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**Subject: Notification letter - Your proposal for the Specific Action “Promoting innovation in border checks and/or border surveillance by taking up research results – INNO” – BMVI/2024/SA/1.1.5.**

Dear Mr Miilits,

I have the pleasure to inform you that your application “Piloting of Multi-Layer Counter-UAS position” (ref. BMVI/2024/SA/1.1.5/001) has been **selected**, with the following **recommendations**:

1. You are invited to describe in your future Annual Performance Reports <sup>(1)</sup> how this specific action complements the activities carried out under the programme funded by the Border Management and Visa Policy Instrument (BMVI) in the 2021-2027 programming period (including those under Specific Action BMVI/2021-2022/SA/1.2.1/003 for the “Establishment of mobile autonomous remote surveillance capability”).
2. You are invited to clarify how the activities under this specific action fit with your national capability development plan.
3. You are encouraged to present the project under this application to other interested Member States and Frontex and to reflect on its use in joint operations.

Please liaise with the responsible country desk officer in DG HOME, before the submission of the new version of your programme incorporating the specific action, to inform about the implementation of these recommendations, as well as to discuss the adjustment of the

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<sup>(1)</sup> Section 1.5 of the template for the report, established in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/168 of 25 January 2023.

programme output and results indicators <sup>(2)</sup> and the arrangements for the transmission of data <sup>(3)</sup>.

Funding for the specific action as set out in Annex 1 of this letter will be added to your programme 2021EE65BVPR001 via an amendment. Annex 1 also gives you general guidance on which sections of the programme will need to be adjusted to incorporate the specific action.

Annex 2 provides information on the distribution of the additional allocation per year.

The Commission services will make the necessary changes in SFC to enable the generation of *Appendix 3 - Thematic facility* in the programme template in line with the **information on the specific action as set out in Annex 1**.

The specific action must be implemented by the Member States in accordance with the BMVI Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2021/1148) and the Common Provisions Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2021/1060).

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures: Annex 1 – Model Appendix 3 including information on the allocated funding and general guidance

Annex 2 - Total distribution of the additional allocation per year – for information

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<sup>(2)</sup> Attention should be paid to output indicator O.1.1, which as explained in the Indicators' guidance (Ares(2022)2447428 of 01/04/2022) covers also items of equipment purchased for border surveillance purposes.

<sup>(3)</sup> The code that should be used, in Table 2 of Annex VI to Regulation (EU) 2021/1148, is 013: deployment or other follow-up of research projects.

## Annex 1 – Model Appendix 3 - and general guidance

The below table is the model of the Appendix 3 that will be included in your BMVI programme. It will be generated in SFC by the desk officer for your country who will be in touch with you regarding this.

Appendix 3 - to the BMVI programme of Estonia Procedure reference: C(2022)8993 – 12.12.2022 <b>THEMATIC FACILITY DETAIL</b>				
Specific objective	Modality	Type of intervention	Union contribution <sup>(4)</sup>	Pre-financing rate
<b>SO 1</b>	<b>Specific Action</b>	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>	4 476 494.70	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>
<b>TA.36(5). Technical assistance - flat rate (Art. 36(5) CPR)</b>	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>	268 589.68	<i>Will not be filled in SFC</i>
<b><i>Description of the action:</i></b>				
<p>This specific action focuses on promoting the uptake (validation, piloting in real environment, procurement and/or deployment) of new technologies and methods for border management, especially those coming from Union-funded research and innovation projects on border management.</p> <p>It aims to test innovative technological solutions at the EU external border through the establishment of a counter-drone position, capable of detecting and intercepting flying objects near the Russian border, which will consist of a stationary position (most equipped with sensors/jammers) and a container equipped with hard kill solution.</p>				

Once the Appendix 3 becomes available and the Thematic Facility proposal has been accepted by you in SFC, you will have the opportunity to create a new programme version to include the information and data related to the specific action, i.e.:

1. a brief reference to the specific action(s) (i.e., the reference number(s) of the project) in the **narrative description of the relevant Specific Objective (SO)**.
2. **the adjusted output and result indicators** (Section 2.1.2, **Tables 1 and 2** of the relevant SO); where needed you should revise the performance methodology paper to align its content with the indicators as amended.
3. the additional amount linked to the specific action(s) broken down by type of intervention (Section 2.1.3, **Table 3** of the relevant SO).

<sup>(4)</sup> Please note that the amount of Union contribution and Technical Assistance may differ by a few cents when 2 or more specific actions are included in the programme at the same time. The values in the respective notification letters are presented with only two decimals, which may lead to slight discrepancies with the automatic calculation of the amount in SFC.

4. the additional amount linked to Technical Assistance broken down by type of intervention (Section 2.2.2, **Table 4**).
5. the Union contribution and national contribution to the specific action under the relevant SO in **Table 6** (the Union contribution to the Technical Assistance will be added automatically).

As indicated in guidance note HOME-Funds/2023/12 <sup>(5)</sup>, Member States must submit a “reasoned request for an amendment of a programme” in accordance with Article 24(1) CPR. To this end, when sending the new programme version, the Member States are invited to add a short document in SFC providing an overview of the changes introduced and their expected impact on the programme’s specific objectives.

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<sup>(5)</sup> Ares(2023)2447967 – 04/04/2023

## Annex 2 - Total distribution of the additional allocation per year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Amount of additional appropriations per year in EUR (will be added to the initial allocation in Table 5 by the desk officer in SFC prior to approval).					4 745 084.38		