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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 13163/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014 and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 514/2014<sup>2</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management, and in particular Articles 6 to 8 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 513/2014<sup>3</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA, and in particular Articles 5(4) and 8 and 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The work programme for 2018 for the implementation and financing of the Union actions within the framework of the Internal Security Fund – the instrument for financial support for Police cooperation and crime prevention was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)6336 on 4 October 2018. The Decision provided for an amount of EUR 70 190 306 for Union actions.
- (2) A substantial modification of the work programme annexed to the Decision is necessary to cancel an action, introduce a new Direct Award mentioned under recital 3 and shift one action from the section of grants to the one on procurement, mentioned under recital 4.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93.

- (3) The Commission has stated that it will assess the necessity, technical feasibility and proportionality of establishing a European Police Records Information System (EPRIS) to facilitate cross-border access to information held in national police records. Although the project has developed a working technical solution for the exchanges described above, additional needs have been identified in order to further develop the solution and processes, enhance the user-friendliness and management of the system. A new action in the form of a Direct Award to competent authorities within Member States will allow this.
- (4) The action moved from grants to procurement will support the Commission in strengthening the Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) and the Asset Management Offices (AMOs) in the Member States through peer review meetings, operational sessions and expert missions (amongst other activities) to monitor the implementation of Council Decision 2007/845/JHA and its possible revision (for the AROs) and to the implementation of Directive 2014/42/EU (for the AMOs).
- (5) That decision foresees a total amount of EUR 70 190 306 of which EUR 51 665 000 for grants and EUR 16 025 306 for procurement.
- (6) The calls for proposals listed in the annual work programme for 2018 are now closed; with some of them having attracted enough good applications to establish reserve lists. Since there are savings in procurement, it is appropriate to use these savings to finance additional reserve-listed proposals.
- (7) Due to these changes, the Annex to Commission Decision C(2018)6336 of 4 October 2018 should be modified accordingly. For the purpose of maintaining sufficient clarity in the work programme, it is preferable to replace the Annex to the Commission Decision entirely.
- (8) Ireland is bound by the application of Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 and as a consequence is taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is subject to its application.
- (9) United Kingdom and Denmark are not bound by Regulation (EU) No 513/2014, or subject to its application and in consequence they are not taking part in the adoption of this decision and are not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the 'Asylum, Migration and Integration and Internal Security Funds' Committee established by Article 59(1) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)6336 is replaced by the annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 12.11.2019

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*



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## ANNEX

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#### **1. POLICY ORIENTATION**

To ensure a strategic use of the funding available at EU level and streamline its actions, **fives main priority areas for 2018** have been defined in this Annual Work Programme, similar to those targeted in the previous year.

The 2017 Annual Work Programme already addressed financial needs in particular for networks and other bodies in a monopoly situation for a longer, multiannual period. In similar fashion, it listed a large Call and initiatives in the Cybercrime area. For this reason, the budget foreseen for the Information Exchange, Operational Cooperation and Cybercrime policy areas is rather limited in 2018.

##### **1. Counter Terrorism**

Counter Terrorism will remain one of the priorities in 2018. In October 2017, the Commission presented a Counter-Terrorism Package<sup>2</sup>, comprising of a set of operational and practical measures to better defend EU citizens against terrorist threats, increase resilience of society and infrastructures and deliver a Europe that protects. These measures support Member States in protecting public spaces and help deprive terrorists of the means to act, including cutting off sources of terrorist financing and access to explosives precursors.

The prevention of radicalisation remains at the core of the EU's counter terrorism policies. With its Communication adopted in June 2016<sup>3</sup>, the Commission has taken a holistic approach to address this phenomenon, outlining actions in seven areas where cooperation at EU level can support Member States in preventing and countering radicalisation. In July 2017, the Commission established a High-Level Expert Group on Radicalisation (HLCEG-R), which, in December, has presented an interim report with a set of recommendations for further work in this area. In 2018, the Commission will further step up its support to prevent and counter radicalisation all levels, taking into account and implementing the recommendations formulated by the HLCEG-R, including through the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN). To counter radicalisation online, the Commission will continue working with internet platforms in the framework of the EU Internet Forum to address

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<sup>2</sup> Eleventh progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union; COM(2017) 608 final  
Action Plan to support the protection of public spaces; COM(2017) 612 final  
Action Plan to enhance preparedness against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear security risks; COM(2017) 610 final.

<sup>3</sup> Communication on supporting the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism; COM(2016) 379 final.



terrorists' exploitation of the internet and protect online users, while also exploring possible additional measures.

Work will also continue to counter terrorist financing, in line with the 2016 Action Plan to step up the fight against the financing of terrorism.

## **2. Organised Crime**

The fight against organised crime is one priority for action at EU level towards an effective and genuine Security Union. Organised crime has huge human, social and economic costs in the European Union. In addition, organised crime has clear links with the other priorities for action (terrorism and cybercrime). Organised crime is a key enabler of terrorism, allowing terrorists to acquire weapons and financial means. In recent years, the EU policy cycle has helped improve cooperation between Member States and contributed to creating trust among the relevant actors. Tackling organised crime implies support for action in the various areas, in particular to prevent **money laundering and corruption**, address **environmental crime, migrant smuggling, Joint Investigation Teams, firearms trafficking, drugs trafficking**. Accordingly, both an open call to tackle challenges in the area of the fight against trafficking in firearms and environmental crime as well as a restricted call in the area of migrant smuggling are foreseen. The administrative approach will be promoted through a pilot project while networks specialised in dealing with organised crime will be further supported. Anti-corruption activities including a Eurobarometer and experience-sharing workshops will be funded under procurement.

