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**concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2018 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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## ANNEX

### **Annual Work Programme for 2018 for support to Union actions and emergency assistance under the Internal Security Fund – Police cooperation and crime prevention<sup>1</sup>**

#### **1. POLICY ORIENTATION**

To ensure a strategic use of the funding available at EU level and streamline its actions, **fives main priority areas for 2018** have been defined in this Annual Work Programme, similar to those targeted in the previous year.

The 2017 Annual Work Programme already addressed financial needs in particular for networks and other bodies in a monopoly situation for a longer, multiannual period. In similar fashion, it listed a large Call and initiatives in the Cybercrime area. For this reason, the budget foreseen for the Information Exchange, Operational Cooperation and Cybercrime policy areas is rather limited in 2018.

##### **1. Counter Terrorism**

Counter Terrorism will remain one of the priorities in 2018. In October 2017, the Commission presented a Counter-Terrorism Package<sup>2</sup>, comprising of a set of operational and practical measures to better defend EU citizens against terrorist threats, increase resilience of society and infrastructures and deliver a Europe that protects. These measures support Member States in protecting public spaces and help deprive terrorists of the means to act, including cutting off sources of terrorist financing and access to explosives precursors.

The prevention of radicalisation remains at the core of the EU's counter terrorism policies. With its Communication adopted in June 2016<sup>3</sup>, the Commission has taken a holistic approach to address this phenomenon, outlining actions in seven areas where cooperation at EU level can support Member States in preventing and countering radicalisation. In July 2017, the Commission established a High-Level Expert Group on Radicalisation (HLCEG-R), which, in December, has presented an interim report with a set of recommendations for further work in this area. In 2018, the Commission will further step up its support to prevent and counter radicalisation all levels, taking into account and implementing the recommendations formulated by the HLCEG-R, including through the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN). To counter radicalisation online, the Commission will continue working with internet platforms in the framework of the EU Internet Forum to address terrorists' exploitation of the internet and protect online users, while also exploring possible additional measures.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (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).

<sup>2</sup> Eleventh progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union; COM(2017) 608 final  
Action Plan to support the protection of public spaces; COM(2017) 612 final  
Action Plan to enhance preparedness against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear security risks; COM(2017) 610 final

<sup>3</sup> Communication on supporting the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism; COM(2016) 379 final

Work will also continue to counter terrorist financing, in line with the 2016 Action Plan to step up the fight against the financing of terrorism.

## **2. Organised Crime**

The fight against organised crime is one priority for action at EU level towards an effective and genuine Security Union. Organised crime has huge human, social and economic costs in the European Union. In addition, organised crime has clear links with the other priorities for action (terrorism and cybercrime). Organised crime is a key enabler of terrorism, allowing terrorists to acquire weapons and financial means. In recent years, the EU policy cycle has helped improve cooperation between Member States and contributed to creating trust among the relevant actors. Tackling organised crime implies support for action in the various areas, in particular to prevent **money laundering and corruption**, address **environmental crime, migrant smuggling, firearms trafficking, drugs trafficking**. Accordingly, both an open call to tackle challenges in the area of the fight against trafficking in firearms and environmental crime as well as a restricted call in the area of migrant smuggling are foreseen. The administrative approach will be promoted through a pilot project while networks specialised in dealing with organised crime will be further supported. Anti-corruption activities including a Eurobarometer and experience-sharing workshops will be funded under procurement.

Trafficking in human being remains a priority area with deliverables as addressed in the Directive 2011/36/EU and in the Commission Communication on "Reporting on the follow-up to the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in human beings and identifying further concrete actions" to disrupt the business model and untangle the trafficking chain, to provide better access to and realise the rights of victims, to increase the knowledge base and improve the understanding of the phenomenon.

