**TEMPLATE TO BE USED BY MEMBER STATE AUTHORITIES in pursuance of Article 16 (11) AMIF, Article 13 (12) BMVI and Article 13 (11) ISF[[1]](#endnote-1)**

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| **Consultation of the Commission**  **HOME Affairs Funds**  **Projects implemented with or in a Third Country** | |
| **Member State** | Estonia |
| **HOME Affairs Fund** | ISF |
| **Third Country or countries with, in relation to or in which the project would be implemented** (including details on region, area etc. if relevant) | USA, UK, Israel, Ukraine, Iceland. Possible regions from the East side like Japan, Singapore, Australia, etc. |
| **Title of the project** | Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) (including CBRN) trainings and exercises |
| **Estimated budget** | 700 000 (75% EU + 25% National Budget) |
| **Estimated duration (start/end)** | 01.01.2022-31.08.2029 |
| **Estimated contribution from HOME Affairs Fund on the project** | EUR 525 000.- (Total 700 000 EUR with National Co-financing 175 000.- EUR) |
| **Specific Objective and implementation measure under which the project is to be implemented** | SO3, implementation measure a) increasing training, exercises and mutual learning, specialised exchange programmes and sharing of best practices in and between Member States’ competent authorities, including at local level, and with third countries and other relevant actors. |
| **Summary of project to be implemented** (including key objectives, implementation methods and implementing partners (e.g. Third country entities, NGOs, UN, International Organisations etc.). | The project is implemented by the Estonian Rescue Board. The objective of the project is to train Estonian deminers, however such trainings are not available in Estonia. The project will give deminers an opportunity to participate in professional foreign trainings, conferences and seminars what are related with EOD competency. Also, trainings with foreign trainers in Estonia and/or joint exercises with foreign and with cooperation partners are planned.  We would like to co-operate with USA, UK, Israel, Ukraine, Iceland; possibly also with Japan, Singapore, Australia, etc. |
| **Member State’s assessment of the consistency of the project with the principles set out in Article 5(3) of the relevant Fund-specific Regulation, and art. 13(13) BMVI when relevant** | The project is in line with Article 5 (3) of the ISF regulation. |
| **Does this project build on similar past project/s funded under a HOME Affairs Fund? If so, which project/s?** | Not directly. Some part of the project have similarities with ISF funded EEODN Activities (Grant number – 766 455) and with EC-DG Home course “Explosive Ordnance used in Ukraine”. However, there is no overlap with the planned activities. |
| **Is the project expected to contribute to a Team Europe Initiative[[2]](#footnote-1) (if yes, which one)?** | No |
| **Please include any other information you might consider relevant.** | The plan is to use best practices and knowledge of other countries via the trainings, courses, conferences, etc. The main countries we would like to co-operate outside the EU are USA, UK, Iceland and Israel. But also with Ukraine, as Ukraine has lot of knowledge and experience in EOD. UK and USA are the leading countries in the EOD area. USA has higher capability in the area than the EU countries. The European EOD school stems from UK, thus they are very advanced. Israel has a lot of experience in the area, we are especially interested in the activities the take place after explosions. We would like to participate in the “Northern Challenge” course that takes regularly place in Iceland.  In case some relevant conferences or trainings are held in Japan, Singapore, Australia, etc we would like to participate there because they can have some new knowledge and modus of operandi of EOD against Islamic terrorism what we can see later in Europe. |

1. *“Whenever a Member State decides to implement a project with or in a third country with the support of the Fund, the Member State concerned shall consult the Commission prior to the approval of the project.”*

   To receive a positive opinion, the project needs to comply with the following criteria defined in article 5(3) of the regulations:

   The project will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through other Union instruments;

   The project is coherent with external Union policy, respects the principle of policy coherence for development and is consistent with the strategic programming documents for the region or country in question;

   The project focuses on measures that are not development-oriented;

   The project serves the interests of internal Union policies and is consistent with activities undertaken within the Union;

   In addition, for BMVI, whenever a Member State decides to implement an action with, in or in relation to a third country with the support of the Instrument in relation to the monitoring, detection, identification, tracking, prevention and interception of unauthorised border crossings for the purpose of detecting, preventing and combating irregular immigration and cross border crime or for the purpose of contributing to the protection of migrants and contributing to saving the lives of migrants, that Member State has notified the Commission of any bilateral or multilateral cooperation agreement with that third country in accordance with Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. <https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/team-europe-initiatives_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)