Trafficking in human being remains a priority area with deliverables as addressed in the Directive 2011/36/EU and in the Commission Communication on "Reporting on the follow-up to the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in human beings and identifying further concrete actions" to disrupt the business model and untangle the trafficking chain, to provide better access to and realise the rights of victims, to increase the knowledge base and improve the understanding of the phenomenon.

## **3. Cybercrime**

The Commission will continue supporting Member States in the correct implementation of Directive 2011/93/EU on combatting the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography and Directive 2013/40/EU on attacks against information systems. As stated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Security Union Progress Report<sup>4</sup>, the Commission provides funding for the development and delivery of training programmes for law-enforcement agencies on the role of encryption in criminal investigations. The Commission will continue its work on cross-border access to electronic evidence (e-evidence) and makes thus resources available for this process. Finally, given that very few cybercrimes are actually reported, a Eurobarometer survey is a good option to require information on to what extent citizens are confronted with cybercrime.

## **4. Operational Cooperation**

Supporting strengthened cross-border operational police cooperation is a key pillar of EU action in addressing security challenges. and threats to public security including in border regions. The Commission will further support projects aimed at addressing such threats and/or aimed at strengthening cross-border police cooperation, such as joint patrols in cross-border trains, joint threat analysis and enhanced cross-border information exchange.

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<sup>4</sup> COM(2017) 608 final.

## **5. Information exchange**

Strengthened information exchange is another key pillar of action EU action in the area of security. Effective information sharing between Member State authorities relies significantly on information systems and databases developed at EU or national level, and the interconnection thereof, as well as the quality of the data. In addition to the support allocated to the work on information systems in the context of ISF-Borders, the Commission intends to further increase the availability of solid forensic data and evidence. This requires, amongst others, the recognition in one Member State of forensics evidence obtained in another Member State, in particular DNA or fingerprint. To increase trust in the quality of Member State's forensic work, accreditation of all forensic laboratories in the EU to a recognised international standard and exchange of best practices are key. This continues to be a priority for the Commission.

The European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) promotes the recognition of forensic data - including electronic and computer data - generated by national forensic institutes and stimulates forensic research across the EU to support the work of the police. In addition, ENFSI may take on emerging tasks resulting from the Council Conclusions on the creation of a European Forensic Science Area by 2020. It is therefore best placed to implement the priorities identified by the Commission in the area of forensics science. Hence ENFSI will benefit from continued support with a view to move towards a European Forensic Science Area by 2020, with a particular focus on the accreditation of forensic laboratories.

Another objective that deserves continued support is to further streamline information exchange within Police and Customs Cooperation Centers (PCCCs). The project should build on previous networking projects by further improving information flows between PCCCs, national authorities, and Europol and support the concept of intelligence-led policing in border areas in which the PCCCs operate.

## **2. LEGAL BASIS**

All Member States, with the exception of United Kingdom and Denmark, participate in "ISF Police"; hence entities established in these participating countries can take part as beneficiaries in the actions that are supported under this financial instrument. Entities established in the United Kingdom<sup>5</sup> or Denmark can only participate on a no-cost basis.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Consistency, complementarity and synergies with other Union instruments shall be ensured. As foreseen in article 3(4) and 3(5) of Regulation (EU) n° 514/2014 (Horizontal Regulation), actions in and in relation with third countries under this work programme will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported

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<sup>5</sup> Unless the United Kingdom decides to opt in and to participate in the ISF Police. In that case British applicants should be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, beneficiaries will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project on the basis of Article 34.3.1(b) (change of the legal situation of the beneficiary) of the grant agreement.

through EU funds, in particular external assistance instruments. The identification and implementation of such actions is fully coordinated with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and relevant Commission's external relations services, including ECHO as far as the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and humanitarian assistance is concerned.

All actions are implemented under direct management unless specifically declared otherwise in the description of the specific action and have their legal base in Articles 8 and 10 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014).

### 3. BUDGET LINE

<b>Budget line 18 02 01 02</b> Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security related risks and crisis	<b>Indicative Total Amounts</b>	<b>% of the 2018 appropriations</b>
<b>Union actions</b>		
- for grants (non Emergency Assistance)	51 665 000 €	74%
- for procurement	16 025 306 €	23%
- for other	1 500 000 €	2%
<b>Emergency Assistance grants</b>	1 000 000 €	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70 190 306 €</b>	<b>100 %</b>

### 4. POLICY AREA PRIORITIES

#### 4.1. COUNTER TERRORISM

In line with the objective of **ensuring a high level of security in the Union in accordance with the priorities identified in relevant Union strategies, policy cycles, programmes, threat and risk assessments** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Max Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	23 970 000 €	90%	Q3-Q4
Other:	1 500 000 €	100%	Q3-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>25 470 000 €</b>		

**4.1.1. TERRORISM AND RADICALISATION: CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Priority will be given to the following actions:

***(a) Topic 1: call for proposals on reinforcing efforts to counter terrorist financing***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

Countering Terrorist Financing: new initiatives reinforcing the capacity of public and private actors to track and curb terrorist financing better among Member States. The objectives are:

- 1) to make sure that the efforts of private entities and competent authorities are adapted to the new modus operandi of terrorist groups, as for example addressing financial movements related to “low cost” terrorism phenomena which are hard to detect.
- 2) to reinforce the action of private entities and public authorities to prevent and pursue terrorism financing by increasing the understanding of the phenomenon and by use of best practice and/or new tools. For example:
  - development of typologies
  - joint work to address new trends in terrorism financing
  - enable law enforcement to provide feedback on information provided by the private sector to improve quality of reporting
  - sharing police information with private sector entities to assist ongoing investigations

Expected results: Improved quality of suspicious transaction reporting, leading to outcomes such as: increased detection of terrorist financing cases and an increased number of prevented attacks / foiled plots / arrests.

