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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HOME  
AFFAIRS FUNDS**

**Ref.: HOME-Funds/2023/20**

**Subject: Update on the planning of the specific actions to be launched under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVI)**

Dear Members of the Committee for the Home Affairs Funds,

Following the Note to the Committee ref. *HOME-Funds/2023/08* <sup>(1)</sup> informing you about the indicative planning of envisaged specific actions <sup>2</sup> and calls for expression of interest under AMIF and BMVI Thematic Facilities, please take note of the additional three actions that you will find in Annex to this note, following the European Council conclusions of 9 February 2023 and in line with the Commission's President letter of 20 March 2023.

The European Council called upon the Commission to fund measures by Member States that directly contribute to the control of the EU external borders. It requested to mobilise funds to support Member States in reinforcing border protection capabilities and infrastructure, means of surveillance, including aerial surveillance, and equipment. The main purpose is to ensure an effective control of the EU external border, which is a financing priority for the Union as a whole. The Commission has already allocated EUR 4,3 billion to Member States programmes for the BMVI.

Furthermore, the European Council also called on the European Union to step up its action in reducing pressure on reception capacities. These initiatives are aimed at making structural improvements, taking into account shortcomings identified when facing the migratory pressure. The Commission has already allocated EUR 6,3 billion to Member States programmes for the AMIF.

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<sup>(1)</sup> ARES (2023)1869642 of 15 March 2023

Besides the national programmes, additional funding can be provided under the Thematic Facilities BMVI and AMIF Work Programmes until the end of 2027.

In this context and in order to implement the Council conclusions and the follow-up measures identified in the President of the Commission's letter, three additional actions (see Annex) have been added to the overall planning of specific actions, supported under the 2023-2025 Thematic Facility Work Programmes (BMVI and AMIF):

- a call for expression of interest open to all Member States, to support e-surveillance equipment at the land external border (BMVI).
- an invitation sent to Bulgaria and Romania submit applications for border equipment (BMVI) both actions funded under BMVI.
- a call for expression of interest to support a) reception and care of unaccompanied minors and guardianship and b) reception needs at the border. (AMIF).

As a reminder, the call for equipment to be put at the disposal of Frontex (BMVI), launched end of 2022 with a deadline for application for 20 January 2023 for a total of EUR 200 million, is currently in evaluation phase.

The Annex attached includes the description of the planned specific actions calls/actions for 2023, under the existing Thematic Facility Work Programmes, in particular:

- the title of each specific action;
- the indicative budget of each specific action;
- an indicative short description of the purpose;
- the period envisaged for launching the call for expression of interest.

Please note that the procedure and principles described in Note *HOME-Funds/2023/08* are applicable to the action described in the Annex.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures: Annex – Updated indicative overview of planned specific actions under 2023-2025 Thematic Facility Work Programmes

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