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**Subject:** Your proposal for the Specific Action - "Support for the establishment

of shared technical copies of the Schengen Information System (SIS) by Member States and biometrics" - Reference BMVI/2021/SA/1.5.7

Dear Ms Mihai.

Thank you for your application reference number BMVI/2022/SA/1.5.7/002 - FIN-TECH-Increasing the technical fingerprints acquisition capabilities in order to improve the biometric data quality for the Romanian alerts inserted in the SIS following the above call for expression of interest. DG HOME has assessed the admissible proposals on the basis of the assessment criteria listed in the call text, and your application has been selected with recommendations for you to take on board.

The Commission services expect that the Managing Authority liaises with the Commission regarding the reporting set out in the call (final report and final presentation).

Funding for the specific action as set out in Annex 1 will be added to your programme CCI 2021RO65BVPR001 via an amendment. Annex 1 also gives you general guidance on which sections of your BMVI programme will need to be adjusted to incorporate the specific action. Annex 2 provides information on the distribution of the additional allocation per year.

In order to proceed you are kindly requested to contact the responsible country desk officer, Ms Raluca Haralambiade (e-mail: <a href="mailto:raluca.haralambiade@ec.europa.eu">raluca.haralambiade@ec.europa.eu</a>) to discuss the timing and organisation of the amendment.

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,

Doede Ackers Head of Unit

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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## 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 via an amendment by your responsible desk officer who will be in touch with you regarding this.

Appendix 3 - to the BMVI programme of Romania Procedure reference: C(2022) 3163 final of 19.5.2022

THEMATIC FACILITY DETAIL

Specific objective	Modality	Type of intervention	Union contribution	Pre- financing rate
SO1	Specific Action	Will not be filled in SFC	EUR 855,000	Will not be filled in SFC
TA.36(5). Technical assistance - flat rate (Art. 36(5) CPR)	Will not be filled in SFC	Will not be filled in SFC	EUR 51,300	Will not be filled in SFC

## Description of the action:

The objective of this specific action is to secure an effective implementation of the provisions of the Schengen Information System (SIS) Regulations and implementing acts.

BMVI/2022/SA/1.5.7/002 - FIN-TECH-Increasing the technical fingerprints acquisition capabilities in order to improve the biometric data quality for the Romanian alerts inserted in the SIS.

The project aims at providing RO competent authorities with up-to-date technical equipment supporting the creation and updating of SIS alerts and facilitating the identification of persons subject to alerts. . RO authorities will use this specific action to acquire state-of-the-art biometric devices permitting the capturing, detection, visualization and analysis of complete and incomplete sets of prints.

The main focus is to speed up the process of capturing biometric data, by acquiring both digital devices to replace the use of ink ten-fingerprint cards and fingerprint fuming chambers to improve the capabilities for detecting, visualising and capturing fingerprints. Also, an integrated system for capturing/photographing, enhancing and exporting complete or incomplete sets of fingerprints or palm prints discovered on different items will extend the National Forensic Institute capabilities to process fingerprints in SIS.

Once the Appendix 3 becomes available in SFC, you will have the opportunity to amend the **output and result indicators** (Section 2.1.2 Tables 1 and 2) of Specific Objective 1 and adjust the performance methodology paper in case needed to align its content with the amended indicators.

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 to be added to the initial allocation in TABLE 5	0	0	811,338.84	0	0	0	0