**Indicative budget**

**1 570 000 €**

***(b) Topic 2: call for proposals on preventing and countering violent radicalisation***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

The objective is to develop effective responses and tools to prevent and counter all forms of radicalisation in priority areas such as children and youth, community engagement, local dimension and multi-agency approach and prisons with a focus on mapping, analysis, exchanges and evaluation of existing approaches as well as developing methodologies and approaches with a high degree of transferability.

Expected results: improved capability of relevant stakeholders to identify and address radicalisation leading to violent extremism and terrorism.	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>7 000 000 €</b>

***(c) Topic 3: call for proposals on the Civil Society Empowerment Programme (CSEP) – campaigns with counter and alternative narrative to radicalisation implemented by Civil society organisations***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

The objective is to address the sharp rise in extremists and terrorists use of the internet. To support the production of alternative/counter-narratives, in particular online, their dissemination and monitoring by civil society organisations, and the evaluation of their impact. Expected results: increased number and impact of alternative and counter narratives	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>5 700 000 €</b>

***(d) Topic 4: call for proposals on the protection of public spaces, Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN), Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP), explosives and explosives precursors***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

The objective is to support projects aiming at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the protection of public spaces and other soft targets in line with the EU Action Plan to improve the protection of public spaces;</li> <li>• Improving protection against CBRN attacks in line with the Action Plan to enhance preparedness against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear security risks;</li> <li>• Enhancing the capacity of Member States' authorities and other stakeholders to implement the Regulation 98/2013, incl, the Commission Recommendation on the implementation of Regulation 98/2013;</li> <li>• Addressing CBRN-E as well as emerging threats to critical infrastructure and public spaces.</li> </ul> Expected results: Improved protection of citizens and infrastructures (both critical and public spaces) against terrorist threats, including from CBRN-E and emerging threats.	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>9 700 000 €</b>

#### 4.1.2. COUNTER TERRORISM OTHER ACTIONS

##### *(a) JRC addressing CBRN-E threats and risks and support for the European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP)*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Through an Administrative Agreement, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is expected to deliver the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- use its unique European Nuclear Security Training Centre (EUSECTRA) to provide trainings to law enforcement officers and other first responders on radiological/nuclear detection and/or on the management of the radiological crime scene;</li><li>- provide scientific support for the European Programme on Critical Infrastructure Protection;</li><li>- provide support for activities in the area of explosives detection.</li></ul>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>1 200 000 €</b>

##### *(b) JRC to continue support in the maintenance, use and further development of the Europe Media Monitor (EMM) tool*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Through an Administrative Arrangement, JRC is expected to continue support Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs in the maintenance, use and further development of the Europe Media Monitor (EMM) tool.</p> <p>The actions requested to JRC will include support in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The use and installation of new &amp; update EMM modules;</li><li>b) The setting up of relevant categories for areas of interest;</li><li>c) The initial installation and use of OSINT Suite in Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs secure zone, including the necessary training support and clarification of technical, security and operational aspects of the deployment;</li><li>d) The production of open sources daily products;</li><li>e) Setting Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs Duty function capacity in the management of crisis within Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs policy area and support in the management and integration in EMM of commercial open sources providers.</li></ul>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>300 000 €</b>

## 4.2. ORGANISED CRIME

In line with the objective of **ensuring a high level of security in the Union in accordance with the priorities identified in relevant Union strategies, policy cycles, programmes, threat and risk assessments** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Max Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	14 600 000 €	90%	Q3-Q4
Direct Awards:	5 650 000 €	95%	Q3-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>20 250 000 €</b>		

### 4.2.1. ORGANISED CRIME: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

*(a) Topic 1: call for proposals for projects on firearms trafficking*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to fund projects on the fight against trafficking in firearms, to facilitate joint initiatives and operational actions of EU countries associated with third partners, such as South East Europe and Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries; improve expertise in the area of firearms trafficking, in particular by enhancing knowledge, detection, investigation and prosecution at EU level and with key third countries; promote best practices inter alia concerning the defragmentation of the relevant information and intelligence along the firearms trafficking routes to and from the EU; safeguard the EU licit market in the field of firearms trafficking; reduce diversion of firearms into criminal hands in the EU.</p> <p>Expected results: increase joint initiatives and operational actions on the fight against trafficking in firearms of EU countries associated with third partners</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>3 650 000 €</b>

***(b) Topic 2: call for proposals for projects on environmental crime***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to boost the operational activities of the law enforcement via training of the competent authorities with regard to: fight against wildlife trafficking, forest crime and other forms of wildlife crime; fight against trafficking in illicit waste; and any other types of environmental crime.</p> <p>Expected results: increase operational activities of environmental crime law enforcement</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>3 450 000 €</b>

