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Annual Work Programme for 2015 for support to Union Actions under the Internal Security Fund – Police cooperation and crime prevention¹

Overview of the 2015 implementation

Budget lines	Amount for AWP 2015
Budget line 18 02 01 02 – Police cooperation and crime prevention	40 000 000 €

Actions	Total Amount	% of the 2015 appropriations for AWP
Union actions	39 000 000	97,50 %
Emergency assistance	1 000 000	2,50%
TOTAL		100,00 %

Implementation modalities		Total Amount	% of the 2015 appropriations for AWP
Direct management	Grants	24 250 000 €	60.6 %
	Procurement	14 260 000 €	35.7 %
	Other actions	1 490 000 €	3.7 %
TOTAL		40 000 000 €	100,00 %

All EU Member States, with the exception of United Kingdom and Denmark, are participating 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 Kingdom² 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.

¹ 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).

² Unless the United Kingdom decides to opt in and to participate in the ISF Police.

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

On the basis of 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 2015 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2):	24 250 000 €
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.3):	14 260 000 €
- other (1.4):	1 490 000 €
TOTAL:	40 000 000 €

1.2. Grants

1.2.1. Call for proposals to support the implementation of the EU CBRN Action Plan, the EU Action Plan on enhancing the security of explosives and the European programme for critical infrastructure protection

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

Protection from threats in particular through implementation of CBRN Action Plan and the EU Action Plan on Enhancing the security of explosives, by creating synergies between the two Action Plans and proposing measures to implement an EU CBRN-E Agenda. Activities supporting implementation of the European programme for critical infrastructure protection (EPCIP). Objectives to be achieved are:

- Improved detection of CBRN-E threats;
- Strengthening CBRN-E threat mitigation controls and measures;
- Enhance the capacity of EU Member States and EU to manage effectively CBRN-E-related risks and crisis;
- Improve the protection and resilience of critical infrastructure by contributing to the development of an EU toolbox covering all 4 strands of EPCIP (prevent, prepare, respond, recover).

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

Transnational initiatives, including measures identified in the Communication on a new EU approach to the detection and mitigation of CBRN-E risks (COM(2014) 247) such as further common efforts to enhance the security of production, storage, handling and transportation of high-risk CBRN - E materials as well as further implementation of an EU CBRN-E Agenda.

Transnational initiatives in the area of protection of critical infrastructure identified in the Staff Working Document on a new approach to the European programme for critical infrastructure protection (SWD(2013) 318). Making European critical infrastructures more secure by in particular, developing the protection and resilience measures already in place, improving their utility, increasing the cooperation between critical infrastructures and all actors across Europe who would be impacted by any event affecting functionality and facilitating and supporting the improvement of CIP across Europe
Initiatives should take into account results of previous projects and avoid duplications.

Proposals seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 250.000 will be rejected.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

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 EU Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument.
International organisations may be established outside of the EU Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument.
- c) be a public body, a non-profit-making private entity, a for-profit entity, or an international organisation. A for-profit entity may only participate in conjunction with a public body. For-profit entities may not submit applications, they can only be co-applicants. Union agencies cannot submit applications nor be co-applicants.
- d) Applications must be transnational involving at least 2 entities established in 2 different EU Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument. Lead applicant must be established in an EU Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument and cannot be an international organisation.

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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 2 2015	4 500 000 €

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

90 %

1.2.2. Call for proposals to support transnational initiatives to fight trafficking in drugs and firearms

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

Prevention and fight against trafficking in drugs and firearms. The aim is to address the interlinks between trafficking in drugs - which remains by far the most profitable criminal market - and firearms and strengthen cooperation between EU Member States and relevant third countries along the smuggling routes.

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

In complementary with activities covered through national programmes, EU Policy cycle (drug trafficking and firearms priorities) and external aid instruments, this call will provide support to transnational projects with focus on:

- Joint initiatives on detection, investigation and prosecution of both drugs and firearms trafficking, taking better account of the polycriminal tendency of organised crime, involving EU Member States located along smuggling routes;
- Cooperation between EU Member States and relevant third countries in the area of drugs and firearms trafficking.

