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Participation in the "Border Anti-Smuggling Drone-Wall system" project.

Dear Serhii,

First and foremost, on behalf of the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board (EPBGB), I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine for our good and mutually beneficial cooperation that we value highly.

EPBGB is set to develop and implement an important component of the "drone-wall" initiative under the framework of the EU Internal Security Fund Call "Common Operational Partnerships to prevent and fight against migrant smuggling with competent authorities of third countries (ISF-2024-TF2-AG-COP)".

This project is designed to address a range of border security challenges, including large-scale illegal immigration, human trafficking, contraband smuggling, and the prevention of other criminal activities that threaten the internal security of the European Union. The project is being executed in close collaboration with the respective authorities of Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland, with an expected duration of 36 months starting from beginning of 2025.

Therefore, EPBGB would like to invite Ukrainian partners to join the project as observers to share your knowhow and best practices in the field of detection and mitigation of unmanned aerial vehicles operating illegally in border restricted zones. Project activities are financed by ISF.

We would like to receive your answer by 27th of September at the latest. Our contact will be ISF coordinator, Mrs. Resta Tammik, e-mail: resta.tammik@politsei.ee. She will remain at your disposal should you have any additional questions.

The Estonian Police and Border Guard Board highly appreciates close and effective partnership with the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, and we look forward to work closely with our colleagues. It would be an excellent opportunity to exchange best practices, new knowledge, and experiences.

In cooperation we create security!

Yours sincerely,

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