



## MUITINĖS KRIMINALINĖ TARNYBA CUSTOMS CRIMINAL SERVICE

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### **EXTENSION OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD – ISF PROJECT “TACKLING EXCISE CRIME IN THE BALTIC REGION”**

Dear Colleagues,

Further to your letter dated 22 October 2025 regarding the amendment and extension of the ISF project “Tackling Excise Crime in the Baltic Region”, the Lithuanian Customs Criminal Service, would like to confirm its intention to extend the project implementation period until 31 December 2027.

During the extended period, we plan to complete the remaining project activities, which are directly related to the achievement of the project objectives. These include:

- the implementation of two remaining study visits to Europol, involving eight officers in total, with the aim of strengthening operational cooperation, information exchange, and analytical capacity in excise-related investigations;
- the organization of remaining ad hoc operational coordination meetings with partner institutions to ensure the effective coordination of ongoing cross-border investigations into illicit excise goods;
- the continuation of translation services required for the preparation and exchange of operational and investigative information with foreign partners; and
- the rental of specialized equipment, to support ongoing criminal intelligence and investigative activities in the field of excise fraud.

The total remaining project budget of €95,600.66 will be used to implement the above-mentioned activities. No additional funding will be required, as the existing balance is sufficient to cover all planned actions.

We would also like to emphasise that the overall project objectives will remain unchanged, and the planned activities will allow us to fully achieve the expected results within the extended implementation period.

We highly appreciate the coordination efforts of the Estonian Tax and Customs Board and remain committed to continuing our close cooperation within the framework of this joint Baltic initiative.

Sincerely,

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