



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL HOME AFFAIRS

HOME.E: Directorate for Migration and Security Funds  
**Unit E.1 Union Actions**

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**Subject: 2015 CALL FOR PROPOSALS – HOME/2015/ISFP/AG/HORN  
(Restricted)**

To whom it concerns,

In conformity with Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 Article 6.2, in order to implement the ISF Police, the Commission has adopted, on **8 June 2015**, the 2015 Annual Work Programme for Union Actions, which includes this Call for Proposals:

**RESTRICTED Call for proposals on Law enforcement cooperation between EU 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/2015/ISFP/AG/HORN)**

Project applications submitted under the present Call for Proposals must address the following priority:

- Improving the internal security of the EU by fighting organised crime networks active in migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings along the Horn of Africa Migration Route towards Europe.

Proposals focusing exclusively on:

- training and capacity-building assistance for third countries without parallel support to EU law enforcement cooperation in these countries
- support to purely bilateral cooperation and coordination mechanisms

will not be considered for funding under this Call for Proposals.

Proposals shall describe how coherence, coordination and complementarity will be ensured with relevant activities under the EU policy cycle on organised crime such as under the EMPACT Operational Action Plans on illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings, as well as other EU-funded programmes, in particular those under the project on "Addressing mixed migration flows in Eastern Africa" funded under the Development Cooperation Instrument – Global Public Goods and Challenges Programme.

Proposed projects must be aiming to achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Strengthened operational presence of EU Member States liaison officers in relevant third countries, thanks to increased support to their operational and coordination activities on the ground;
- Increased information sharing, cooperation and coordination activities between EU Member States law enforcement authorities, including their liaison officers, in relevant third countries with the aim to fight migrant smuggling and trafficking of human beings along the Horn of Africa Migration Route;
- Increased information sharing, cooperation, coordination and capacity-building activities between the competent authorities of EU Member States and relevant third countries with the aim to fight migrant smuggling and trafficking of human beings along the Horn of Africa Migration Route.

Deadline: 25/03/2016 12:00 (CET)

Budget available: the total budget earmarked for the co-financing of the projects is estimated at **EUR 750.000**.

Co-funding rate is set at 95%.

The Commission envisages financing one to two projects.

The Commission reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

### **Eligible applicants and applications**

In order to be eligible for a grant, the Applicant and the Co-applicants must be:

- a) legal persons; applications from natural persons are not eligible;
- b) a public body. The Applicant or co-applicants cannot be an international organisation;
- c) established in a Member State of the European Union participating in the ISF Police instrument<sup>1</sup>. The co-applicants may also be established in the following third countries that are part of the Khartoum Process: Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, South Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti, Kenya, Egypt.

Applicants are encouraged to form a consortium of entities established in at least two different EU Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument. However, applications submitted by only one applicant will not be rejected on eligibility grounds.

Union agencies can neither submit applications nor be Co-applicants, but can be invited to support the action on a no-cost basis.

Affiliated entities, i.e. legal entities having a legal or capital link with Applicants, shall take part in the action as individual Co-applicants in order to declare eligible costs.

### **Application Package**

The Application Form and all templates of the Application Package can be requested via the functional mailbox **HOME-ISF@ec.europa.eu** under the call reference HOME/2015/ISFP/AG/HORN.

Applications to this Call for Proposals have to be submitted electronically to the functional mailbox **HOME-ISF@ec.europa.eu** under the call reference HOME/2015/ISFP/AG/HORN. Applicants are strongly urged not to wait until the last day to apply. It is not possible to submit applications after the deadline.

### **Timetable**

|    | Stages                               | Date and time or indicative period |
|----|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a) | Publication of the call              | January 2016                       |
| b) | Deadline for submitting applications | 25 March 2016 - 12:00 CET)         |
| c) | Evaluation period                    | March - June 2016                  |
| d) | Information to applicants            | June 2016                          |
| e) | Signature of Grant Agreement         | August 2016                        |
| f) | Starting date of the action          | third quarter of 2016              |

Should you require further assistance, please contact **HOME-ISF@ec.europa.eu**.

I wish you every success with your application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SC', is positioned above the printed name.

Stephanie Carillon  
Head of Unit