support to implement critical infrastructures policies (0.4M):
 - a) ERNCIP will continue to contribute to the development of innovative and competitive security solutions in the EU and also potentially investigate new areas such as insider threat to CI.
 - b) EPCIP: Continue the work on resilience assessment, including the development of resilience indicators for interconnected systems, assessment of interdependencies (including interdependencies among economic sectors), further development of training activities for MS and establishing links with CI analysis centres in MS and the EU.

1.4.2. Subdelegation DIGIT

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Amount

10 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

This action will be implemented via a sub-delegation of the budget from the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs to DIGIT, in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between Directorate-General for Informatics (DIGIT) and the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs in the area of informatics.

1.4.3. Subdelegation EUROSTAT

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014)

BUDGET LINE

18 02 01 02

Amount

250 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

The objective of this ongoing action is to improve the availability and quality of statistics on crime and criminal justice at EU level, to be used for the programming and implementation of EU policies.

Under this action, in 2016 Eurostat will collect and provide data on trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling within the annual data collection, and separately improve the disaggregation of data on trafficking in human beings, in response to requests from the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs.

Implementation

This action will be implemented via a sub-delegation of the budget from the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs to Eurostat, in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between Eurostat and the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs in the area of statistics.

Implementation: procurement;

Indicative number and type of contracts: approximately 2 specific contracts;

Indicative launch date: second quarter 2017.