## **3. Cybercrime**

The Commission will continue supporting Member States in the correct implementation of Directive 2011/93/EU on combatting the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography and Directive 2013/40/EU on attacks against information systems. As stated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Security Union Progress Report<sup>4</sup>, the Commission provides funding for the development and delivery of training programmes for law-enforcement agencies on the role of encryption in criminal investigations. The Commission will continue its work on cross-border access to electronic evidence (e-evidence) and makes thus resources available for this process. Finally, given that very few cybercrimes are actually reported, a Eurobarometer survey is a good option to require information on to what extent citizens are confronted with cybercrime.

## **4. Operational Cooperation**

Supporting strengthened cross-border operational police cooperation is a key pillar of EU action in addressing security challenges. and threats to public security including in border regions. The Commission will further support projects aimed at addressing such threats and/or aimed at strengthening cross-border police cooperation, such as joint patrols in cross-border trains, joint threat analysis and enhanced cross-border information exchange.

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<sup>4</sup> COM(2017) 608 final.

## **5. Information exchange**

Strengthened information exchange is another key pillar of action EU action in the area of security. Effective information sharing between Member State authorities relies significantly on information systems and databases developed at EU or national level, and the interconnection thereof, as well as the quality of the data. In addition to the support allocated to the work on information systems in the context of ISF-Borders, the Commission intends to further increase the availability of solid forensic data and evidence. This requires, amongst others, the recognition in one Member State of forensics evidence obtained in another Member State, in particular DNA or fingerprint. To increase trust in the quality of Member State's forensic work, accreditation of all forensic laboratories in the EU to a recognised international standard and exchange of best practices are key. This continues to be a priority for the Commission.

The European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) promotes the recognition of forensic data - including electronic and computer data - generated by national forensic institutes and stimulates forensic research across the EU to support the work of the police. In addition, ENFSI may take on emerging tasks resulting from the Council Conclusions on the creation of a European Forensic Science Area by 2020. It is therefore best placed to implement the priorities identified by the Commission in the area of forensics science. Hence ENFSI will benefit from continued support with a view to move towards a European Forensic Science Area by 2020, with a particular focus on the accreditation of forensic laboratories.

Another objective that deserves continued support is to further streamline information exchange within Police and Customs Cooperation Centers (PCCCs). The project should build on previous networking projects by further improving information flows between PCCCs, national authorities, and Europol and support the concept of intelligence-led policing in border areas in which the PCCCs operate.

## **2. LEGAL BASIS**

All Member States, with the exception of United Kingdom and Denmark, participate in "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 Kingdom<sup>5</sup> 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 the European External Action Service (EEAS) and relevant Commission's external relations services, including ECHO as far as the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and humanitarian assistance is concerned.

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<sup>5</sup> Unless the United Kingdom decides to opt in and to participate in the ISF Police.

All actions have their legal base in 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), unless specifically declared otherwise in a specific Action's description.

### 3. BUDGET LINE

<b>Budget line 18 02 01 02</b> Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security related risks and crisis	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>% of the 2018 appropriations</b>
<b>Union actions</b>		
- for grants (non Emergency Assistance)	44 800 000 €	64%
- for procurement	22 640 306 €	32%
- for other	1 750 000 €	2%
- for Emergency Assistance grants	1 000 000 €	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70 190 306 €</b>	<b>100 %</b>

### 4. POLICY AREA PRIORITIES

#### 4.1. COUNTER TERRORISM

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 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	21 000 000 €	90%	Q2-Q4
Direct Awards:	0 €	95%	Q2-Q4
Other:	1 500 000 €	100%	Q2-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>22 500 000 €</b>		

**4.1.1. TERRORISM AND RADICALISATION: CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Priority will be given to the following actions:

***(a) Topic 1: call for proposals on reinforcing efforts to counter terrorist financing***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Countering Terrorist Financing: new initiatives reinforcing the capacity of public and private actors to track and curb terrorist financing better among Member States. The objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to make sure that the efforts of private entities and competent authorities are adapted to the new modus operandi of terrorist groups, as for example addressing financial movements related to “low cost” terrorism phenomena which are hard to detect.</li> <li>2) to reinforce the action of private entities and public authorities to prevent and pursue terrorism financing by increasing the understanding of the phenomenon and by use of best practice and/or new tools. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- development of typologies</li> <li>- joint work to address new trends in terrorism financing</li> <li>- enable law enforcement to provide feedback on information provided by the private sector to improve quality of reporting</li> <li>- sharing police information with private sector entities to assist ongoing investigations</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>2 500 000 €</b>