Proposals seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 250.000 will be rejected.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

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 EU 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 EU 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 EU Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument. Lead applicant must be established in an EU Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument and cannot be an international organisation.

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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 2 2015	4 000 000 €

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

90 %

1.2.3. Call for proposals to support transnational projects in law enforcement training

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

Support to the law enforcement training by focusing on implementing specialist trainings. The intention is to ensure high quality specialist training and to equip law enforcement officers with the knowledge and skills they need to prevent and combat cross border crime efficiently in full cooperation and complementarity with CEPOL in the implementation of the Law Enforcement Training Scheme (LETS) and European Union Police Services Training Programme (EUPST) and European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

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

Law Enforcement Training

Transnational projects, in full cooperation and strict complementarity with CEPOL, using existing CEPOL material where appropriate, and in line with the Law Enforcement Training Scheme, as well as in full cooperation and strict complementarity with police training and capacity building provided under the European Union Police Services Training Programme and by the European Security and Defence College, including: specialist trainings on de-radicalisation measures, on the new Schengen evaluation mechanism, on cross-border law enforcement information exchange (such as training for staff of SPOCs), on fighting cybercrime and on law enforcement capacity-building in third countries.

Proposals seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 150.000 and more than EUR 750.000 will be rejected.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

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 EU 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 EU 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 EU Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument. Lead applicant must be established in an EU Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument and cannot be an international organisation.

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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 2 2015	3 000 000 €

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

90 %

1.2.4. Call for proposals on the actions addressing trafficking in human beings

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 addressing trafficking in human beings (THB), priorities for 2015 Annual Work Programme (AWP) will be the implementation of the Directive 2011/36/EU and the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of THB 2012-2016, taking also in consideration the Mid-term report on the implementation of the EU strategy and the Second Eurostat Statistical Paper on THB, in particular with regards to the broadly understood law enforcement activities with a view to prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims, prosecute the perpetrators and strengthen the capacities of the authorities of third countries of origin or transit to address such trafficking, including in developing appropriate anti-trafficking legislation³.

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

The mid-term report on the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of THB 2012-2016 reiterates the importance of aspects such as appropriate and regular training for those responsible for investigating or prosecuting THB offences, including the judiciary, the key role that internet plays today in facilitating THB and the increased challenges that such trend poses to law enforcement authorities and, as THB is a highly profitable form of organised crime, the need to encourage financial investigations of trafficking cases. To note also that THB is a priority area of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM), which since 2005 has represented the overarching framework for the EU's external migration policy.

Support to actions will therefore focus on the following topics:

- Training on THB for judiciary and police;
- The links between THB and the Internet;
- Systematic use of financial investigations (best practices);
- Strengthening cooperation between NGOs and law enforcement;
- Addressing demand reduction;
- Child protection systems in relation to THB;
- Victim assistance.

Proposals seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 250.000 will be rejected.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

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 EU 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.
- c) be a public body or a non-profit-making private entity. Union agencies and international organisations cannot submit applications nor be co-applicants.

³ THB is also one of the nine priority areas of the EU Serious and Organised Crime Policy Cycle starting in 2014

d) Applications must be transnational involving at least 2 entities established in 2 different EU Member States participating in the ISF instrument. Lead applicant has to be established in an EU Member State participating in the ISF Police Instrument.

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, 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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 2 2015	3 000 000 €

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

90 %

1.2.5. Call for proposals restricted to EU 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)

BUDGET LINE

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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.

Several EU Member States are setting up national PIUs and innerconnecting 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. 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 EU Member States and the need to share experiences between EU 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. EU Member States most advanced in this field will be encouraged to apply for funding aimed at increasing share of experience and knowledge.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

These action grants will be awarded through a call for proposals restricted to the EU Member States participating in the ISF Police Regulation and most advanced in the field of the activities in line with the objectives for 2015.

