

## Summary of the proposed amendment

Estonia proposes Thematic Facility amendment of the BMVI programme:

- 1) with editorial nature – references to specific actions included to the narrative part of the programme (S.O.1),
- 2) with inclusion of a specific action selected by the Commission (Ref. Ares(2024)5482350 – 29/07/2024) – adjustment of relevant tables.

Two projects will be implemented under the specific action BMVI/2024/SA/1.5.1/001. Some indicators are increased due to additional projects (please see below).

Proposed amendments help to achieve the objective 1 of the regulation (EU) 2021/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Estonia will achieve timely readiness to implement EES and ETIAS.

The programme with tracked changes is enclosed to amendment documents to enable transparent procedure.

**1) Textual improvements:** Four specific actions were included to the previous programme, which the EC approved by the decision No C(2024)8604 in 04/12/2023. There was no reference to those specific actions in the narrative part. To keep the text coherent, the relevant references have been made to previously selected specific action as well as to the new specific action which will be included to the new version of the BMVI programme.

**2) Thematic Facility:** Relevant adjustments have been made in the tables and appendix 3:

- Indicators (table 1 and 2 of section 2.1.2 (SO1)): The indicator Fiche foresees that participants are counted per project. The specific action will be implemented in two projects, therefore the target of O.1.8, O.1.9 and R.1.19 will increase by 100: 50 under slot I and 50 under slot II, although most of the police officers will participate in both projects and participation of unique persons is smaller.

O.1.2 is increased by 6. The lighting for the EES kiosks will be adjusted in six BCPs.

O.1.10 increases by 1 (U-form) as other IT-functionalities have been already previously counted and according to the indicators Fiche, IT- functionalities are counted once per programming period.

O.1.11 and O.1.11.1 remain the same as the large scale IT-systems have been counted already.

- Indicative breakdown of resources (table 3 of section 2.1.3 (SO1)): the budget for slot I is programmed under 021.'Large-scale IT systems – ETIAS – other' and the budget for slot II under 024.'Large-scale IT systems - Schengen Information System (SIS)'.
- Indicative breakdown of Technical Assistance (table 4 of section on 2.2.2): the whole additional TA is programmed for 003. 'Evaluation and studies, data collection' as the cost of evaluations has been increasing tremendously in the last year.
- Financial plan: (table 5 of section 3.1 and table 6 of section 3.2): Amount for Thematic Facility WP III is included.
- Appendix 3: included the description and additional amount of the BMVI/2024/SA/1.5.1/001.

'BMVI/2024/SA/1.5.1/001 – "Smart Borders 2024+". The objective of the specific action is to achieve timely readiness for the introduction of the Entry/Exit System (EES) and the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) in Estonia. Two projects will be implemented under this specific action:

Slot 1 covers the modification/creation of IT-functionalities (4) in the national systems related to the use of EES and ETIAS, the adaptation of six border crossing points and user training for up to 50 police officers;

Slot 2 will involve modifications to the SIRENE bureau's case management system to implement ETIAS. This includes development work on the Schengen Information System, updating of work processes and the manual, and training for up to 50 police officers.'