***(b) Topic 2: call for proposals on preventing and countering violent radicalisation***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to develop effective responses and tools to prevent and counter all forms of radicalisation in priority areas such as children and youth, community engagement, local dimension and multi-agency approach and prisons with a focus on mapping, analysis, exchanges and evaluation of existing approaches as well as developing methodologies and approaches with a high degree of transferability.</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>5 000 000 €</b>



***(c) Topic 3: call for proposals on the Civil Society Empowerment Programme (CSEP) – campaigns with counter and alternative narrative to radicalisation implemented by Civil society organisations***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

The objective is to address the sharp rise in extremists and terrorists use of the internet. To support the production of alternative/counter-narratives, in particular online, their dissemination and monitoring by civil society organisations, and the evaluation of their impact.	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>4 000 000 €</b>

***(d) Topic 4: call for proposals on the protection of public spaces, Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN), Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP), explosives and explosives precursors***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

The objective is to support projects aiming at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the protection of public spaces and other soft targets in line with the EU Action Plan to improve the protection of public spaces;</li> <li>• Improving protection against CBRN attacks in line with the Action Plan to enhance preparedness against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear security risks;</li> <li>• Enhancing the capacity of Member States' authorities and other stakeholders to implement the Regulation 98/2013, incl, the Commission Recommendation on the implementation of Regulation 98/2013;</li> <li>• Addressing CBRN-E as well as emerging threats to critical infrastructure and public spaces.</li> </ul>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>9 500 000 €</b>

#### 4.1.2. COUNTER TERRORISM OTHER ACTIONS

##### *(a) JRC addressing CBRN-E threats and risks and support for the European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP)*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

Through an Administrative Agreement, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is expected to:	
- use its unique European Nuclear Security Training Centre (EUSECTRA) to provide trainings to law enforcement officers and other first responders on radiological/nuclear detection and/or on the management of the radiological crime scene;	
- provide scientific support for the European Programme on Critical Infrastructure Protection;	
- provide support for activities in the area of explosives detection.	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>1 200 000 €</b>

##### *(b) JRC to continue support in the maintenance, use and further development of the Europe Media Monitor (EMM) tool*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

Through an Administrative Arrangement, JRC is expected to continue support DG HOME in the maintenance, use and further development of the Europe Media Monitor (EMM) tool.	
The actions requested to JRC will include support in:	
a) The use and installation of new & update EMM modules;	
b) The setting up of relevant categories for areas of interest;	
c) The initial installation and use of OSINT Suite in DG HOME secure zone, including the necessary training support and clarification of technical, security and operational aspects of the deployment;	
d) The production of open sources daily products;	
e) Setting DG HOME Duty function capacity in the management of crisis within DG HOME policy area and support in the management and integration in EMM of commercial open sources providers.	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>300 000 €</b>

## 4.2. ORGANISED CRIME

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 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	11 000 000 €	90%	Q2-Q4
Direct Awards:	6 000 000 €	95%	Q2-Q4
Other:	250 000 €	100%	Q2-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>17 250 000 €</b>		

### 4.2.1. ORGANISED CRIME: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

*(a) Topic 1: call for proposals for projects on firearms trafficking*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

The objective is to fund projects on the fight against trafficking in firearms, to facilitate joint initiatives and operational actions of EU countries associated with third partners, such as South East Europe and Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries; improve expertise in the area of firearms trafficking, in particular by enhancing knowledge, detection, investigation and prosecution at EU level and with key third countries; promote best practices inter alia concerning the defragmentation of the relevant information and intelligence along the firearms trafficking routes to and from the EU; safeguard the EU licit market in the field of firearms trafficking; reduce diversion of firearms into criminal hands in the EU.	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>2 000 000 €</b>