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 EU 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 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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of restricted call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 3 2015	3 500 000 €

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

95 %

1.2.6. Call for proposals restricted to EU Member States to support under the Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative the law enforcement cooperation between EU Member States and with relevant third countries to better address the challenges posed by the activities of criminal organisations in the region

LEGAL BASIS

Article 8.3 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

Mixed migration flows in the Central Mediterranean region increased dramatically in 2013 and have continued to increase in 2014. Among the most worrying phenomena associated with migration in and from the Horn of Africa are smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings (THB). Migrants using this route face the risk of becoming victims of criminal organisations that exploit their vulnerability for economic gain, and some of them become victims of trafficking or abduction for ransom. Against this background, renewed efforts have been made to establish a permanent dialogue between the EU and the countries of origin and transit from the region as well as the main Mediterranean transit countries. Following the organisation in October 2014 of a Senior Officials Meeting between EU Member States and Eastern African countries in Khartoum, back to back with an African Union Conference on trafficking in human beings, the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Ministerial Conference held on 28 November 2014 in Rome formally launched the Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (the so-called "Khartoum Process"). The political declaration adopted at the conference contains in particular a number of reciprocal commitments to step up the fight against migrant smuggling and human trafficking. The Khartoum Process is comprised of the EU and its Member States and, on African side, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, South Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti, Kenya and Egypt. Later, as may be decided by the participating countries, the Schengen non-EU countries and other transit countries in Africa such as Libya can be invited to participate in the Khartoum Process.

Home Affairs funds will provide support to the launching and implementation of the Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative through a targeted action supporting the competent authorities of the EU Member States in their fight against the organised crime networks

active in migrant smuggling and human trafficking along the Horn of Africa Migration Route towards Europe. The activities supported through this project will have a direct impact in the EU contributing to maintain and improve the internal security of the EU.

This action will complement, in particular, the EU action funded under the DCI's Global Public Goods and Challenges Programme on "Addressing mixed migration flows in Eastern Africa" (€5 million), more specifically as regards its second component aiming at supporting and facilitating the fight against criminal networks by providing capacity building and assistance to the African partner countries in developing evidence-based policies and conducting criminal investigations.

Description of the activities to be funded under the restricted 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 EU Member States liaison officers and short-term experts to the region;
- (ii) support to the networking, coordination and exchange of information between EU 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 networking, exchange of information, training, mentoring and other capacity-building activities between the competent authorities of EU Member States and partner countries in the region, including for the coordination of donor assistance;
- (iv) development of training and awareness-raising material;
- (v) administrative and logistical support to preventive actions, criminal investigations, joint investigation teams, cross-border joint operations or any other relevant law enforcement operations; and
- (vi) 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).

The indicative maximum duration of activities shall be 24 months.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded through a call for proposals restricted to a law enforcement agencies/public law bodies from EU Member States, which will be encouraged to form a consortium of EU 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 Khartoum Process, can participate but only as co-applicant.

The restriction of the call for proposals to relevant bodies of EU 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 EU Member States.

Selection criteria

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies 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, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of restricted call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 2 2015	750 000 €

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 EU 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 EU Member States.

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

Development of the ATLAS network (cooperation structure between special intervention units in the EU) with a view to enhancing its operational effectiveness and preparedness (also via exercises). The activities will cover, among others, the provision of monitoring tools, conducting trainings and exercises, enhancing cooperation, development of tools to support the ATLAS network functioning in crisis situations, acquisition and sharing of tactical equipment to support special operations.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

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, 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

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 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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

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

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 3 2015	1 000 000 €

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 - 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 EU Member States;
- Developing and implementing tools (eg. guidance and training) to further improve the soft target protection in civil aviation security.