**4.2.2. MIGRANT SMUGGLING: CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to fund EU Member State law enforcement authorities to work with local law enforcement authorities in West and North Africa in the form of Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) to enhance the criminal justice response to migrant smuggling through more effective investigations and prosecutions.</p> <p>These aims can be best achieved through enhancing the capacities of individual Member States and third countries (e.g. through transfer of skills and resources), as well as fostering cooperation between them, through information exchange, joint regional training and the creation of cross-border joint patrols and JITs, to enhance the investigation and prosecution of migrant smuggling criminal groups.</p> <p>The call for proposals will be organised around priority topics/countries where these JITs could be hosted and where the preparation of JITs in cooperation with the host countries law enforcement authorities could take place.</p> <p>Expected results: enhance the criminal justice response to migrant smuggling through more effective investigations and prosecutions in third countries</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>7 500 000 €</b>



**4.2.3. ORGANISED CRIME DIRECT AWARDS**

Priority will be given to the following actions:

**(a) Project Rhine-Meuse**

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective of this 3-year project is to establish a structural cross-border cooperation between partners in local administration and law enforcement in the border regions of Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands (Meuse–Rhine Euroregion) regarding the disruption and fight of cross border organised crime. The project aims to create a trilateral network a meeting point where expertise is provided and further developed in concrete cross border cases. It serves as a laboratory for a future multi-agency platform at EU level and the establishment of integrated platforms, including administrative authorities, in EU Member States. In addition, an academic evaluation will aim to extract best practises and recommendations on cross border cooperation for participating authorities at regional, national, and EU level. The project will be closely related to Benelux initiatives to strengthen the cross border cooperation on the administrative approach and thus builds on EU objectives laid down in the European Agenda on Security, the Council Conclusions on the administrative approach to prevent and fight serious and organised crime (doc. 9935/16), and recommendation 4 in the Benelux progress report "Tackling crime together".</p> <p>Expected result: creation of a trilateral network</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Awards</b></p>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: the Regional Information and Expertise Center Limburg (RIEC). RIECs focuses on fighting undermining crime, in particular by connecting information, expertise and strengths of the various government agencies.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>1 000 000 €</b></p>

**(b) Project of MAOC-N**

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics (MAOC-N) is an operational platform with the co-location of experienced law enforcement liaison officers and military attachés from 7 EU Member States (PT, UK, FR, IT, ES, NL and IE) and the USA. Its objective is to improve the cooperation in the fight against illicit drug trafficking by air and sea across the Atlantic Ocean towards Europe and the West</p>
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<p>African Seaboard. In addition, MAOC-N takes an active role in the EU Policy Cycle and works closely with Europol, Eurojust and Interpol. MAOC-(N) is one of successful operational initiatives supported by EU funding. Further development of MAOC-N activities, under this grant, is aimed at an even more effective disruption of maritime drug trafficking routes to the EU, in particular its efforts in coordinating naval and air assets patrolling the Atlantic and increasingly over the Mediterranean sea.</p> <p>Expected result: Disruption of maritime drug trafficking routes to the EU</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Awards</b></p>	<p>Article 195 (c) of the Financial Regulation: grants to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly.</p> <p>The Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Narcotics (MAOC (N)), based in Lisbon, is an initiative by 7 EU Member States: France, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Portugal and the UK and is co-funded by the Internal Security Fund of the European Union. The Centre provides a forum for multi-lateral cooperation to suppress illicit drug trafficking by sea and air.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>2 850 000 €</b></p>

(c) *CARIN*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Support and facilitate the work of the Camden Assets Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN) Network of law enforcement practitioners engaged in recovering criminal assets.</p> <p>The objectives of CARIN are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to maintain and expand its network of law enforcement and judicial operational contact points;</li> <li>• to establish itself as a centre of expertise in asset recovery;</li> <li>• to promote the exchange of information and good practice in this area;</li> <li>• to make recommendations addressed to the European Commission and the Council of the European Union.</li> </ul> <p>Activities to be funded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CARIN Annual General Meeting, which provides a platform where the members exchange knowledge on new developments, through presentations and workshops, as well as networking opportunities for the members.</li> <li>• The meetings of the CARIN Steering Committee, which helps preparing the Annual General Meeting and takes the necessary decisions for the functioning of the network.</li> </ul> <p>Expected results: Maintain and expand the CARIN network</p>	
<p><b>Justification</b></p>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with</p>

<b>Direct Awards</b>	specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.  Targeted applicant: CARIN Network
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>500 000</b>

***(d) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) establishing detailed factual picture of the worldwide drug situation and trends***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Financial support to UNODC is aimed at obtaining a more accurate picture of the drug situation in the world and in particular on drug producing countries whose production feeds the EU's drug markets. The picture is also to help a better allocation of EU resources in its assistance to relevant countries and should serve as a solid basis to underpin political dialogue and promote the evidence-based drugs policy in those countries. This financial support shall also contribute to a better coverage of countries that still apply death penalty or are responsible for Human Rights violations.</p> <p>Expected results: accurate picture of the drug situation in the world</p>	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: UNODC - global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime. It operates in all regions of the world through an extensive network of field offices. UNODC is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.</p>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>500 000 €</b>

***(e) Project of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)***

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The project is aimed at financially supporting the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime The preparatory process is ongoing and is coordinated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).</p>
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Expected results: gather information on the implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: UNODC - global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime. It operates in all regions of the world through an extensive network of field offices. UNODC is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.</p>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>300 000 €</b>

*(f) Project of European Beneficial Ownership and Control Structures (EBOCS) Network*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>Facilitate the access of the Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) and other competent authorities to business structure and beneficial ownership information contained in the Business Registers, in order to prevent terrorist financing and the misuse of companies and businesses by organised crime.</p> <p>After the ongoing pilot of the European Beneficial Ownership and Control Structures (EBOCS) project (which will integrate further business registries and enable some AROs and FIUs to regularly access the system for their beneficial ownership searches), the EBOCS monitoring and management system should be further developed in order to move from pilot phase to production phase.</p> <p>Expected results: FIUs, AROs and other competent authorities will have easier access to information contained in the Business Registers</p>	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: the European Business Register (EBR) - a network of National Business Registers and Information Providers from currently 25 European countries. The EBR provides easy access to European company information online from the source – each country’s official register.</p>

