



AMIF-ISF/2018/19

**Asylum, Migration and Integration and Internal
Security Funds Committee**

Subject: Addendum to Guidance Note on the revision and implementation of ISF National Programmes (Borders and Visa instrument) as regards the extra funding allocated to cover certain costs related to the implementation of the Entry Exit System (EES)

Dear Members of the AMIF-ISF Committee,

Further to the note AMIF-ISF/2018/14 from 6 August 2018, and following the queries received from Member States, please find attached an addendum to that guidance note with a detailed list of the costs/activities that would be considered eligible for funding under the extra allocation of EUR 6 412 600 for EES¹.

Please note that any other costs/activities related to the implementation of the EES that would not be considered eligible for funding with the extra allocation could still be covered with the other resources of the National Programme².

Please note that the information contained in this addendum is indicative and for guidance purposes only, and is not a formal approval of a project and its respective costs. According to the applicable legislation³, the formal assessment and acceptance of the eligibility of the costs under a National Programme is carried out at the clearance procedure, when the Commission examines the completeness, accuracy and veracity of the accounts, on the basis of information provided by the Member State.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the AMIF-ISF Committee
[e-Signed]

¹ This extra funding allocated to the Member States aims to cover exclusively the costs referred to in Article 64(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2226, as well as the costs incurred in connection with the establishment and operation of the National Uniform Interface (NUI), as referred to in Article 64(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2226, including costs of operating the system (costs for "using" the system, i.e. costs required for having a 24/7 operations of the EES components such as additional staff in particular whether that is for monitoring, support and problem resolution, or implementing tools and devices that ensure 24/7 operations), and can cover up to 100% of those specific costs.

² At the standard co-financing rate of 75% of eligible costs.

³ Regulation (EU) n°514/2014, Regulation (EU) n°515/2014, and Regulation (EU) n°513/2014.

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Costs	Eligible for funding under EES extra allocation of EUR 6.412.600	Comments
<p>Article 64(2) of EES Regulation</p> <p>a) Member States' project management office (meetings, missions, offices);</p> <p>(b) hosting of national IT systems (space, implementation, electricity, cooling);</p> <p>(c) operation of national IT systems (operators and support contracts);</p> <p>(d) customisation of existing border checks and policing systems for national entry-exit systems;</p> <p>(e) project management of national entry-exit systems;</p> <p>(f) design, development, implementation, operation and maintenance of national communication networks;</p> <p>(g) automated border control systems, self-service systems and e-gates.”</p>	NO	
<p>Hosting of servers at border crossing points (BCPs) to which the EES record will be backed up for as long as necessary (until upload to the EES central database).</p>	NO	These costs fall under Article 64(2) of the EES Regulation
<p>Costs connected to the hosting of NUI and communication infrastructure required between the different NUI's.</p>	YES	
<p>Expert work acquired from the government ICT-agency based on an existing contract to produce the IT-architecture for the NUI/-s hosting and communication, as well as integration of border infrastructure and coordination of testing activities.</p>	YES	
<p>Buying IT service (external IT support) to support integration of EES with national interface and for specific preparations of EES requirements.</p>	YES	
<p>Expenses related to the procurement of project management consultation services</p>	NO	
<p>Expenses related to the EES steering committee following the EES implementation on a national level (experts fee, contracts).</p>	YES	
<p>Indirect costs including training of people involved in project, buying necessary equipment for people involved in project and salary/indemnity/amendment for doing specific tasks for EES purposes</p>	NO	However, staff costs related to integration of national systems could be covered.
<p>EES training activities</p>	NO	
<p>Buying highly specialized software for EES purposes, especially integration of national interface ant to support specific scenarios of EES system</p>	YES	Independently of the fact if software is highly specialised or not.
<p>Development of new or customization of existing software</p>	YES	

systems, to enable exchange of information from border points to NUI*		
Development of middleware necessary to connect national border infrastructure with NUI, including its maintenance.	YES	
Modification of national databases used by Police to directly query EES.	NO	Besides, if it does not concern border control but law enforcement then it should rather be funded via ISF-Police, not ISF-B&V
Building a new searching system for border control for the implementation of EES.	NO	However, if the searching system aims to enable exchange of information from border points to NUI then it could be covered.
Technical upgrade and modifications of the border check application to comply with the SBC/EES requirements and to support EES functionalities, including the system integration and communication with the NUI and taking into account the fall-back procedures.	YES	
Software modifications and system integration to NUI required by other competent authorities' IT-systems, including a possible joint application/user interface to be used for EES functionalities.	YES	If formulated as point marked with *, could be covered.
Procurement of technical equipment (workstations, cameras, document readers, fingerprint scanners, document scanners etc.)	NO	However, the integration of the equipment with EES could still be covered.
Expanding the existing border check infrastructure by facial cameras and 4-finger fingerprint scanners required by EES.	NO	Acquisition of the equipment cannot be financed from the EES extra allocation, integration might
Device installation, and the software and services for cameras, document readers, fingerprint scanners “to make it work with EES”.	YES	Part of the integration costs. Hardware purchase is not covered.
NUI interconnection link	YES	
Connection between the national border infrastructure application and NUI 1, 2;	YES	
Purchase of facial recognition kiosks	NO	However, integration costs could be covered.
Buying additional devices (servers, routers, switches, storage) and software licenses for EES purposes	NO	
Purchase of servers including installation and configuration, disk fields, RAM, CPU, installation of database environment, configuration of cluster environment, further configurations	NO	

needed for proper functioning of EES (these will not be used for any other national systems)		
Equipment for immigration authorities to check overstay, which is needed for communication and exchange of information with EES Central System.	NO	
Hardware necessary for the connection of the national systems to the NUI (routers, firewall etc.).	YES	
Data centre expansion (fire safety system, additional space, security access, air cooling system etc.)	NO	This falls under Article 64(2) of the EES Regulation (hosting of national IT systems).
Expansion of the existing border facilities (buildings, additional lines, etc.)	NO	This falls under Article 64(2) of the EES Regulation (hosting of national IT systems).
Construction works at border crossing points, for example change in the road organisation at the crossing points – road signs, change of lanes, purchase and installation of new passport control booths needed for proper implementation of EES.	NO	
Construction works necessary for establishment and proper functioning of central access point according to Article 29 of Regulation on establishing an Entry/Exit System.	NO	
Adaptation of existing data centres for hosting the TAP and NUI for the EES.	YES	Only the costs necessary for the EES part can be covered.