***(b) Topic 2: call for proposals for projects on environmental crime***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to boost the operational activities of the law enforcement via training of the competent authorities with regard to: fight against wildlife trafficking, forest crime and other forms of wildlife crime; fight against trafficking in illicit waste; and any other types of environmental crime.</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>1 500 000 €</b>

**4.2.2. MIGRANT SMUGGLING: CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to fund EU Member State law enforcement authorities to work with local law enforcement authorities in West and North Africa in the form of Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) to enhance the criminal justice response to migrant smuggling through more effective investigations and prosecutions.</p> <p>These aims can be best achieved through enhancing the capacities of individual Member States and third countries (e.g. through transfer of skills and resources), as well as fostering cooperation between them, through information exchange, joint regional training and the creation of cross-border joint patrols and JITs, to enhance the investigation and prosecution of migrant smuggling criminal groups.</p> <p>The call for proposals will be organised around priority topics/countries where these JITs could be hosted and where the preparation of JITs in cooperation with the host countries law enforcement authorities could take place.</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>7 500 000 €</b>

### 4.2.3. ORGANISED CRIME DIRECT AWARDS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

#### (a) *Project Rhine-Meuse*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective of this 3-year project is to establish a structural cross-border cooperation between partners in local administration and law enforcement in the border regions of Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands (Meuse–Rhine Euroregion) regarding the disruption and fight of cross border organised crime. The project aims to create a trilateral network a meeting point where expertise is provided and further developed in concrete cross border cases. It serves as a laboratory for a future multi-agency platform at EU level and the establishment of integrated platforms, including administrative authorities, in EU Member States. In addition, an academic evaluation will aim to extract best practises and recommendations on cross border cooperation for participating authorities at regional, national, and EU level. The project will be closely related to Benelux initiatives to strengthen the cross border cooperation on the administrative approach and thus builds on EU objectives laid down in the European Agenda on Security, the Council Conclusions on the administrative approach to prevent and fight serious and organised crime (doc. 9935/16), and recommendation 4 in the Benelux progress report "Tackling crime together".</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Awards</b></p>	<p>Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: the Regional Information and Expertise Center Limburg (RIEC). RIECs focus on fighting undermining crime, in particular by connecting information, expertise and strengths of the various government agencies.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>1 000 000 €</b></p>

#### (b) *Project of MAOC-N*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics (MAOC-N) is an operational platform with the co-location of experienced law enforcement liaison officers and military attachés from 7 EU Member States (PT, UK, FR, IT, ES, NL and IE) and the USA. Its objective is to improve the cooperation in the fight against illicit drug trafficking by air and sea across the Atlantic Ocean towards Europe and the West African Seaboard. In addition, MAOC-N takes an active role in the EU Policy Cycle</p>
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<p>and works closely with Europol, Eurojust and Interpol. MAOC-(N) is one of successful operational initiatives supported by EU funding. Further development of MAOC-N activities, under this grant, is aimed at an even more effective disruption of maritime drug trafficking routes to the EU, in particular its efforts in coordinating naval and air assets patrolling the Atlantic and increasingly over the Mediteranean sea.</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Awards</b></p>	<p>Article 190(1) (c) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: grants to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly.</p> <p>The Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics (MAOC (N)), based in Lisbon, is an initiative by 7 EU Member Countries: France, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Portugal and the UK and is co-funded by the Internal Security Fund of the European Union. The Centre provides a forum for multi-lateral cooperation to suppress illicit drug trafficking by sea and air.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>3 000 000 €</b></p>

*(c) CARIN*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Support and facilitate the work of the Camden Assets Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN) Network of law enforcement practitioners engaged in recovering criminal assets.</p> <p>The objectives of CARIN are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to maintain and expand its network of law enforcement and judicial operational contact points;</li> <li>• to establish itself as a centre of expertise in asset recovery;</li> <li>• to promote the exchange of information and good practice in this area;</li> <li>• to make recommendations addressed to the European Commission and the Council of the European Union.</li> </ul> <p>Activities to be funded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Awards</b></p>	<p>Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition</p>

	that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals. Targeted applicant: CARIN Network
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>500 000</b>