<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>500 000 €</b>
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### 4.3. CYBERCRIME

In line with the objective of **ensuring a high level of security in the Union in accordance with the priorities identified in relevant Union strategies, policy cycles, programmes, threat and risk assessments** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Max Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Direct Awards:	480 000 €	95%	Q3-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>480 000 €</b>		

#### 4.3.1. CYBERCRIME DIRECT AWARDS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

*(a) Project of the European Cybercrime Training and Education Group (ECTEG): the role of encryption in criminal investigations*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The Commission committed in the 11<sup>th</sup> Security Union Progress Report to provide funding for the development and delivery of training programmes for law enforcement and judicial authorities to allow them to obtain information from encrypted data. The report stated that the expertise of the ECTEG in cooperation with CEPOL would be taken into account where relevant.</p> <p>Expected results: a mapping of training needs for law-enforcement officers at all levels and functions if they encounter encryption criminal investigations (cyber forensics experts, officer carrying out house searches, investigators etc.) and a proposal how the necessary courses should be developed. Furthermore, an introductory e-learning package will be developed, addressing basic knowledge for all law-enforcement officers; additional residential courses will be developed to address the mapped needs; and these courses will be delivered to improve identified skills and competences of 3 to 5 police officers in each MS.</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Awards</b></p>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>ECTEG is composed of European Union and European Economic Area Member States law-enforcement agencies, international bodies, academia, and industry; it is therefore the only entity able to develop training programmes for law-enforcement staff that takes into account the real needs of the latter.</p>

<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>480 000 €</b>
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#### **4.4. OPERATIONAL COOPERATION**

In line with the objective of **ensuring a high level of security in the Union in accordance with the priorities identified in relevant Union strategies, policy cycles, programmes, threat and risk assessments** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Max Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	3 200 000 €	90%	Q3-Q4
Direct Awards:	405 000 €	95%	Q3-Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3 605 000 €</b>		

##### **4.4.1. OPERATIONAL COOPERATION: CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Priorities, objectives pursued and expected results

<p>The objective is to support Member States, in particular those that currently have temporary border controls in place at some of their internal Schengen borders, in their efforts to phase out such temporary controls, in line with the Commission Recommendation of 12 May 2017.</p> <p>Projects should focus on making more effective use of proportionate police checks, including in borders areas, with the aim to assist in remedying threats to public security and/or aim at strengthening cross-border police cooperation, such as joint patrols in cross-border trains, joint threat analysis and enhanced cross-border information exchange.</p> <p>Expected results: guidelines and/or best practice on proportionate police checks and / or cross-border police cooperation, development of tools to strengthen cross-border police cooperation.</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>3 200 000 €</b>

#### 4.4.2. OPERATIONAL COOPERATION: DIRECT AWARDS

##### 4.4.2.1. THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF FUGITIVE ACTIVE SEARCH TEAMS - ENFAST

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The project aims at strengthening mutual cooperation between all Member States within the ENFAST network; it will include the organisation of conferences, meetings and workshops, it will support the use of the SIENA channel for secure information exchange, and support the further development of the website ‘European Most Wanted’.</p> <p>Expected results: maintenance and strengthening of the ENFAST Network</p>	
<b>Justification Direct Awards</b>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>Targeted applicant: the European Network of Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST). ENFAST is a network of police officers available 24/7 that can immediately undertake action to locate and arrest fugitives. The Fugitive Active Search Team of Croatia, holding the presidency of the network in 2019, will act as coordinator of the project.</p>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>405 000</b>



#### 4.5. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

In line with the objective of **ensuring a high level of security in the Union in accordance with the priorities identified in relevant Union strategies, policy cycles, programmes, threat and risk assessments** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

<b>Procedures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Max Co-financing rate</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Calls for Proposals:	860 000 €	N/A	Q4
Direct Awards:	2 500 000 €	95%	Q4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3 360 000 €</b>		

##### 4.5.1. INFORMATION EXCHANGE RESTRICTED CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

*(a) Projects on PIU interconnectivity*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to support Member States in their efforts to ensure the exchange of PNR information between their Passenger Information Units (PIUs) and between the PIUs and Europol, pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of the PNR Directive (EU 2016/681). This objective is also in line with EAS's priority "information exchange", and with the Council Roadmap action 39. It will however not focus on the technical aspects of the exchange of PNR data, but on building the capacity of the personnel of the PIU to assess the relevance and necessity of the exchange of PNR data. It will also enhance the PIU's ability to exchange best practices concerning the creation of targeting rules and the identification of relevant databases for the processing of PNR data, in accordance with the PNR Directive. In particular, activities could include training actions, study visits, workshops and conferences aimed at sharing experience and best practices between Member States on the exchange of PNR data among Passenger Information Units.</p> <p>Expected results: improve the capacity of the Passenger Information Units to: (i) define, validate and apply targeting rules to be used in the automated processing of PNR; (ii) identify relevant databases (including EU databases) and create watch lists against which PNR data shall be compared; (iii) assess the result of the automated processing in view of possible enforcement actions; (iv) identify relevant and necessary PNR data to be shared with other PIUs; (v) assess the incoming requests from other PIUs and Europol</p>	
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>860 000 €</b>

