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RA Circular No 5

Dear beneficiaries,

Subject: Maintenance Costs for IT Systems under the ISF Police

Article 6 of the ISF Police Regulation states that:

'Member States shall not use more than **8%** of their total allocation under the national programme for the maintenance of Union IT systems and national IT systems contributing to the achievement of the objectives of this Regulation...'

This signifies that, to date, the RA is obliged to finance a total of €818,156.64 for all maintenance costs under all ISF Police projects. The RA is thus required to keep records of such costs in order to ensure that this threshold is not exceeded. Taking this into account, you are kindly requested to state whether your project shall 1) include any maintenance/service costs for IT systems and 2) whether they shall be borne through EU funds and if so, how much will they cost.

Although, some projects may still be in their infancy and/or procurement on IT equipment has not yet commenced, you are nevertheless requested to provide an estimated figure of the maintenance/service costs in order to know approximately where we stand to date. You are then requested to provide the exact figure once procurement has been finalised.

The RA would appreciate if you could kindly treat this matter as urgent.

Sincerely,

Raphael Scerri Director General