***(d) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) establishing detailed factual picture of the worldwide drug situation and trends***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

Financial support to UNODC is aimed at obtaining a more accurate picture of the drug situation in the world and in particular on drug producing countries whose production feeds the EU's drug markets. The picture is also to help a better allocation of EU resources in its assistance to relevant countries and should serve as a solid basis to underpin political dialogue and promote the evidence-based drugs policy in those countries. This financial support shall also contribute to a better coverage of countries that still apply death penalty or are responsible for Human Rights violations.	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.  Targeted applicant: UNODC - global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime. It operates in all regions of the world through an extensive network of field offices. UNODC is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>500 000 €</b>

***(e) Project of Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) and Asset Management Offices (AMOs) in the Member States***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

Support to activities aimed at strengthening the Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) and the Asset Management Offices (AMOs) in the Member States.  The Action is linked to the implementation of Council Decision 2007/845/JHA and its possible revision (for the AROs) and to the implementation of Directive 2014/42/EU (for the AMOs).	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a

	<p>particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicants: ARO(s) – Member States set up or designated ARO(s) to facilitate the tracing and identification of proceeds of crime and other crime-related property that may become the object of a freezing, seizure or confiscation order made by a competent judicial authority in the course of criminal or civil proceedings.</p>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>200 000 €</b>

***(f) Project of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The project is aimed at financially supporting the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. The preparatory process is ongoing and is coordinated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).</p>	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	<p>Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: UNODC - global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime. It operates in all regions of the world through an extensive network of field offices. UNODC is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.</p>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>300 000 €</b>

***(g) Project of European Beneficial Ownership and Control Structures (EBOCS) Network***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Facilitate the access of the Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) 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.</p>	
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<p>After the ongoing pilot of the European Beneficial Ownership and Control Structures (EBOCS) project (which will integrate further business registries and enable some AROs and FIUs to regularly access the system for their beneficial ownership searches), the EBOCS monitoring and management system should be further developed in order to move from pilot phase to production phase.</p>	
<p><b>Justification</b> <b>Direct Awards</b></p>	<p>Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: the European Business Register (EBR) - a network of National Business Registers and Information Providers from currently 25 European countries. The EBR provides easy access to European company information online from the source – each country’s official register.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>500 000 €</b></p>

#### 4.2.4. ORGANISED CRIME OTHER ACTIONS

##### *(a) Memorandum of Understanding with EUROSTAT*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>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, via a procurement.</p> <p>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. The ultimate objective is to include all crime types in the data collection. The decision about incorporating new topics into regular statistics will be based on analyses of data availability, data quality, and user value.</p> <p>In 2018 the focus will be on the collection and provision of data on trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.</p>	
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>250 000 €</b></p>

### 4.3. CYBERCRIME

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 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	0 €	90%	Q2-Q4
Direct Awards:	500 000 €	95%	Q2-Q4
Other:	0 €	100%	Q2-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>500 000 €</b>		

#### 4.3.1. CYBERCRIME DIRECT AWARDS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

*(a) Project of the European Cybercrime Training and Education Group (ECTEG): the role of encryption in criminal investigations*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

The Commission committed in the 11 <sup>th</sup> Security Union Progress Report to provide funding for the development and delivery of training programmes for law enforcement and judicial authorities to allow them to obtain information from encrypted data. The report stated that the expertise of the ECTEG in cooperation with CEPOL would be taken into account where relevant.	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.  ECTEG is composed of European Union and European Economic Area Member States law-enforcement agencies, international bodies, academia, and industry; it is therefore the only entity able to develop training programmes for law-enforcement staff that takes into account the real needs of the latter.
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>500 000 €</b>