#### 4.5.2. INFORMATION EXCHANGE DIRECT AWARDS

Priority will be given to the following actions:

- (a) *Project of the European Forensic Science Area (ENFSI) aiming to increase cooperation in the area of Forensic science, including the implementation of the Prüm framework*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

<p>The objective is to move towards a European Forensic Science Area by 2020, as indicated in the Council conclusions and action plan of June 2016 on the way forward in view of the creation of an European Forensic Science Area (8770/16).</p> <p>In particular, the action targets the accreditation of forensic laboratories. Also, action 6 of the action plan of the Council relates to stimulating the exchange of forensics data via Prüm and improving its quality.</p> <p>The action plan of the Council contains 6 separate actions (best practice manuals, accreditation of laboratories, proficiency tests, trainings, etc.) which relevant stakeholders should implement in order to move towards a European Forensic Science Area by 2020.</p> <p>Expected results: Maintenance and strengthening of the ENFSI network ; development of pan-EU project(s) to implement the action plan of the June 2016 Council Conclusions, in particular its actions 5 and 6.</p>	
<p><b>Justification Direct Award</b></p>	<p>Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>The European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) was founded in 1995 with the purpose of improving the mutual exchange of information in the field of forensic science. This, as well as improving the quality of forensic science delivery in Europe have become the main issues of the network. Besides the general work in the fields of quality and competence management, research and development and education and training, different forensic expertizes are dealt with by 17 different Expert Working Groups. A majority of forensics laboratories in the EU are members of ENFSI. ENFSI is therefore the only body with the specific technical competence and outreach capacity in the forensics community in the EU to carry out the proposed action.</p>
<p><b>Indicative budget</b></p>	<p><b>1 500 000 €</b></p>

- (b) *Direct award of an action grant to support a pilot project for an European Police Record Index System – EPRIS*

Priorities, objectives, expected results and indicative budget

Improving the information exchange between competent law enforcement authorities of Member States and with Europol.

As indicated in the European Agenda on Security, the real-time availability of existing police data across Member States is an area for future work on information exchange. The Communication from the Commission to the Parliament and the Council on Stronger and Smarter Information Systems for Borders and Security of 6 April, 2016 sets out that there are gaps in the exchange of information.

In response to a request made by the Council<sup>6</sup>, the Commission has stated that it will assess the necessity, technical feasibility and proportionality of establishing a European Police Records Information System (EPRIS) to facilitate cross-border access to information held in national police records<sup>7</sup>. In 2017, the Commission supported a pilot project EPRIS-ADEP (ISFP-2016-AG-IBA-EPRIS) which tested the outcomes and recommendations of the Commission feasibility study on EPRIS<sup>8</sup> by a small number of Member States (FR, DE, FI, IE, ES). In the pilot project a technical system was developed and tested, which allows, through an index, to see if police records on a given person exist in one or several other Member States. The automated reply to a search in the index would only indicate whether or not data is available; a so-called "hit" or "no hit" reply. Additional personal data would have to be requested in a second step in case of a "hit" via SIENA.

Although the project has developed a working technical solution for the exchanges described above, additional needs have been identified in order to further develop the solution and processes, enhance the user-friendliness and management of the system. In addition, several additional Member States have expressed its wish to implement, test and further develop the system. The follow-up project shall build on the following features:

- Strong involvement of Europol in the project is essential;
- The project is extended to additional Member States;
- Automation of certain steps of the procedures related to the exchange of personal information after a confirmed hit between the Member States and with Europol shall be investigated and developed. For this purpose UMF standard shall be used to the extent possible;

The Commission will carefully monitor the follow-up project, including the discussions about its progress at the DAPIX Working Group. The Commission will use the expertise developed during the project for its assessment of the necessity of establishing an EPRIS.

<b>Justification Direct Award</b>	Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation: for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do
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<sup>6</sup> Council Conclusions of 4 December 2014 on Development of a Renewed European Union Internal Security Strategy

<sup>7</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 28 April 2015 on The European Agenda on Security (COM(2015) 185 final)

<sup>8</sup> Study on possible ways to enhance efficiency in the exchange of police records between the Member States by setting up a European Police Records Index System EPRIS, produced by Unisys IRCP on 8 October 2012.

	<p>not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.</p> <p>The activities can be carried out and the technical solution can be deployed only by Member States law enforcement authorities and Europol. specific block of expertise and technical competence has been built up and should be leveraged to continue the work on further developing the technical solution and processes for the exchange of information on police records between the Member States and with Europol. It requires detailed analysis of police needs in what the information to be transmitted is, including identifying what difficulties may exist in currently transmitting that data.</p> <p>The direct beneficiaries of ADEP 2 project will be a group of volunteering Member States further testing and developing ADEP technology and works procedures. The wider group of beneficiaries is all Member States who will benefit from a further refined concept and technological solution to be deployed in the future either as a EU initiative or as continuing cooperation project between Member States.</p>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>1 000 000 €</b>

**4.6. DIRECT AWARD OF ACTION GRANTS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

Description and objective of the assistance to be provided

The ISF Police shall provide financial assistance to address urgent and specific security-related incident or newly emerging threat which has or may have a significant adverse impact on the security of people in one or more Member States. The emergency assistance will be provided in the form of action grants awarded directly without a call for proposals, following a proposal for action, including a request for funding, submitted to the Commission by one of the eligible entities defined here below in accordance with the provisions of Articles 8 and 10 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014) and in accordance with Article 195(b) of the Financial Regulation. Moreover, in the event of a direct award, this will also be justified by the specific characteristic of the action requiring technical competence and specialisation in accordance with Article 195 (f) of the Financial Regulation. .