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

Expanding the use of the AIRPOL network as an expert source in the context of capacity building in third countries in areas such as CBRN-E detection activities, screening, access control, airport soft target security principles, MANPAD assessments. In view of the Syria and Iraq crisis and the August 30, 2014 EU Council conclusions calling for the strengthening of the capacity building in aviation security in third countries, AIRPOL's expertise in aviation security, border control and radicalisation issues could be an excellent tool to deliver quick results in this area.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

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, 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 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 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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

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

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 2 2015	500 000 €

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 – MAOC-N

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 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 current EU Policy Cycle 2014-17 and works closely with Europol, Eurojust and Interpol.

Priorities of the year will be to support, plan for and task operations to interdict illegal drugs being moved by uncanalised maritime and air conveyances in order to prevent drugs from reaching European markets and provide a long-term deterrence of illicit drug smuggling.

The parties through the centre will:

- Fuse and respond to actionable intelligence and multinational law enforcement direction;
- Coordinate counter drug interdiction operations in order to support military and law enforcement units from participating countries within and adjacent to the areas of responsibility;
- Support surveillance as required and coordinate the interdiction and arrest phase under the Tactical Control of the nation providing the asset whilst receiving technical advice from the JOCC (Joint Operation and Coordination Centre). This will ensure that resources are employed in a manner consistent with the parent organisation's policies, directives, rules of engagement and legal authorities.

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

Development of MAOC-N activities so as to maximize a further 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 Mediterranean sea as regards drug trafficking acknowledging the significance of West Africa as a nexus for the trafficking routes.

Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

This action grant will be awarded directly without a call for proposals following an invitation from the Commission to the MAOC-N 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 MAOC-N 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 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 the relevance, quality, cost-effectiveness and European added value of the proposed action.

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

Reference	Date	Amount
	Q 2 2015	3 000 000 €

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

95 %

1.2.10 Direct award of action grants to provide emergency assistance

LEGAL BASIS

Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 513/2014

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

- 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 EU Member States.
- Enhance solidarity by providing support to address emergency situations

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 EU Member States.
The indicative maximum duration of the grant will be 12 months.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

- Applications for emergency assistance can be submitted only by EU 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 action will be implemented directly by DG HOME.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
		1 000 000 €

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

Up to 100%

1.3. Procurement

In 2015 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and using existing framework contracts).

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2015 amounts to 14 260 000 €.

Within the indicative budgetary envelope and in addition to the specific items mentioned below, information and communication activities⁴ with a view to further strengthening information on European issues in the policy areas covered by this Fund, conferences, seminars may be held and studies, evaluation and impact assessments may be undertaken, as far as they are needed in order to prepare or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area of police cooperation and crime prevention.

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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BUDGET LINE

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Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

⁴ "It is not foreseen at this stage that the Internal Security Fund – Police contributes financially to corporate communication in 2015 in accordance with article 8(2)(g) of the Regulation establishing the Fund. However, this is without prejudice to the fact that it shall do so in this or in future exercises, as agreed by the Commission in the Communication SEC(2013) 486 final of 23.9.2013."