#### 4.4. OPERATIONAL COOPERATION

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 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	1 800 000 €	90%	Q2-Q4
Direct Awards:	500 000 €	95%	Q2-Q4
Indirect Management:	0 €	100%	Q2-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2 300 000 €</b>		

##### 4.4.1. OPERATIONAL COOPERATION: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Priorities, objectives pursued and expected results

<p>The objective is to support Member States, in particular those that currently have temporary border controls in place at some of their internal Schengen borders, in their efforts to phase out such temporary controls, in line with the Commission Recommendation of 12 May 2017.</p> <p>Projects should focus on making more effective use of proportionate police checks, including in borders areas, with the aim to assist in remedying threats to public security and/or aim at strengthening cross-border police cooperation, such as joint patrols in cross-border trains, joint threat analysis and enhanced cross-border information exchange.</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>1 800 000 €</b>

##### 4.4.2. OPERATIONAL COOPERATION: DIRECT AWARDS

###### 4.4.2.1. THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF FUGITIVE ACTIVE SEARCH TEAMS - ENFAST

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The project aims at strengthening mutual cooperation between all Member States within the ENFAST network; it will include the organisation of conferences, meetings and workshops, it will support the use of the SIENA channel for secure information</p>
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exchange, and support the further development of the website “European Most Wanted”.	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	<p>Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: the European Network of Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST). ENFAST is a network of police officers available 24/7 who can immediately undertake action to locate and arrest fugitives. The Fugitive Active Search Team of Croatia, holding the presidency of the network in 2019, will act as coordinator of the project.</p>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>500 000</b>

#### 4.5. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	1 500 000 €	N/A	Q4
Direct Awards:	2 500 000 €	95%	Q4
Indirect Management:	0 €		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4 000 000 €</b>		

##### 4.5.1. INFORMATION EXCHANGE RESTRICTED CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

###### *(a) Projects on PIU interconnectivity*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to support Member States in their efforts to ensure the exchange of PNR information between their Passenger Information Units (PIUs) and between the PIUs and Europol, pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of the PNR Directive (EU 2016/681). This objective is also in line with EAS's priority "information exchange", and with the Council Roadmap action 39. It will however not focus on the technical aspects of the exchange of PNR data, but on building the capacity of the personnel of the PIU to assess the relevance and necessity of the exchange of PNR data. It will also enhance the PIU's ability to exchange best practices concerning the creation of targeting rules and the identification of relevant databases for the processing of PNR data, in accordance with the PNR Directive. In particular, activities could include training actions, study visits, workshops and conferences aimed at sharing experience and best practices between Member States on the exchange of PNR data among Passenger Information Units.</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>1 500 000 €</b>

#### 4.5.2. INFORMATION EXCHANGE DIRECT AWARDS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

*(a) Project of the European Forensic Science Area (ENFSI) aiming to increase cooperation in the area of Forensic science, including the implementation of the Prüm framework*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to move towards a European Forensic Science Area by 2020, as indicated in the Council conclusions and action plan of June 2016 on the way forward in view of the creation of an European Forensic Science Area (8770/16).</p> <p>In particular, the action targets the accreditation of forensic laboratories. Also, action 6 of the action plan of the Council relates to stimulating the exchange of forensics data via Prüm and improving its quality.</p> <p>The action fully addresses the Council Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area – action 13, which relates to the full use by Member States of the possibilities offered under the Prüm Decisions. The action plan of the Council contains 6 separate actions (best practice manuals, accreditation of laboratories, proficiency tests, trainings, etc.) which relevant stakeholders should implement in order to move towards a European Forensic Science Area by 2020.</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Award</b></p>	<p>Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>The European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) was founded in 1995 with the purpose of improving the mutual exchange of information in the field of forensic science. This, as well as improving the quality of forensic science delivery in Europe have become the main issues of the network. Besides the general work in the fields of quality and competence management, research and development and education and training, different forensic expertizes are dealt with by 17 different Expert Working Groups. ENFSI therefore has been recognized as the monopoly organization in the field of forensic science by the European Commission.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>1 500 000 €</b></p>