Type of activities

Specific measures that address particular gaps in enforcement capacity revealed after a crisis situation and/or with a view to preventing such situations reoccurring, especially:

- a) improvement of tools and investigative techniques;
- b) analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, including threat, risk and impact assessments, which are evidence based;

- c) particularly innovative projects developing new methods and/or deploying new technologies with a potential for transferability to other Member States;
- d) the acquisition, maintenance and/or further upgrading of technical equipment, expertise, secure facilities, infrastructures, related buildings and systems, especially ICT systems and their components.

#### Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

##### Eligibility criteria

- Applications for emergency assistance can be submitted only by Member States or their regions when the topic is under regional competence, international organisations or Union bodies. Other entities can be involved in the implementation of the action as co-applicants. Applications can also be submitted by any other entity, provided that the entity concerned operates under the effective control of a Member State, or that Member State is co-applicant.
- Emergency assistance may support expenditure which was incurred prior to the date of submission of the request for assistance, if this is necessary for the successful implementation of the action and it is demonstrated that the emergency situation prevailed earlier than the submission of the request.

##### Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 198 of the Financial Regulation, proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

The verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and international organisations in accordance with Article 198(5), points (c) and (d) of the Financial Regulation.

##### Award criteria

In accordance with Article 199 of the Financial Regulation, proposals for an action shall be evaluated in particular on the basis of quality of the proposals in the light of the objectives and priorities set ('relevance') and the degree to which the action maximises the overall effectiveness of Union funding ('expected impact of the proposed activities on the situation in the countries concerned').

#### Indicative Budget and Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

1 000 000 €

Up to 100% of the total eligible costs.

## **5. TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY, SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA FOR GRANTS - UNION ACTIONS**

### **5.1. Types of activities**

In line with Article 3 of Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (ISF Police) (513/2014) the types of activities supported for Actions in this Work Programme are:

- a) activities promoting networking, public-private partnerships, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, identification and dissemination of good practices and innovative approaches at Union level, training and exchange programmes as well as organisation of seminars and workshops;
- b) analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, including threat, risk and impact assessments, which are evidence based and consistent with priorities and initiatives identified at Union level, in particular those that have been endorsed by the European Parliament and the Council and projects monitoring the implementation of Union law and Union policy objectives in the Member States;
- c) projects promoting networking, public-private partnerships, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, identification and dissemination of best practices and innovative approaches at Union level, training and exchange programmes;
- d) projects supporting the development of methodological, notably statistical, tools and methods and common indicators;
- e) the development and the dissemination of new methods and/or deploying new technologies with a potential for significant transferability to other Member States, especially activities aiming at testing and validating the outcome of Union funded security research projects;
- f) particularly innovative projects developing new methods and/or deploying new technologies with a potential for transferability to other Member States;
- g) the development and/or the implementation of tools/toolkits such as (e-)learning materials;
- h) the acquisition, maintenance and/or further upgrading of technical equipment, expertise, secure facilities, infrastructures, related buildings and systems, especially ICT systems and their components at the Union level;
- i) studies;
- j) management of the project and evaluation of activities.

## **5.2. Essential Eligibility, Selection and Award Criteria for Grants - Union Actions**

As a general rule, the eligibility, selection and award criteria will be applied for all calls described in this work programme as follows:

### Eligibility criteria for Open Calls

In order to be eligible for a grant the applicant and co-applicants must:

- a) be legal persons.
- b) be established in an Member State participating in the ISF Police Regulation. In duly justified cases where their participation is necessary to achieve the objectives of the programme, entities established in third countries can participate but only as co-applicant. The eligible third countries will be specified in the call for proposals.

International organisations may be established outside of the Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument.

- c) be a public body or a non-profit-making private entity or an international organisation or, if explicitly mentioned in the official Call for proposals when published, private for-profit entities. Union agencies cannot submit applications nor be co-applicants.

Furthermore, Applications:

- a) must be transnational involving at least 2 entities established in 2 different Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument, or, if explicitly mentioned in the official Call for proposals when published, at least 2 entities established in a Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument. Lead applicant must be established in an Member State participating in the ISF Police instrument and cannot be an international organisation.

b)

seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 250.000 for the Action will be rejected.

#### Eligibility criteria for Restricted Calls

In order to be eligible for a grant the applicant and co-applicants must:

- a) Be a Member State participating in the ISF Police Regulation, with possible participation of third countries when explicitly mentioned in the official Call for proposals when published.

Furthermore, Applications:

- a) seeking EU co-funding of less than EUR 250.000 for the Action will be rejected.

#### Selection criteria for Open/Restricted Calls and Direct Awards

In accordance with Article 198 of the Financial Regulation , proposals for action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

In accordance with Article 198(5) of the Financial Regulation, the verification of the financial and operational capacity shall not apply to public bodies and international organisations.

#### Award criteria for Open/Restricted Calls and Direct Awards

In accordance with Article 199 of the Financial Regulation, proposals for an action shall be evaluated on the basis of the following award criteria:

- Relevance;
- Quality;
- Cost-effectiveness;
- European added value, and
- Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact of the proposed action.