1. Implementation of the EU CBRN Action Plan and EU Action Plan on enhancing the security of explosives: Home Affairs Network for the Detection and Mitigation of CBRN-E Risks. (Q4 2015)
2. Development of EU RAN - Knowledge Hub - the hub will build upon the current RAN technical assistance and support structure (the so called "RAN-secretariat") and will increase its support of the network. (Q4 2015)
3. Support to crisis management capabilities including secure zone maintenance and upgrade, secure communication network (secure lines with strategic partners), support to crisis management capability, and support to information/analysis needs. (Q4 2015)
4. Studies to support the follow-up to the thematic chapter of the Anti-corruption report (ACR) and preparation of the next ACR will be required. Potential topics: public procurement and EU funds; transparency of financial flows; beneficial ownership; corruption in healthcare. (Q3 2015)
5. Eurobarometer on corruption (with business representatives): With the aim to prepare the 2016 Anti-corruption report, a Eurobarometer on businesses' attitudes towards corruption in the EU will be carried out. Building on a similar survey carried out in 2013 (flash EB 374), the primary objective of this Eurobarometer will be to understand the level of corruption perceived by businesses employing one or more persons in key sectors of the economy, measuring tolerance towards corruption and bribes in the business sector. The results of the survey will be compared with the 2013 results to see the trends (Q3 2015)
6. Support to the carrying out of a pan-European waste water analysis study (ideally covering all EU Member States) and the drafting of a report assessing and comparing them with existing so-called activity indicators such as seizures, consumption surveys and drug related law enforcement offences. The conclusions of this report should be made clear for policy making purposes. (Q4 2015)
7. Crime prevention - A procurement to cover the need for a second study addressing operational issues highlighted in the first study and possibly covering EU Member States not assessed in the ongoing administrative approach study (covering only 10 EU Member States) on adequate ways to exchange info between law enforcement authorities and local public authorities so as to strengthen resilience of society to crime penetration (through licenses, permits, public tenders). (Q4 2015)
8. Member States Contact Group meeting; study to assess the transposition of the Directive on Attacks against information systems; seminar for Cybercrime Centres of Excellence. (Q4 2015)
9. Feasibility study, in coordination with CEPOL, for LETS implementation supporting the setting up of relevant processes particularly those concerning the development of a strategic training needs analysis (STNA) encompassing a gaps analysis. (Q4 2015)
10. Studies regarding the implementation of ex-third pillar measures. The 1st-December 2014 for Lisbon transition is likely to trigger studies on the implementation of several JHA legal instruments (Q1 2016)

- Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism.
 - Council Decision 2005/671/JHA on the exchange of information and cooperation concerning terrorist offences.
 - Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA of 22 July 2003 on combating corruption in the private sector – review of national implementing measures.
 - Council Decision 2008/615/JHA (‘Prüm Decision’).
 - Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA (‘Swedish Initiative’).
11. Actions addressing trafficking in human beings (Q4 2015- Q1 2016) including:
- Maintenance and development of the EU Anti-Trafficking Website;
 - Study to support the implementation of Article 23 which asks the Commission to assess the impact of existing national law, establishing as a criminal offence the use of services which are the objects of exploitation of trafficking in human beings, on the prevention of trafficking in human beings, accompanied, if necessary, by adequate proposals;
 - Models and Guidelines to reduce demand; various studies and events, including 9th EU Anti trafficking Day.
12. Expert meetings, technical workshops, unplanned events/ studies and communication/ media, including a seminar for journalists about the reviewed ISS and website updates, improvements, assistance.

Type of contract and type of procurement

Actions to be implemented through direct service contract:

- Pan-European waste water analysis study
- A study addressing operational issues in crime prevention
- Study to assess the transposition of the Directive on Attacks against information systems
- Feasibility study for LETS implementation supporting the setting up of relevant processes particularly those concerning the development of a strategic training needs analysis (STNA) encompassing a gaps analysis.
- Study on Models and Guidelines to reduce demand in trafficking

The remaining actions will be implemented using specific contracts based on existing framework contracts (FWC).

Indicative number of contracts envisaged

The indicative number of contracts envisaged is 58.

Implementation

Actions will be implemented by DG HOME

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

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Amount

€ 1.450.000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

The actions implemented by JRC will support the implementation of the the EU CBRN Action Plan, fight against cybercrime as well as the new approach to the European programme for critical infrastructure protection (EPCIP) presented in the 2013 Commission Staff Working Document.

- OSINT Support to HOME
- Improving reporting culture to the IAEA's Incident and trafficking database (ITDB) through training and capacity building of the Point-of-Contacts in the EU;
- Ensuring quality and building expertise in nuclear forensics across the EU;
- Scientific evaluation of the CIPS programme results (including a thematic workshop);
- Support for the implementation of EPCIP, such as developing interdependencies analysis;
- Development of an EU data set platform for assessing tools contributing to identification of authors and victims of child abuses online.

1.4.2. Subdelegation to 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

€ 40.000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

Hosting of AT website