**(b) Project of the Police and Customs Cooperation Centres (PCCC)  
Network**

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to further streamline information exchange within PCCCs, and to support the concept of intelligence-led policing in the border areas. Information flows between PCCCs, the national authorities, and Europol should be further improved. The PCCC should also further engage in regional crime analysis and risk assessment. Another task is linking up the information exchange across internal borders via PCCCs to the data flow from the external borders via Hot Spots and Joint Operation Focal Points. Cooperation with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency should be enhanced.</p> <p>Strengthening the role of PCCCs is also a specific action in the Council's roadmap, progress of which is being monitored by COSI. (Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area, action 8 on Enhance bilateral law enforcement information exchange - Strengthen Police and Customs Cooperation Centres (PCCCs) and their cooperation with SPOCs while ensuring a centralised (national or at least state level) overview and monitoring of cross-border information exchange).</p> <p>The grant should build on previous networking projects, which covered inter alia the roll-out of the Europol communication network SIENA to the PCCCs, as well as activities fostering the inclusion of the Western Balkan law enforcement community.</p> <p>Training, exchange of staff and best practices, as well as networking, e.g. through an annual conference, will further help to achieve the goals.</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Award</b></p>	<p>Article 190(1) (f) of Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>A network of PCCCs will take forward this action, coordinated by a lead MS to coordinate the application and provide the network secretariat. Police and Customs Cooperation Centres (PCCCs) are offices located in the border areas of Member States, where police and (usually also) customs officers of Member States sit together and, thanks to this physical proximity, can rapidly exchange data and information by accessing their own national databases and communication systems. A specific block of expertise and technical competence has built up and should be leveraged to continue the work, with the leading Member State acting as secretariat of the Network.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>1 000 000 €</b></p>

#### 4.6. DIRECT AWARD OF ACTION GRANTS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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.

Budget and Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

1 000 000 €

95% (in exceptional cases 100%)



## 5. ELIGIBILITY, SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA FOR GRANTS

As a general rule, the eligibility, selection and award criteria will be applied for all calls described in this work programme as follows, unless specified otherwise in the specific call text:

### Eligibility criteria for Open Calls

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 Regulation. 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 eligible third 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 or, if explicitly mentioned in the official Call for proposals when published, private for-profit entities. 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, or, if explicitly mentioned in the official Call for proposals when published, at least 2 entities established in a 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 250.000 will be rejected.

### Eligibility criteria for Restricted Calls

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

- a) Be a Member State participating in the ISF Police Regulation, with possible participation of third countries when explicitly mentioned in the official Call for proposals when published.
- b) Proposals seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 250.000 will be rejected.

### Eligibility criteria for Direct Awards

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

- a) Be established in a Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument;
- b) Be member of the body identified as beneficiary with a de jure or de facto monopoly.

Or;

- c) Be member of the body identified as beneficiary having the required and unique technical competence and a high degree of specialisation in the area of the action.

### Selection criteria for Open/Restricted Calls and Direct Awards

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 for Open/Restricted Calls and Direct Awards*

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 following award criteria:

- Relevance;
- Quality;
- Cost-effectiveness;
- European added value, and
- expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact of the proposed action.

## 6. PROCUREMENT COVERING ALL POLICY AREAS

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

### **Counter Terrorism**

1. Policy-supporting studies (2 new calls for tenders):
  - a) Study on reducing terrorist propaganda online;
  - b) Studies underpinning the implementation of the High-Level Commission Expert Group on Radicalisation (HLCEG-R) recommendations;
2. RAN Centre of Excellence (support the Radicalisation Awareness Network in its activities, including in particular the exchange of experiences and identification of best practices in the field of preventing radicalisation (between primarily practitioners but also Member States), development of recommendations and guidance as well as support services to Member States and selected priority third countries, support the Civil Society Empowerment Programme (CSEP) through trainings and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the High-Level Commission Expert Group on Radicalisation in particular in terms of development of more practical guidance, increased support to Member States (e.g. trainings), evaluation, increased dissemination and engagement with third countries and actors) (1 specific contracts under existing Framework contracts);
3. Supporting the protection of public spaces, addressing Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense (CBRN-E) threats and risks, protecting critical infrastructures and addressing explosives precursors, by conducting studies, organising meetings, workshops and potentially exercises with Member States and relevant third countries (between 6 and 8 specific contracts under existing Framework contracts);