#### Criteria for reallocation of foreseen amounts among calls for proposals

If for a given call for proposals there are not enough proposals on the ranked list to exhaust the whole amount foreseen for that call or if a direct award application does not absorb the whole amount foreseen for that direct award, the remaining amount may be reallocated to other calls for proposals foreseen by the Annual Work Programme according to the following criteria:

- 1) The total of the remaining amounts from the calls for proposals and direct awards shall be allocated to the projects on the 1<sup>st</sup> rank of the reserve lists of the other calls for proposals, starting with the project with the highest total score received, irrespective of the call for which it was submitted;
- 2) Should two projects have the same score, the project with the higher requested grant (ec-cofinancing) comes first;
- 3) If the remaining amount is not exhausted after listing all projects ranking on the 1<sup>st</sup> place of the reserve list of the calls, the same approach described in point 1 and 2 above will be repeated for projects ranking on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (and thereafter 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> etc.) place of the reserve lists of the calls for proposals.



## 6. PROCUREMENT COVERING ALL POLICY AREAS

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

### Counter Terrorism

1. Policy-supporting studies (2 contracts):
  - a) Study on reducing terrorist propaganda online;
  - b) Studies underpinning the implementation of the High-Level Commission Expert Group on Radicalisation (HLCEG-R) recommendations;
2. RAN Centre of Excellence (support the Radicalisation Awareness Network in its activities, including in particular the exchange of experiences and identification of best practices in the field of preventing radicalisation (between primarily practitioners but also Member States), development of recommendations and guidance as well as support services to Member States and selected priority third countries, support the Civil Society Empowerment Programme (CSEP) through trainings and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the High-Level Commission Expert Group on Radicalisation in particular in terms of development of more practical guidance, increased support to Member States (e.g. trainings), evaluation, increased dissemination and engagement with third countries and actors) (1 specific contracts under existing Framework contracts);
3. Supporting the protection of public spaces, addressing Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense (CBRN-E) threats and risks, protecting critical infrastructures and addressing explosives precursors, by conducting studies, organising meetings, workshops and potentially exercises with Member States and relevant third countries (between 6 and 8 specific contracts under existing Framework contracts);
4. Call for tender for consultancy and technical services in the field of CBRNE (2 framework contracts);

### Organised Crime

5. Study on possible links between Drug trafficking and Terrorism, Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) and Migrants smuggling as a follow-up to the new Action plan on drugs 2017-2020 (1 new call for tenders, 1 contract);
6. Anti-corruption experience-sharing workshops for Member States' experts as per EU anti-corruption policy (1 specific contract under existing Framework contracts, covering all 4 workshops);
7. Study on integrity incentives for the public sector (1 contract);
8. Study on the subject of modelling and mapping of the risk of serious and organised crime infiltration in legitimate businesses (1 contract);
9. EU-wide risk assessment on financial crime (1 contract);
10. Best practice from law enforcement authorities in locating missing migrant children, study (1 contract);
11. Trafficking in Human Beings (THB): Meetings (EU Civil Society Platform, EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms) and Studies to follow

up the "User report" in accordance with Article 23 (2) of the Directive 2011/36/EU, a study on the economic, social and human costs of trafficking in human beings, a study for analysing data from Member States for the next Commission report on the progress made to fight THB in the EU, a study on the impact of EU approach against trafficking for sexual exploitation, a study to review the functioning of Member States' national and transnational referral mechanism), initiating EU-wide awareness-raising campaign on THB and organise event marking the EU Anti-trafficking Day , (tendering procedures or 6 specific contracts under existing framework contract);

12. Trafficking in Human Beings (THB): maintenance including content management of the EU anti-trafficking website (1 specific contract under existing framework contract);
13. "Local research corruption correspondents network (LRCC)" (1 specific contract under existing framework contracts);
14. "Support and strengthen the Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) and the Asset Management Offices (AMOs), including through peer review meetings, operational sessions and expert missions (2 contracts)";

### **Cybercrime**

15. Follow up Directive CSE (implementation of the 2011/93/EU Directive on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography (6 specific contracts under existing framework contracts, 5 for meetings and 1 for an evaluation);
16. Expert process on e-Evidence (for the organisation of meetings with Member States for the development and implementation of practical measures to improve cross-border access to electronic evidence; in addition, an external contractor will support the development and implementation of practical measures (6 specific contracts under existing framework contracts, 5 for meetings and 1 for a study);
17. Attacks against information systems. Support Member States in the correct implementation of Directive 2013/40/EU on attacks against information systems by organising workshops to support the implementation of the Directive on the basis of identified weaknesses (1 specific contract under an existing framework contract);

### **Operational Cooperation**

18. Continue ensuring the operations of Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs' secure zone (maintenance, evolutive upgrade, accreditation of IT systems and project management support) as secure environment supporting information exchange with the European External Action Service (EEAS), Europol, Frontex, crisis management and risk assessment and strategic analysis (1 new framework contract, 20 specific contracts under existing Framework contracts,);

### **Information Exchange**

19. Study on direct exchange of personal data between Europol and private persons (1 specific contract under existing framework contracts)

### **Cross-policy Actions**

20. Meeting and conferences (expert meetings, technical workshops, unforeseen events and extra meetings); Information, awareness raising, studies and communication activities in the field of EU security policy (10 specific contracts, 2 new calls for tenders);
21. Studies for enhanced capacity building in Member States as well as possibly enhanced third country engagement (6 specific contracts under existing framework contracts)
22. Call for tender for consultancy services in the field of internal security (1 framework contract);
23. Call for tender for technical assistance and logistical support Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs policies (1 framework contract).

The indicative timeframe for the launch of procurement procedures is Q3-4 2018

Procurement will be implemented directly either by Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs or via subdelegation or co-delegation to other Directorate Generals.