### **Organised Crime**

4. Study on possible links between Drug trafficking and Terrorism, Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) and Migrants smuggling as a follow-up to the new Action plan on drugs 2017-2020 (1 new call for tenders);
5. Anti-corruption experience-sharing workshops for Member States' experts as per EU anti-corruption policy (1 specific contract under existing Framework contracts, covering all 4 workshops);
6. Study on integrity incentives for the public sector (1 new calls for tenders);
7. Study on the subject of modelling and mapping of the risk of serious and organised crime infiltration in legitimate businesses (1 new call for tenders);
8. EU-wide risk assessment on financial crime (1 new calls for tenders);
9. Best practice from law enforcement authorities in locating missing migrant children, study (1 new call for tenders);
10. Trafficking in Human Beings (THB): Meetings (EU Civil Society Platform, EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms) and Studies to follow

up the "User report" in accordance with Article 23 (2) of the Directive 2011/36/EU, a study on the economic, social and human costs of trafficking in human beings, a study for analysing data from Member States for the next Commission report on the progress made to fight THB in the EU, a study on the impact of EU approach against trafficking for sexual exploitation, a study to review the functioning of Member States' national and transnational referral mechanism), initiating EU-wide awareness-raising campaign on THB and organise event marking the EU Anti-trafficking Day (18 October), (tendering procedures or 6 specific contracts under existing framework contract);

11. Trafficking in Human Beings (THB): maintenance including content management of the EU anti-trafficking website (1 specific contract under existing framework contract);
12. "Local research corruption correspondents network (LRCC)" (1 specific contracts under existing framework contracts);

### **Cybercrime**

13. Follow up Directive CSE (implementation of the 2011/93/EU Directive on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography (6 specific contracts under existing framework contracts, 5 for meetings and 1 for an evaluation);
14. Expert process on e-Evidence (for the organisation of meetings with Member States for the development and implementation of practical measures to improve cross-border access to electronic evidence; in addition, an external contractor will support the development and implementation of practical measures (6 specific contracts under existing framework contracts, 5 for meetings and 1 for a study);
15. Special Eurobarometer survey on cybercrime (1 specific contract under an existing framework contract);
16. Attacks against information systems. Support Member States in the correct implementation of Directive 2013/40/EU on attacks against information systems by organising workshops to support the implementation of the Directive on the basis of identified weaknesses (1 specific contract under an existing framework contract);

### **Operational Cooperation**

17. Continue ensuring the operations of DG HOME's secure zone (maintenance, evolutive upgrade, accreditation of IT systems and project management support) as secure environment supporting information exchange with the European External Action Service (EEAS), Europol, Frontex, crisis management and risk assessment and strategic analysis (1 new framework contract, 20 specific contracts under existing Framework contracts, 2 new calls for tenders);

### **Information Exchange**

18. Feasibility study "Prüm" (Convention on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism, cross-border crime and illegal migration): as a follow up to the conclusions of the High Level Expert Group on Interoperability, perform an evaluation study of the Prüm Decisions (1 specific

contracts under existing Framework contracts of DIGIT);

19. Study on direct exchange of personal data between Europol and private persons

**Cross-policy Actions**

20. Meeting and conferences (expert meetings, technical workshops, unforeseen events and extra meetings); Information, awareness raising and communication activities in the field of EU security policy;

21. Studies for enhanced capacity building in Member States as well as possibly enhanced third country engagement (6 specific contracts under existing framework contracts).

The indicative timeframe for the launch of procurement procedures is Q2-4 2018